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Community Groups - Intel reach agreement on Clean Air Act Violation

Hillsboro, OR -- Representatives from Neighbors for Clean Air (NCA), Northwest Environmental Defense Center (NEDC) and Intel have announced that the parties have reached a settlement agreement to resolve claims the company failed to obtain the proper air emissions permit for its new D1X expansion, currently under construction. The settlement agreement will require the company to comprehensively evaluate the impact on the community from the Ronler Acres and Aloha campuses.

"The community needs Intel to demonstrate not just compliance with regulations, but an ongoing commitment to practices and technology that protect public health. This settlement agreement represents measures that can rebuild public trust in Intel's diligence and integrity as a corporate neighbor in Washington County, including studies, reports, follow-up actions and ongoing communications," said Linda Peters, NCA member, Chair of Washington County Citizen Action Network and former Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners.

While Intel did not admit the company's permits were in violation of federal law, the settlement agreement negotiated on behalf of the community groups by Earthrise Law Center, and signed today by all parties, commits Intel to:

- **Establishing an Air Quality Advisory Committee (AQAC). The AQAC will oversee the implementation of conditions of the settlement agreement and will negotiate the terms of a Good Neighbor Agreement with Intel.**
- **Require Intel to complete a Risk Assessment based on California's risk assessment rules. This will require Intel to complete an emissions inventory, including stack testing above and beyond what is being required by DEQ, as well as modeling to determine impact on the community from Intel's facilities.**
- **If the Risk Assessment shows that Intel presents an unacceptable risk (more than 25 in a million) Intel will take further actions to reduce pollution.**
- **Intel will commit \$150k for third party ambient air monitoring in the community.**

NCA staff attorney, John Krallman, applauds Intel's commitment to transparency and evaluation using the more rigorous California standards of risk assessment: "Environmental compliance represents more than a set of policies and procedures; it is the foundation of trust between businesses and the neighboring communities."

Currently **Oregon does not require large facilities to assess health risk to the public.** "Intel's commitment to meeting this stricter more health protective standard - in effect, going beyond the law in Oregon - underscores how under-protective the air emissions laws are in our state," said Mark Riskedahl, NEDC. "This was a critical condition of the agreement."



For more information, including a copy of the full settlement agreement, the original 60-day notice letter, and other updates: www.whatsinourair.org/Intel