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**Sent:** Monday, November 15, 2010 10:25 PM  
**To:** Riggleman, Anita (DEQ)  
**Subject:** Comments on Dominion's proposed power plant in Warren Co.  
Ms. Riggleman:

I have serious concerns about Dominion's proposed plant in Warren County due to its proximity to Shenandoah National Park—one of our nation's most visited parks.

Shenandoah National Park is a Class I Airshed and yet, sadly, our park suffers from some of the worst air quality of all national parks. Dominion's newest design for its Warren County plant is more than twice the size of the plant that the State Air Pollution Control Board approved in 2004. This significantly increases the likelihood of adverse air quality public health impacts in Shenandoah National Park.

Of particular concern are the probable increases in smog, haze, and acid deposition in the park. In 2004, the Air Board mandated that all of the power plant's smog-forming nitrogen oxide emissions would be offset by reductions from other sources within the immediate vicinity of the plant and that would directly benefit Shenandoah National Park. Now, due to the increase in size of the plant, Dominion states it is unable to obtain 100% of these essential offsets from within the surrounding area. Instead, it seeks to take credit for offsets that might be obtained from sources hundreds of miles away.

Like all of our magnificent national parks, Shenandoah was created to safeguard some of our country's last remaining open spaces and significant historic resources for the enjoyment of today's visitors and future generations. Each citizen of the United States is a steward of these special places and it is up to us to make decisions that protect these national treasures in perpetuity. I strongly encourage the Air Board to work with the National Park Service to assure that this vital asset is fully protected. If, according to the Park Service, adverse impacts to Shenandoah cannot be mitigated, then the Air Board must reject Dominion's application.

Sincerely,

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