

The purpose of this message is to inform you about a very important piece of State Legislation in the Louisiana 2026 State Legislature. [SB356](#) is sponsored by State Senator Royce Duplessis. It is titled: "Provides for air monitoring systems in certain facilities." Aimee Freeman is currently the only other sponsor.

The Legislation would require certain facilities (factories, petrochemical plants, oil refineries, chemical manufacturers) in Louisiana to install Real-Time fence-line monitoring to detect toxic emissions. Using light-beam technology, each monitor would alert the public immediately when harmful chemicals are released. This represents a significant improvement because currently only 6 criteria pollutants are monitored and not at relevant facilities throughout the state. Of course, this is most important for Cancer Alley.

Here is a [website](#) about the legislation. The website has links to videos, slidedecks and information sheets. This legislation will also help build the foundation for long term efforts to build a long-term coalition for clean air in Louisiana, especially in Cancer Alley.

### How can you help?

1. Contact members of [Senate Environmental Quality Committee](#). Urge them to consider the health of all Louisianans and pass this legislation. You can write now, or wait until the legislation is being considered. The legislation is "Pending:" as of this writing (March 23, 2026) we do not know when it will be taken up. Please monitor the legislative [webpage](#) for the legislation for updates. Here is the QR code to the website:
2. Contact your Louisiana State Representative and Senator to make them aware of the legislation and that you support it. Don't know who they are? Find out [here](#).
3. Ask your legislator to become a co-sponsor of the [bill](#).
4. Please share this information widely among your networks!



### More details:

1. **What kind of monitoring?**
  - a. The required monitors meet United States Environmental Protection Agency's monitoring requirements of 40 CFR Part 63, as amended.
  - b. The sensing instrumentation continuously monitors and records emissions of toxic air pollutants along an open path or paths at or adjacent to the facility's property boundary and that provides coverage of the entire boundary of the facility.
2. **What facilities are covered by the legislation?** Covered facilities are those that emit greater than 50 pounds of any of the 17 toxic air pollutants (listed below) covered by the bill and classified as (a) NAICS 324110 - petroleum refineries or (b) NAICS 325 - chemical manufacturing.
3. **What chemicals are covered?** These are the 17 compounds covered:  
(a) Ammonia. (b) Benzene. (c) 1,3-Butadiene. (d) Chlorine. (e) Diethanolamine. (f) Ethylbenzene. (g) Ethylene dichloride. (h) Ethylene oxide. (i) Formaldehyde. (j) Hydrogen cyanide. (k) Hydrogen fluoride. (l) Hydrogen sulfide. (m) Naphthalene. (n) Sulfur dioxide. (o) Toluene. (p) Vinyl chloride. (q) Xylenes
4. **Where will the information be sent when emissions are detected?** Real-time: a publicly accessible website, community alerts distributed to facility, first responders, LDEQ, local officials, residents via: texts, emails, or phone calls. Plus quarterly reports.