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December 16, 2003

Mr. Dave Abts, Plant Manager
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Dear Mr. Abts:

Yesterday I received the enclosed fax from several citizens of the Chatham community. They are highly concerned about the noise and smoke from Columbia Forest Products and the diminution in their property values caused by the activities of Columbia Forest Products. It is my understanding, based on their letter, that a Town Council Committee is reviewing the situation.

I am requesting that you do all that you can to address the situation and to respond in a prompt manner and work with the existing committees. I believe that your neighbors need to have these noise and smoke concerns addressed. On the other hand, I also know the value of having employment in Southside Virginia. I will be glad to contact the Department of Environmental Quality, but before taking that course of action, I hope that you and all those concerned could focus on the issues and hopefully address the problems in a fair and prompt manner that will be equitable to all concerned. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Virgil H. Goode, Jr.

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