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Virginia Air Board
c/o Terry Darton
Air Permit Manager
13901 Crown Court
Woodbridge, VA 22193

Dear Air Board-

I am writing on behalf of the Potomac River Generating Station's attempt to make improvements to their facility and continue to provide our community with power. It would be a shame to prevent them from making much needed changes and potentially make them close their doors after they have spent almost 60 years providing for the needs of this area.

I have lived in this area for almost 50 years and I can understand some may have concerns about the environmental impact on Alexandria, however the stack merge project addresses that and has even been recommended by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. The very group responsible for ensuring adequate standards are met, has said this is our best option. What makes us think we should prevent these improvements to the plant?

Please make sure the City Council's efforts to block these improvements do not succeed. Even though I have been retired for several years, I am very aware that the service Mirant provides is a basic necessity to run our community. Removing them from our region's power grid would have consequences I don't believe some people understand.

Thank you,

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