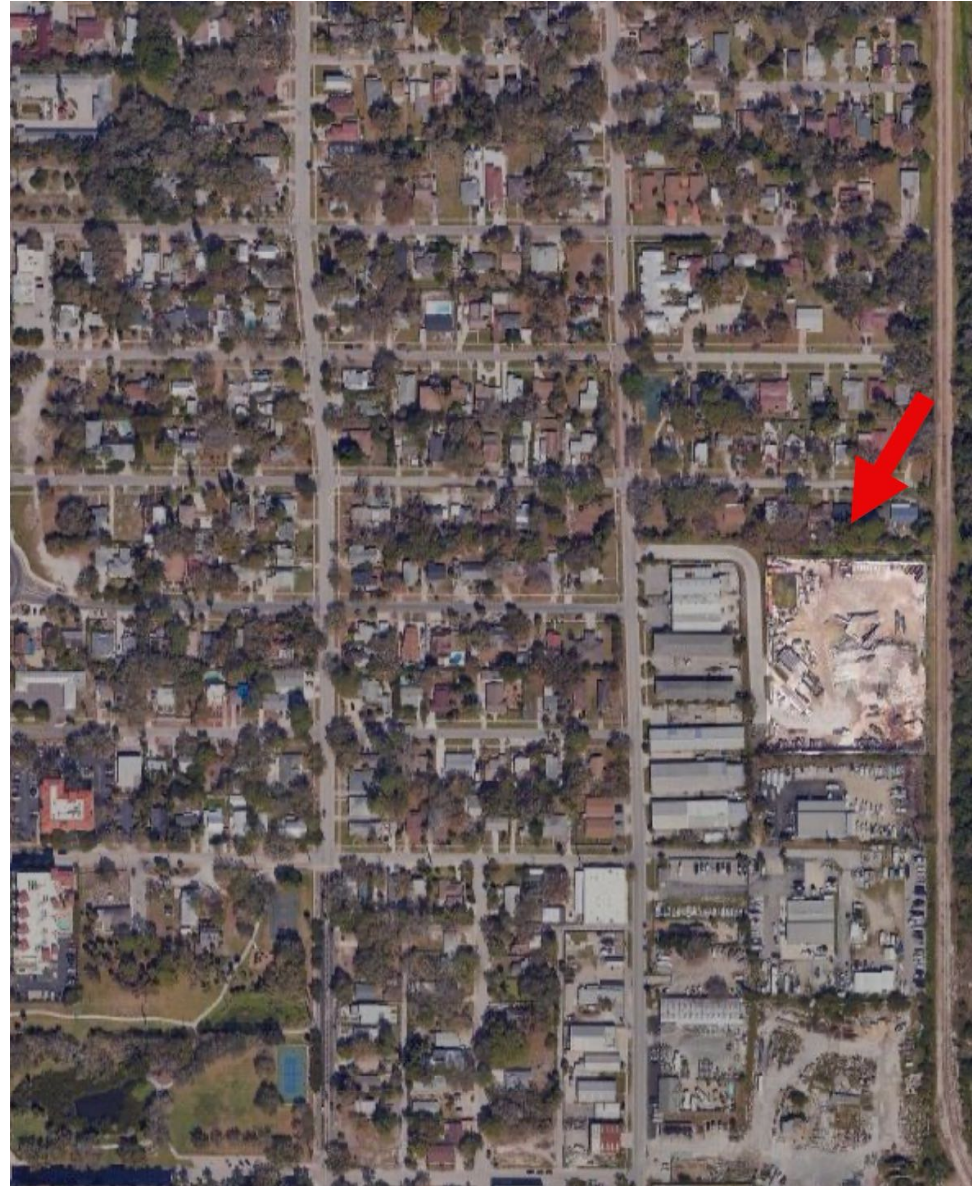




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June Recap

- Concrete crushing in residential neighborhood
- Operating since 2020
- Dust is a dangerous health risk





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June Recap

Goal: ending harmful operations

- Building on 4 years of neighborhood efforts
- Meeting with City & County
- Facilitating enforcement:
 - Air pollution
 - Water pollution
 - Local outreach regarding medical conditions



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US Recycling

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Summary of hazardous readings

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Spike Risk Level	Number of Incidents	Total time	% of time	EPA Warning
moderate	1,014	507 hours and 36 minut...	21%	Acceptable, but some risk for sensitive groups
Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	12	59 hours and 34 minutes	2%	Sensitive groups may experience health effects
Unhealthy	4	17 hours and 3 minutes	1%	Everyone may begin to experience effects

website continues to record harmful air quality in real-time



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Air pollution monitoring effective

