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Mr. Thomas A. Faha
Director, Northern Regional Office
Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
13901 Crown Court
Woodbridge, VA 22193

Re: Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) Draft Air Permit for the Norfolk Southern's Proposed Expansion of Its Ethanol Transloading Facility in Alexandria

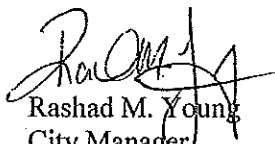
Dear Mr. Faha:

This is to acknowledge the receipt on May 3, 2013, of your office's notification and a copy of the draft air permit for the Norfolk Southern's proposed expansion of its ethanol transloading facility located in Alexandria. Thank you for forwarding the proposed draft permit to the City.

The City of Alexandria has longstanding serious concerns about the operations at this facility. This proposed expansion would undoubtedly increase the risks from the facility and raise the concerns from the community. For this reason, the City of Alexandria requests that VDEQ hold an information meeting and a public hearing in the City on this draft permit. The City requests that the informational meeting and public hearing be held separately on two different dates to ensure that the citizens understand the proposed changes and have adequate time to provide informed and meaningful input and comments. The City also requests that the public comment period be as long as possible but not less than 60 days.

Again, the City appreciates your sharing this information with us. The City offers to work with you to find a suitable location for the informational meeting and the public hearing in the City of Alexandria.

Sincerely,


Rashad M. Young
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cc: The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
James Banks, City Attorney