

Hawkins' worldview

Southport Aerial View



Residential area?

GAP school?

Our Lady of Guadalupe?



Mississippi River?

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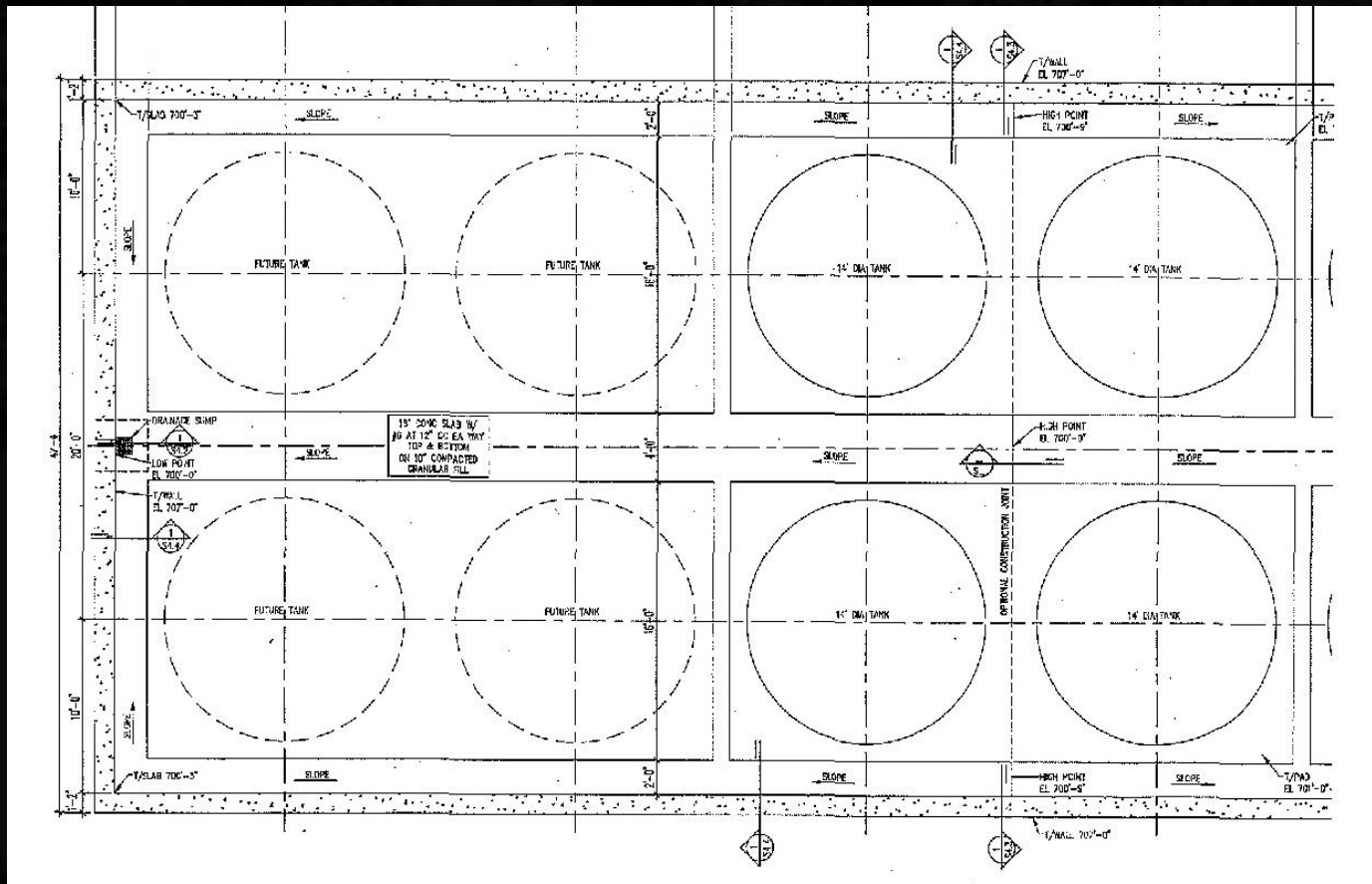
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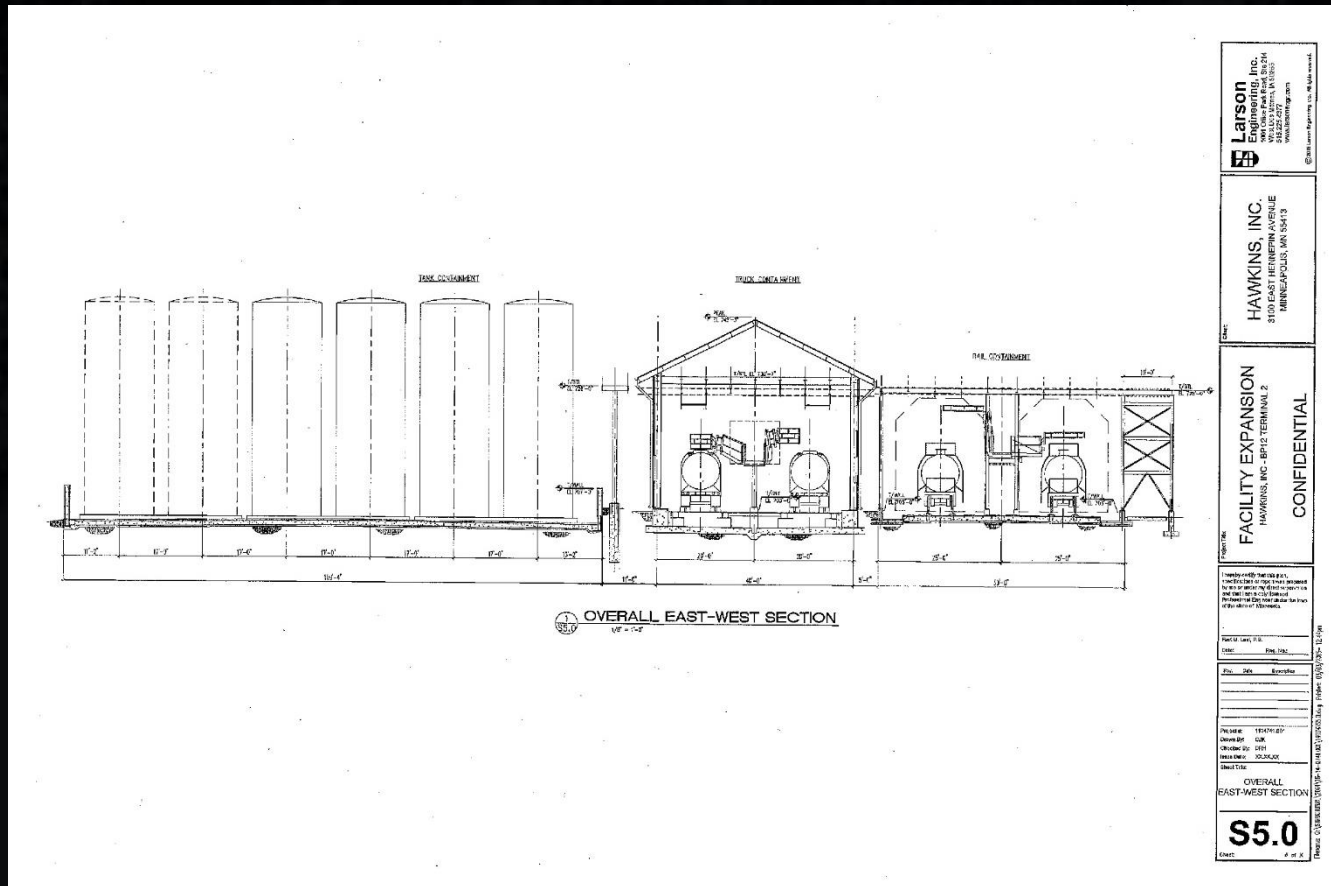
What they don't like to talk about!

