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Atlanta GA 30333

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The Honorable John Linder
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-1007

Dear Mr. Linder:

Thank you for your letter regarding the health assessment of the Potomac River Generating Station (PRGS) in Alexandria, Virginia. The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is currently engaged in a public health review of PRGS, owned by the Mirant Corporation. We are performing this review at the request of the Alexandria Health Department.

ATSDR scientists are currently developing our health consultation report for this site. The report will be scientifically sound and based on a clear and transparent process. The report will include monitoring data and air dispersion modeling information, along with other information such as operations information for the site. The monitoring data to be used in the health consultation report have been collected and are being analyzed. Our report will undergo external scientific peer review later this year. It will then be released as a public comment draft available to the community and all other interested stakeholders.

Throughout our work at this site, ATSDR has engaged relevant stakeholders, including Mirant officials. ATSDR has also been coordinating and consulting with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) colleagues since we began work on this project.

While ATSDR's mandate includes the production of toxicological profiles for substances listed on the priority list of hazardous substances, ATSDR also conducts health assessments and health consultations for all sites proposed for or listed on the National Priorities List (NPL) and in response to petitions (requests) for public health assessments received from the public. ATSDR considers petitions for conducting these evaluations from the public and, occasionally, at the request of Congress. The health consultation for the PRGS is being conducted in response to a petition from public officials of Alexandria, Virginia.

We will keep your offices apprised of developments in our work at PRGS. However, if you would like to discuss this information further, please contact Ms. Barbara A. Rogers in ATSDR's Washington, D.C. office at (202) 245-0590 or BRogers@cdc.gov.

I appreciate your support of this important public health matter and hope this information is helpful. I also will provide this response to Mr. Tom Price who cosigned your letter.

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