



Sabasteanski, Karen <karen.sabasteanski@deq.virginia.gov>

Regulation for Emissions Trading

1 message

thomas sibold <tomsibold@yahoo.com>

Wed, Apr 4, 2018 at 5:27 PM

Reply-To: thomas sibold <tomsibold@yahoo.com>

To: "karen.sabasteanski@deq.virginia.gov" <karen.sabasteanski@deq.virginia.gov>

Thomas H Sibold Jr.
Mayor City of Covington VA.
[318 E. Mallow Rd](#)
[Covington Va. 24426](#)
[540-958-8983](#)

Dear Ms. Sabasteanski,

As the mayor of Covington, Virginia, I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments to the Department of Environmental Quality and the Air Pollution Board regarding the Commonwealth of Virginia's proposed "Regulation for Emissions Trading" for the CO2 Budget Trading Program.

The WestRock Paper mill in Covington is a significant economic driver for our community providing over 1000 jobs and supporting over \$200,000,000 in local investment through supplier purchases, payroll, and taxes every year. If care is not taken, the proposed regulations could have a serious and negative impact on the mill. With that in mind, I would encourage DEQ and the Air Board to:

1. Maintain the existing exemption for industrial generation.
2. Fully recognize the carbon neutrality of biomass by amending the regulation to allow for the subtraction of biogenic emissions from any covered source. This is an approach that is consistent with established science and other states that participate in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.
- 3) Preserve the free allocation of carbon allowances currently in the regulation, as a full auction of allowances could significantly increase the financial impact to energy-intensive industries.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,
Mayor Tom Sibold
City of Covington Va.