

## City of Duluth Emily Larson, Mayor

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Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Kollin Schade, General Manager Husky Superior Refinery 2407 Stinson Avenue Superior, WI 54880

Dear Mr. Schade:

The explosion at Husky Refinery on April 26, 2018 was a clear call to action. A call to ensure the safety of your workers, the health of the Twin Ports and the security and well-being of our entire region. I am disappointed, frustrated and angry about your choice to continue with HF and question the depth with which Husky considered public safety and regional health.

I am writing today with an invitation for Husky to prove to me and Duluth that the choice to continue HF usage is the *safest* choice. Not a choice of cost or systems efficiency. Not a choice that strikes some kind of arbitrary balance, but an informed choice that proves to be the safest in comparison to all other alternatives.

From my informed perspective from within the command center during the refinery incident, Husky's emergency response demonstrated both a lack of incident preparedness and poor communication with municipal, county and federal emergency response networks.

City of Duluth residents are directly impacted by your choices. So is our emergency response team. My job is to do all I can to protect both, and so is yours.

Please reconsider your commitment to HF and choose to engage in a different method of operations.

Sincerely,

Emily Larson