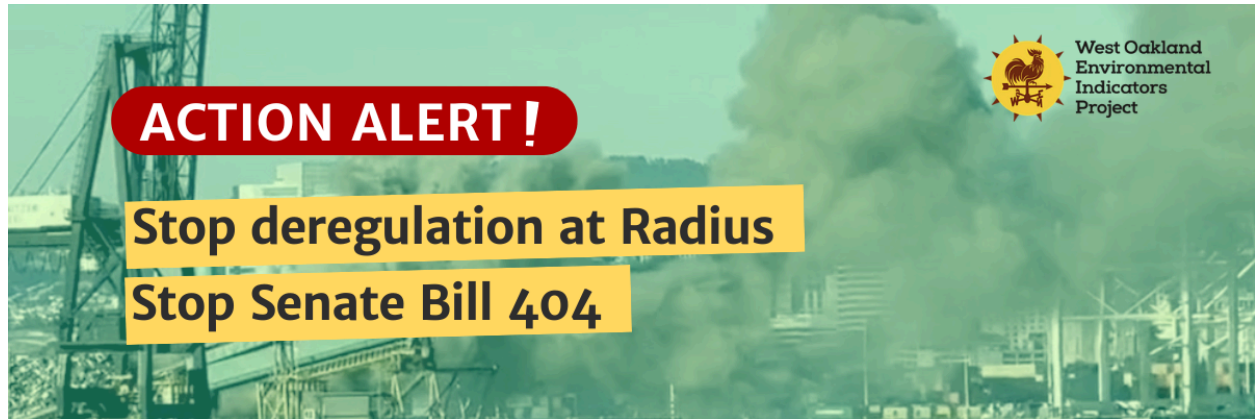




Tell your elected officials to oppose SB 404



Senate Bill 404 would gut environmental regulations for metal shredders, giving megapolluters like Radius Recycling carte blanche to pollute our communities.

The California Assembly is days away from voting on Senate Bill 404. Our electeds need to hear from us: we reject this toxic bill.

Step 1: Look up your assemblymember

[Use this lookup tool](#) to find your assemblymember using your address.

Step 2: Send your letter

Copy and paste the message below. Be sure to add some information about who you are, where you live, and why metal shredder pollution matters to you.

Email subject:

Oppose SB 404



Email message:

Dear [YOUR ASSEMBLYMEMBER]:

[INTRODUCE YOURSELF HERE.] I am writing to share my concerns about Senate Bill 404, which undermines the voices of thousands of Californians who are directly impacted by the health, environmental, and quality-of-life impacts of the state's large metal shredding facilities.

As written, this bill is deeply problematic in many ways:

- SB 404 redefines many of the industry's toxic emissions as non-hazardous in direct contradiction of scientific evidence, including Light Fibrous Material consisting of synthetic fabric and carpet fibers and metallic particles, and shredded aggregate containing toxic heavy metals like lead, copper, and zinc. These materials are flammable and toxic enough to meet the legal definition for hazardous waste, and have already contaminated the surrounding soil and groundwater of metal shredder-adjacent communities like West Oakland.
- SB 404 effectively strips local, regional, and state agencies of the ability to regulate California's metal shredding industry and allow the industry to self-regulate by merely submitting self-written, unenforceable "plans" without adequate monitoring, record keeping, and reporting. Given the industry's decades-long history of consistent legal and environmental violations and regulatory noncompliance, this approach is essentially putting the fox in charge of the henhouse.
- SB 404 directly undermines the public review process for impacted communities across the state. It lacks meaningful input from the communities most impacted by these facilities.

I respectfully urge you to reject this bill.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]

Your address and zip code



Step 3: After you send your letter:

- Share this template with a friend or two. Our electeds need to hear from as many of us as possible.
- Learn how we're taking on metal shredding pollution in West Oakland at woeip.org/metalshredders.