

January 5, 2005

Mr. Thomas L. Henderson, Director
DEQ South Central Regional Office
7705 Timberlake Road
Lynchburg, VA 24502

Re: Request for public hearing concerning new boiler for Columbia Forest Products - Chatham.

Dear Mr. Henderson:

Mr. David Abts, plant manager at Columbia Forest Products - Chatham, has advised local citizens and members of the Chatham Town Council that the company plans to install a new boiler during 2005.

We are requesting that a public hearing be held regarding this proposed change, on the basis of its controversy.

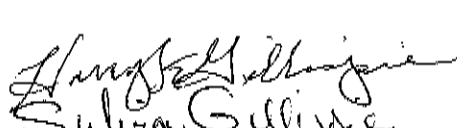
We contend that the present boiler is being utilized for the burning of a half million pounds or more per year of plastics (including acrylic stains and finishes, and urea-formaldehyde and polyurethane resins), whereas the air permit specifies wood wastes as the approved fuel. We are presently seeking cessation of this dangerous practice, and are concerned that the proposed new boiler would increase the volumes of material burned and thus exacerbate the present problem for the surrounding community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

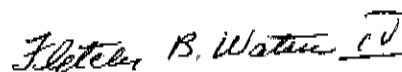
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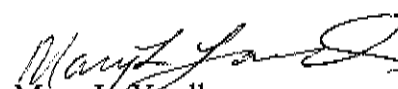


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