- * Traffic, air quality impacts on neighborhood
 - * Potential of chemical spills
 - * Impacts on river?
- * History of West Side as dumping ground for businesses unwanted elsewhere

Of course, they have no future plans..
“Future tanks” (below left) are just figments of our imagination.



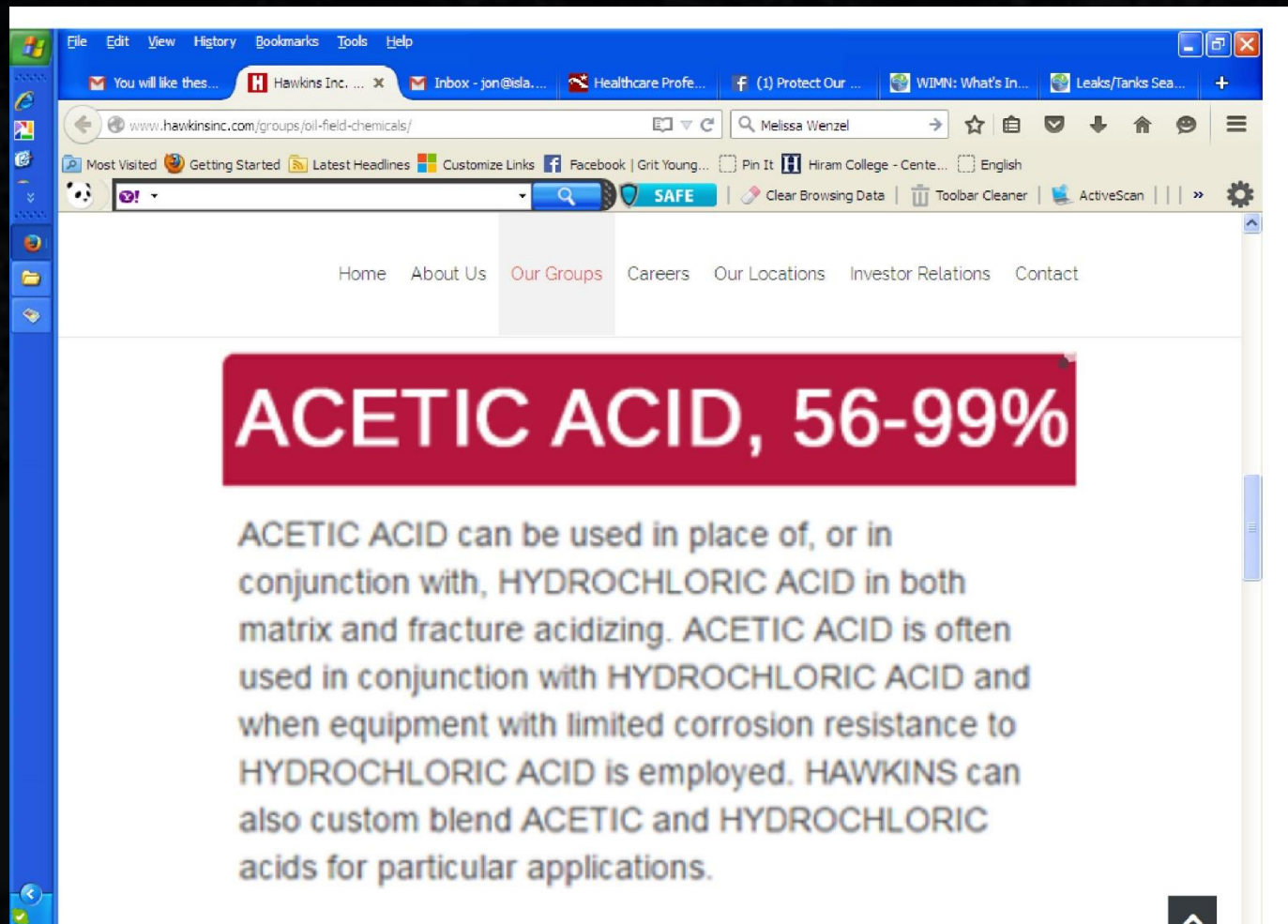
There will be new 5-story high tanks, doubling of rail & truck capacity



What the frack is going on?

