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Good afternoon. I'm the with DEQ DAQ in the central Office. I'm the permit engineer for Enviva Northampton County (EnvivaNOR) just west of your facility. We have practically an identical permit applications and had our public meeting August 20. You have yours next week. I tried to call you today but your voicemail is full. I wanted to ask a few questions since EnvivaNOR draft comments I'm responsible for came from Environmental Integrity Project (EIP) and Southern Environmental Law Center. The main comments I have to address are strictly permit related mostly to the Dryer NOx emission factors. EnvivaNOR 2 Dryers do not have a SNCR, they will have 2 RTOs, and have a NOx emission factor of 22.23 lb/hr. Patrick Anderson (EIP) contacted you about the Southampton NOx stack test and other questions. I received a email from him yesterday concerning NOx factors along with the 2015 Dryer 1 stack test. You may have similar public comments addressed to your group with your public hearing. I look forward to talking with you. If there is a better way to contact you please let me know. My contact information is below.

Thanks.



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**Cc:** [McCormell, Alan](#)

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Dear VA DEQ Team:

We'd like to update you and members of your team on the public outreach effort we have done to support VA DEQ in advance of the public hearing for our Southampton air permit. Over the last few weeks, our team, including our dedicated community manager in the area, have met with over 45 community leaders representing numerous social, education, hospital, senior services, and other local community groups. The group is called Franklin & Southampton Wellness Coalition. One of the local well-known pastors, Pastor Rawlings, gave us time to provide details of our public hearing and what we are seeking to achieve with our expansion and pending air permit. We have encouraged everyone to reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

We have distributed flyers with the details of the public hearing through Ms. Lorraine Whitehead, who directs Smart Beginnings, which is a preschool program. She interacts with several local groups/organizations through her promotion of her program for kids to get a head start on school. Below is a list of those organizations:

- Harvest Christian Fellowship Church
- Kingdom Life Ministries
- Saint Luke's Lodge No. 279
- Southampton Meadows Mobile Home Park
- True Word Christian Church
- White Oak Spring Baptist Church

We will be placing another ad this weekend in the local newspaper to support Enviva at the public hearing with the details of the hearing itself, including in Spanish (although it's a very small fraction of local Spanish speaking population, we wanted to capture it) and distributing public hearing flyers next week as well at local shops and community places. We have also done a broad outreach to the rest of the Southampton local community, including business leaders, local politicians, our suppliers, vendors, local employees and people we have worked with over the years across various services or volunteering/charity efforts to solicit their support and anticipate them attending in support and/or sending written comments to you.

Please let us know anything else you think may be helpful and any questions you may have in advance of the hearing. We are looking forward to next Thursday and having a productive hearing with the community.

In the meantime, we hope that you all stay safe and dry in light of Dorian.

Best regards,  
Yana



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CC: Governor Ralph Northam

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It is time that this carbon-polluting, forest-destroying practice comes to an end in Virginia. The first two steps to make that happen is to require Enviva to add new pollution controls to its plant and reject Enviva's application to increase air pollution from its dirty and destructive wood pellet plant in Southampton.

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