

# Tests Completed near Pilsen and Little Village Plants

## Midwest Generation Fisk and Crawford Stations

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency found that dust levels measured around Midwest Generation's Fisk Station and Crawford Station in December 2012 were well within both health and regulatory standards. The air monitoring determined dust concentrations around the two closed coal-fired generating stations were at levels typically found in the Chicago region. U.S. EPA also observed in December 2012 that radiation levels measured around houses near the facilities were at expected normal background concentrations and similar to those found in other Chicago residential neighborhoods.

Dust levels were measured during both windy and calm days. This allowed the Agency to see how weather affected dust concentrations around the former coal facilities. The air monitoring only measured how much dust was present at the perimeter of the plants, not what was in the dust.

### Site background

Both the Fisk and Crawford stations operated as coal-fired electric power generating plants until they shut down in August 2012. Midwest Generation, a subsidiary of Edison International, owns them. The 60-acre Fisk Station is at 1111 W. Cermak Road in Chicago. The 72-acre Crawford Station is at 3501 S. Pulaski Road in Chicago. Both stations consist of buildings and power generating infrastructure.

### Next steps

U.S. EPA maintains an ongoing dialogue with representatives from the communities near both facilities to confirm public concerns are answered. Based on the low levels of both dust and radiation found, there are currently no plans for further investigation. All monitoring and screening data and results have been posted on the website listed on the left side bar of this page.



*EPA staff conducting fixed and mobile monitoring for dust around both power plants.*

*Personal de la EPA conduce el monitoreo de polvo alrededor de ambas instalaciones.*