



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
WISCONSIN

612 W. Main Street, #200

(608) 256-0827

Madison, WI 53703-4714

lwvwi.org

The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin has long held a position in support of open, accountable, responsive and representative government. Today we speak in support of that position and therefore in opposition to the three Foxconn air permit applications now under review.

The hasty turn-around of Foxconn air permit applications and preliminary approvals does not comport with League's position of a representative government open, accountable, and responsive to citizens.

Foxconn has submitted three lengthy and complicated air applications in February and March, with the most involved submitted in March. All have been processed by the DNR, granted a preliminarily approved permit, and scheduled for one public hearing, today, Election Day - an inappropriate day to schedule a hearing. Given the significant, potentially negative impacts on Southeast Wisconsin and much of the State, the period for considering these three permits is far too short.

Schedule details on the DNR website reveal the following:

The 100-plus page "Nitrogen Plant" application was received on February 1, 2018, completed March 8, preliminarily approved March 16, noticed for a Public hearing March 17 with hearing to be held on Election Day, April 3 and comment period closing April 16, 2018. This is a short 71-day period.

The 192-page "Energy Plant" was received on February 2, 2018 with all consequent steps completed at the same times as the "Nitrogen Plant" application. This is a short 70-day period.

The most complicated, 245/278-page "Fabrication Plant" application was submitted on March 2, 2018, preliminarily approved on March 16, and noticed for the April 3rd Public Hearing mentioned above. This longest and most environmentally consequential application left only 14 calendar days – at most 10 working days - for a preliminary evaluation by the DNR. A terribly pressured time frame for deliberate, careful analysis.

The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin believes the length of time allowed for both the DNR Air Division science staff and the public to thoroughly examine and evaluate the three applications is far too short. Ten (10) working days to review and grant preliminary approval to Foxconn to emit a host of hazardous chemicals does not comport with a representative government that is open, accountable and responsive to citizens - those who would be exposed to hazardous chemicals should the permits be approved. Do not approve this application and permit.