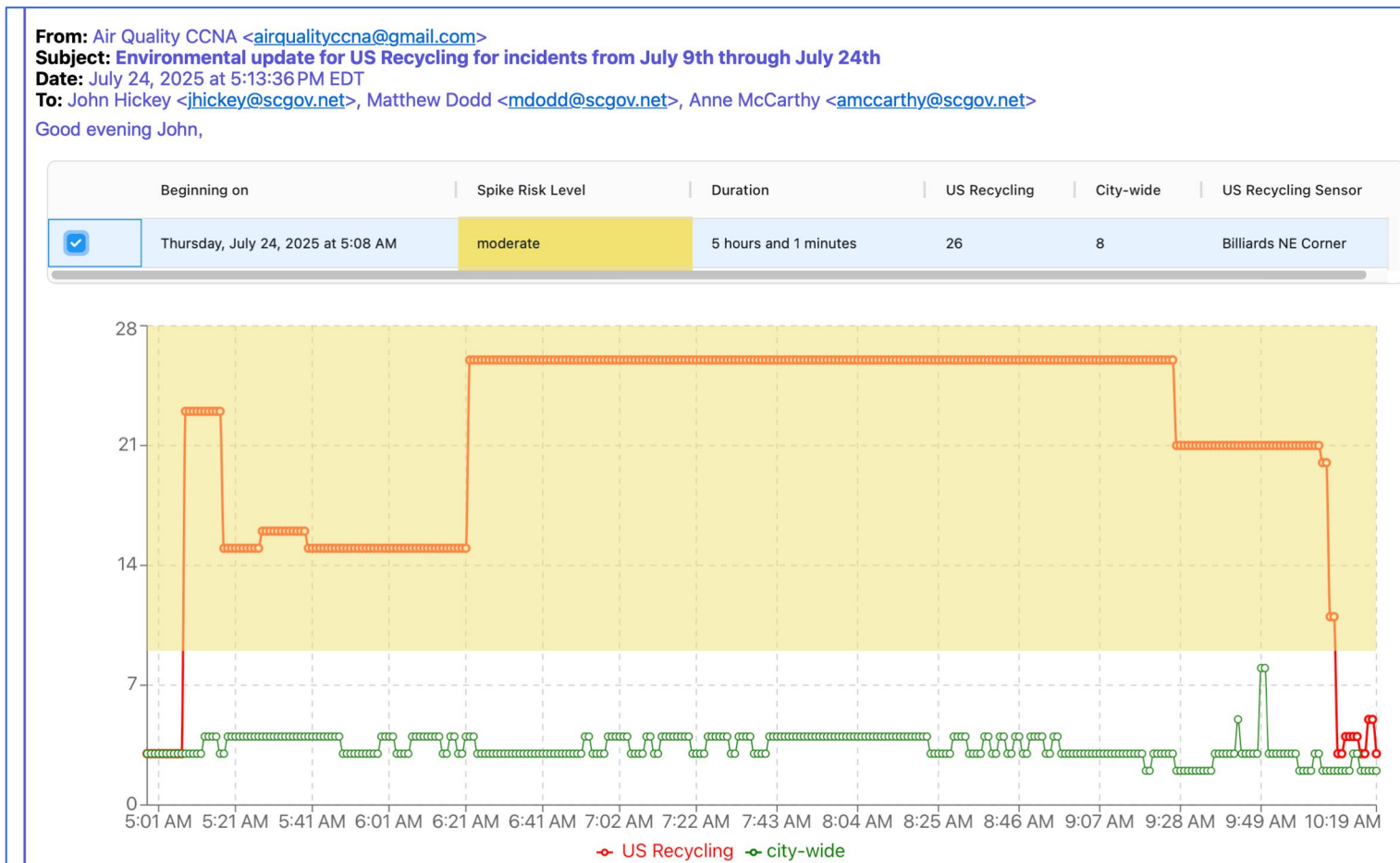
- Collaborative effort with County Environmental Protection Div.
- Working together compared measurements at US Recycling to other county monitoring stations (used as a baseline)



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Air pollution monitoring effective

- Monthly email updates to county and city – highlighting pollution





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New Camera with night vision capabilities

