

NAIROBI CITY COUNTY



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY SECOND ASSEMBLY - THIRD SESSION

REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS

Hon. Speaker,

Pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2) (c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Environment and Natural Resources regarding the discharge of industrial effluent gas in Nairobi County.

Hon. Speaker, a joint study by the University of Nairobi's Institute of Nuclear Sciences, Sweden's Gothenburg University and Columbia University's Earth institute done in 2015 revealed that the air Nairobian's inhale puts their lives at risk, with air pollution exceeding levels prescribed by the World Health Organization.

Hon. Speaker, this is especially so for residents who live around industrial area, for instance the greater South B area, where gas effluence has caused untold suffering to residents. The dangers posed to residents cannot be understated, with some residents already suffering from respiratory complications.

Hon. Speaker, residents of South B, along Mombasa Road, particularly near the South B turn-off and Imara Daima Estate, have since 2014 complained of a foul, pungent and often nauseating smell that emanates from the factories in the vicinity. This is prevalent especially over the weekends and in the early evenings on weekdays. Despite protests from residents, the National Environment Management Authority (which coincidentally has an office adjacent to these areas) has not seen it fit to take decisive action, and neither has the County Government.

Hon. Speaker, in the statement the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:

1. mitigate actions taken by the County Executive since 2014 when residents began complaining of foul gas effluence;
2. measures put in place by the County Executive to ensure industries in the County adhere to County laws and regulations on industrial waste discharge;
3. actions the County plans to take to immediately rectify this persistent problem for residents of the affected area; and
4. a report with disclosure of the companies involved in the emissions.

Hon. Waithera Chege, MCA
MEMBER FOR SOUTH B WARD

Date: _____

Approved for tabling.