



Press Statement on Mirant Coal-Fired Power Plant

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PEC supports the efforts of the City and Citizens of Alexandria and the conservation community to work towards a solution for the Potomac River Mirant power plant. The Potomac River plant is considered one of the dirtiest generators of electricity in the Commonwealth and has a long history of violating its permit to operate. In an effort to protect public health, the environment and meet air quality standards in the Northern Virginia region, we believe this facility will require a major modification (including a possible switch in fuel type – natural gas) if it is to remain in operation.

The right to clean air and water is protected in the Virginia Constitution. Based upon Mirant's own lack of action to correct past violations, PEC believes that strong action by the Air Pollution Control Board and the Department of Environmental Quality is necessary to either force a clean up or the eventual closure of this plant.