- Monitoring operations after permitted hours

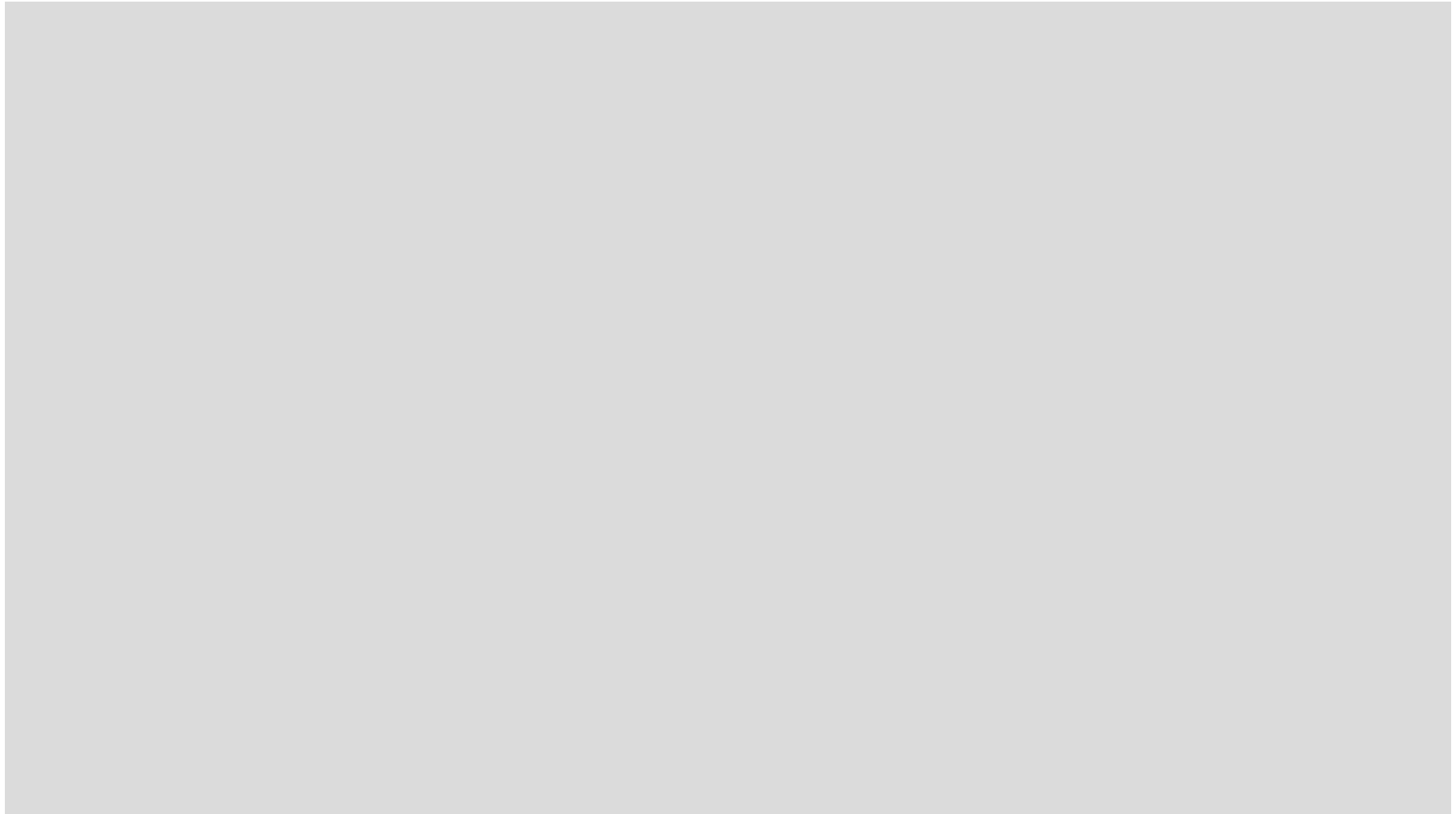




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New Camera with night vision capabilities

- Monitoring operations – EPA violations





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Air pollution monitoring + Night Vision Camera

- County EPA cites US Recycling for infractions

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Subject: US Recycling - Inspection Status

Matt

Staff conducted an inspection at US Recycling to verify conditions following a complaint of dust and crushing operation on August 20, 2025.

Inspection findings:

- A crusher was operating. The permittee failed to provide the required relocation notice to our office prior to relocating the unit onto the site.
- A spray bar on the crusher was not operating properly.
- Reasonable precautions to minimize dust were not adequate. Water was being adequately applied to the feed piles and facility grounds. However, precautions were not adequate to prevent dirt from being tracked out of the facility and onto Industrial Ave resulting in dust from traffic. The host facility (Mr. Williams) stated he would sweep Industrial Ave to remove accumulated dirt. An inspection on August 21, 2025, verified that the roadway had been swept.

AWQ actions:

- A Warning letter is being drafted for the violations under the state enforcement process. Staff is coordinating this process with FDEP. The Warning Letter will be issued to the permit holder this week.
- Staff is coordinating with the county attorney's office on the efficacy of issuing an NOV and pursuing a parallel line of enforcement utilizing the county's enforcement process should the state process result in lengthy timeframes.
- A follow up inspection is being performed this week to verify road and facility conditions.

Sincerely,

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Documenting health effects...


Neighborhood Health Alert

Operations at U.S. Recycling generate **concrete dust** which can be harmful.

Neighborhood leaders are looking for people with medical issues that may be related to **U.S. Recycling.**

A map showing the area around U.S. Recycling. The map includes streets such as 18th St, 17th St, 16th St, 15th St, 14th St, 13th St, 12th St, 11th St, and N Tamiami Trl. A green area labeled 'Pioneer Park' is visible. The map is oriented with North at the top.

Take the survey to help end the environmental hazard

**Survey**

CCNA Air Quality Health Survey

Introduction

You are being asked to participate in a survey about health concerns in your community. The purpose of this survey is to gather information about health problems that may be related to environmental conditions near U.S. Recycling on Industrial Court, Sarasota.

What Will Happen

- You will be asked questions about your health and any health problems you or your family members may have experienced.
- The survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete.
- Your participation is completely voluntary.

Confidentiality

- Your responses will be kept confidential and stored securely in the United



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Next Steps...

- Continue outreach for health survey
- Work with city to initiate legal action – cite as public nuisance
- Work with city code compliance – cite for after-hour activity
- Continue working with county EPA
- Look for (engage with) potential buyers