- * Hawkins says they are just trying to make sure we have enough chemicals to supply clean water for drinking and our swimming pools.
- * But industry analysts say the increased demand for hydrochloric acid & related chemicals is really about oil drill fracking.

Hawkins' website makes clear they see the \$\$\$ in fracturing the earth



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Hawkins Inc. website. The address bar shows the URL www.hawkinsinc.com/groups/oil-field-chemicals/. The navigation menu includes links for Home, About Us, Our Groups, Careers, Our Locations, Investor Relations, and Contact. A large red banner with white text reads "ACETIC ACID, 56-99%". Below the banner, the text states: "ACETIC ACID can be used in place of, or in conjunction with. HYDROCHLORIC ACID in both matrix and fracture acidizing. ACETIC ACID is often used in conjunction with HYDROCHLORIC ACID and when equipment with limited corrosion resistance to HYDROCHLORIC ACID is employed. HAWKINS can also custom blend ACETIC and HYDROCHLORIC acids for particular applications."

They also see our backyard as a good way-station for their chemicals

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But will these chemicals also help fracture and endanger our community?

- * Hawkins says no – they are putting in new safety protections.
- * But did they not also say that to a Minneapolis neighborhood that has seen two major spills, a fire and mass evacuation in last 20 years?

In 2006 it was Saint Paul's turn...

The screenshot shows a Firefox browser window with the address bar displaying www.mpmnews.org/story/2006/05/23/spill. The page title is "Chemical spill near downtown St. Paul leads to tense moments". The author is Lorna Benson, and the article is dated May 23, 2006, under the "Environment" category. The main text describes a spill of hydrochloric acid from a rail car at Hawkins Chemical, which sickened three people and threatened industrial workers. A photograph shows a riverfront with a blue railing. A sidebar on the right features a "Minnesota OPERA" advertisement and a list of other news items, including "Federal officials reject threatened status for wolves" and "Supreme Court blocks Obama's limits on power plants".

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Chemical spill near downtown St. Paul leads to tense moments

Lorna Benson · St. Paul, Minn. · May 23, 2006 Environment

The spill happened at 11:42 a.m. at an industrial park across the river from downtown St. Paul. An estimated 5,000 gallons of hydrochloric acid spilled from a rail car outside of Hawkins Chemical. The spilled acid sent a toxic cloud of gas into the air that sickened three people on the ground and threatened dozens of nearby industrial park workers.



Close call MPR Photo/Lorna Benson

About 50 people were evacuated from three businesses while officials worked to contain the spill and monitor the cloud to see which direction the strong winds would take it. A few hours later at a news briefing along the St. Paul riverfront, Fire Marshall Steve Zaccard said the threat was over.

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Hawkins Terminal 2

Site ID	12245
Site type	Million Gal Plus Fac. Leaksite
Location	701 Barge Channel Rd St. Paul, Minnesota 55107 Ramsey County
Site Closure Date	08/11/2000
Contaminated Soils Remaining	Unknown
Offsite Contamination	Unknown
Product Released	



Groundwater Cleanup Actions Site Contacts Treatments Reporting Field Work Release Detail

Drinking Water Contamination:	Unknown
Free Product Observed:	Unknown
Free Product Thickness:	Unknown
Groundwater Contamination:	Unknown

What do we get in return for our risk?

- * Hawkins hopes to have 2-3 more jobs on site.
(But will any even be West Siders?)
- * \$61K in taxes (But how much loss in property values for neighbors, increased road, safety costs?)
- * New swimming pools for all (nah, just kidding.)

Hawkins thinks they've done enough
and went ahead with construction even before time
for our legal appeal had been met



But this is our community & we have rights!

- * We have the right to full information about Hawkins' plans and impacts on health & safety. (EAW & probably EIS environmental studies by the state.
- * We have the right to expect our city leaders to balance residents, church & schools concerns against economic development – and not to allow projects on Barge Channel Rd. to move ahead until all cumulative impacts are considered.
- * We have the right to have the West Side valued as any other neighborhood as a place to spend a lifetime, raise a family and plan for a future (that isn't “Confidential”)