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Policy Brief



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Identifying Polluters

In order, to prevent companies from simply rebranding and relocating themselves to avoid accountability we recommend the following:

1. Transparency by creating a database to polluters and track history of pollution by companies. We also want to track staff, CEOs, products, military departments, and anything linked to a certain company that is causing recurring pollution patterns.

Permits

Monetary consequences are not enough for industrial companies to reduce their pollution contribution. Therefore, they should face larger consequences such as permits revocation and prohibition of re-branding and relocating. To do so, the following strategies are recommended.

1. Implement a limit of 2 of lawsuits a business can have filed against them before having their operations permit revoked at the city, county, and state levels.
2. Upon revocation of the Conditional Use Permit, city and county legislative bodies should limit the number of appeals of the revocation, down to one (1) appeal process before the final decision-making body, which shall be completed within a period of sixty (60) days.
3. No fecal matter dumping into storm water drains or waterways.

