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In March 2019, the EPA filed a complaint and proposed a consent decree to Global Partners, an oil enterprise operating petroleum storage terminals in South Portland. The complaint was issued due to the company's excessive VOC emissions exceeded their air emission permit. Global Partners' facility has emitted over 21.9 tons of VOCs annually for the past five years. This concurrent VOC emissions violation data was first issued by the EPA on June 6, 2014. Then again on April 7, 2015, the EPA issued another notice of violation to Global Partners, all while the local government and community members were unaware of the excessive polluting emissions. For five years, the South Portland community unknowingly endured VOC pollutant levels, while the EPA documented penalizing emissions and sent notice to the oil company responsible for such unsanctioned emissions. The affected community deserves to be notified of the unsanctioned VOC emissions.