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Ms. Samantha Fairchild, Director
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Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

Re: Missing ECPRA/TRI Reports and Public Comment on Draft Air Permit
(see also our recent correspondence regarding Section 106, NHPA)

Dear Ms. Fairchild:

Recently we wrote you as separate households regarding Section 106, NHPA, and our circumstance as neighbors of Columbia Forest Products, Chatham, Virginia. We now write to ask your assistance and intervention in two other aspects of the situation.

First, we enclose a copy of our public comments, with documentation, regarding the proposed new air permit for Columbia Forest Products. You will note that we have very serious concerns. Although the permit is a result of plans to reduce the heavy smoke from the facility, it appears to us that, as currently construed, it has insufficient safeguards to prevent the problem from actually becoming worse and more dangerous. Among our concerns is the burning of a significant amount of plastic resins that the Virginia DEQ is regulating as though it were clean wood. It seems evident to us, from our current experience and the data available to us, that carbon monoxide monitoring should be required, and the stack height should be greatly increased. Furthermore, the emission numbers indicate to us that the permit should be a major-source, rather than synthetic-minor, permit.

Second, in researching these environmental circumstances which have recently so oppressive to our neighborhood, we discovered that the facility has never filed ECPRA/TRI reports, even though it appears they are required to do so. Our enclosed documentation of this situation includes an appeal we filed in 2005 with the director of Virginia DEQ, and an accompanying videotape; that material is also relevant to our above concerns regarding the proposed air permit.

Please contact us if you need further information. Thank you very much for your attention and assistance.

Yours truly,
(signatures on next page)

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Public Comment to Allen Armistead, South Central Region Virginia DEQ
TRI Reporting
Videotape