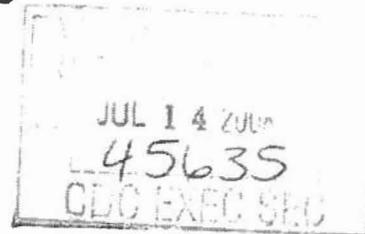


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Dear Dr. Gerberding:

It is our understanding that the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is engaged in a health assessment of the Potomac River Generating Station (PRGS) in Alexandria, Virginia. As you know, PRGS is owned by Mirant Corporation, which is based in Atlanta, Georgia, and has over 380 employees living in our combined districts. As a result, we are very interested in the fact that you are engaged in an analysis of our constituent company because of its direct impact on our constituents' livelihood.

ATSDR is a non-regulatory agency created by Congress to produce toxicological profiles on the 275 substances that are on the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) priority list of hazardous substances, and discern the possible human health effects of these substances. Not only are we concerned that ATSDR is evaluating air pollutants at an exposure level that currently has no standard and a questionable health impact, but we are also concerned that ATSDR may be reaching beyond its Congressional mandate by evaluating a substance, sulfur dioxide, which is not one of the 275 substances on the CERCLA priority list. Nor is the PRGS one of the over 1,200 National Priorities List sites that the EPA has designated as targets for cleanup, and at which ATSDR has a stated mission to determine human health effects.

That being said, as an agency undertaking a scientific review of the environmental air data to evaluate possible health impacts to people in the Alexandria, Virginia, community near PRGS, it is important to ensure that the health assessment is scientifically sound and based on a clear and transparent process that is inclusive of all stakeholders.

While we are pleased to hear that ATSDR has recently begun coordinating with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which has health-based standards in place for air pollutants, we feel it is important that ATSDR and the EPA work together closely to ensure that there is consistency in terms of standards and related levels of concern for

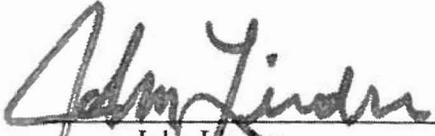
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health impacts. This is especially important given that the EPA is currently engaged in an Integrated Assessment for sulfur dioxide, an area being addressed in the ATSDR health report. Divergent acceptable sulfur dioxide concentration levels would provide contradictory guidance and cause possible delays in implementing necessary health standards – neither are acceptable outcomes.

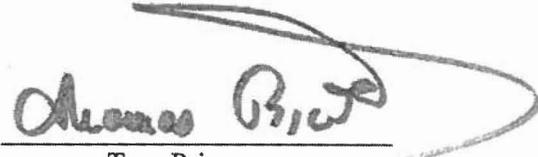
We hope that ATSDR's report is based on sound data and that it focus on actual monitoring data rather than air dispersion modeling. In addition to monitoring data being collected by ATSDR, it is our understanding that it has also been collected extensively by Mirant with guidance from EPA. As a result, this should be considered in any evaluation of the facility.

We believe that any health reports issued by ATSDR should be based on sound science and actual data. Please send our offices a written update on where ATSDR is in the process. We look forward to following the process as ATSDR moves forward with the development of the health assessment on PRGS, and ask that you keep us informed on a regular basis as this process continues.

Sincerely,



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