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June 1, 2010

Hon. Jim Webb, U.S. Senator (D-Va.)

248 Russell Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

Phone: 202-224-4024

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Re: Virginia Electric Power Old Norfolk Manufactured Coal Gasification Plant

Dear Senator Webb:

This is an official request upon your office to make an immediate contact with the appropriate federal and state officials to emphasize the urgency to promulgate soil quality standards for the hazardous wastes and toxic contamination presently migrating off-site at the above referenced location in the City of Norfolk, Virginia as a matter of public health and safety policy.

I lived and played in the contaminated area as a child years ago and perhaps my previous health problems with rare cancer and cysts may have been caused due to exposure from the site. I am deeply troubled and concerned about the well-being of the young people currently living in (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy adjacent to the toxic graveyard. We must address the deadly impact of environmental racism and the urgent need to

eliminate environmental hazards in low-income and minority communities in the U.S. a top priority.

It appears officials at every level in government have acted with deliberate indifference and a total disregard for public safety, civil rights, the health and welfare of the ethnic citizens affected in the vicinity of the toxic zone in denying them meaningful notification of the present dangers.

The City of Norfolk, Norfolk Southern, DEQ, EPA and Virginia Power's refusal to take corrective actions to prevent further exposure and their failed enforcement of environmental laws, are simply unreasonable and unacceptable to the citizens of Norfolk.

Thank you,

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Enclosure  
Civil Rights

Director of

cc: Senator Mark R. Warner, (D-Va.)

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**Tuesday, June 1, 2010**

## TOXIC GARBAGE CEMETERY

(NORFOLK, VA)-UFJ Director (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Ent. Privacy filed the first DEQ/EPA pollution complaints triggering possible full-scale testing and investigations into the toxic migration of off-site contamination and waste, emanating from the former Norfolk manufactured Coal Gasification Plant and City of Norfolk's municipal waste site impacting (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Ent. Privacy housing development on behalf of the residence today.

The complaint alleges hazardous substances, and other poisonous coal by products buried throughout the site coal tar, coal ash, iron and constituents associated with these hazardous wastes include volatile organic compounds, ethylbenzene, xylene (BTEX), polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) cyanide and phenolics, inorganic nitrogen compounds, metals and gases such as methane vapor pollution which are acutely toxic, chronically toxic, and carcinogenic constituents, cyanide, arsenic, chromium, lead, benzena, toluene, phenol, chrysene, indeno[1,2,3-cd] pyrene, benzo [a] pyrene, benzo [b] fluoranthene, benzo [ghi] perylene and benz[a] anthracene, migrating off-site thru the soils, surface water and contaminated groundwater beneath (the "Site") onto the housing property facilitated by seasonal rain and flooding from (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Ent. Privacy and (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Ent. Privacy on the east, south and west respectfully, and by (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Ent. Privacy and (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Ent. Privacy on the north and east, respectively (the "Site"), called (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Ent. Privacy

The group has filed an EPA report violation and informed the White House about the environmental practices and dangers of the City's behavior as very suspect, the intentional downplay of this pollution; couple with the established fact Norfolk Southern, Virginia Power and Norfolk officials have never complied with the EPA or DEQ, and refused to secure permits to properly cap the site and resolve contaminated soil and ground-water migration off-site as required by law must finally be investigated.

The coalition's position is clear the City of Norfolk's environmental racism has been exposed and the minority residents living in (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Ent. Privacy Calvert Square, Tidewater Park, McCullough's Paradise Garden's, Attucks Square West, Barberton, and Lexington Park, and surrounding communities as Ghent to toxic risks of harm. City officials have essentially, refused to prevent the known potential of exposure to contaminated waste migrating off-site at (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Ent. Privacy and EPA/DEQ have fail to enforce the law given these facts borders on the criminal if not criminal.

(b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Ent. Privacy has filed a request with Senator Webb's office to immediately, contact the appropriate state and federal officials' urging them to promulgate soil quality standards for the hazardous waste and contamination presently migrating off-site at the former Norfolk manufactured Coal Gasification Plant and City of Norfolk's garbage crematory waste site location.

The coalition is vigorously pursuing both criminal and civil rights investigations against all the involved parties. The coalition's director stated it appears from Court records the City's Demurrer filed November 18, 1996, citing there is no legal duty to warn nearby residents of contamination when the relevant government agencies had been informed about the site, given these known facts constitutes an indictment that officials may have intentionally conspired and engaged in unethical, unreasonable, and unlawful efforts to conceal known risks of harm impacting the entire community for political and economic reasons in effect compromising public health and safety.

The families living, working and children playing in these communities have a fundamental right to know they are living in housing of which the soil is contaminated and it's cruel punishment to deprive the men, women, and children of this community that basic right.

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Director of Civil Rights

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**POLLUTION COMPLAINT LOG**

POLLUTION COMPLAINT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

REGION TIDEWATER DATE 06/01/2010 TIME 10:30 A.M.

ORGANIZATION COALITION FOR EQUAL JUSTICE

REPORTED BY (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy

ADDRESS (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy NORFOLK, VIRGINIA 23505

CITY /COUNTY Norfolk, VA BASIN former Smith Creek channel this area stretches

Approximately (east west) from the Old VEPCO site to The Hague  
(pond).

SPECIFIC LOCATION (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy housing project bounded by (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy

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(b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy on the north and east, respectively (the "Site") adjacent to  
and

directly south and east, respectively the housing project.

TYPE OF POLLUTION: hazardous substances, buried throughout the site including coal  
tar, coal ash, iron and constituents associated with these hazardous wastes include  
volatile organic compounds, ethylbenzene, xylene (BTEX), polynuclear aromatic  
hydrocarbons (PAHs) cyanide and phenolics, inorganic nitrogen compounds, metals and  
gases such as methane vapor pollution which are acutely toxic, chronically toxic, and  
carcinogenic constituents, cyanide, arsenic, chromium, lead, benzena, toluene, phenol,

chrysene, indeno[1,2,3-cd] pyrene, benzo [a] pyrene, benzo [b] fluoranthene, benzo [ghi]

perylene and benz[a] anthracene, migrating off-site thru the soils, surface water and contaminated groundwater beneath (the "Site") onto the housing property facilitated by seasonal rain and flooding.

POLLUTION SOURCE [IF KNOWN] Old Norfolk Manufactured Coal Gasification Plant

and the former City of Norfolk municipal waste incinerator.

TIME/ DATE OF CONTAMINATION 1853

DURATION OF CONTAMINATION JUNE 1, 2010, VOLUME REACHING WATER  
Unknown

REMARKS: [EXTENT OF POLLUTION THAT REFLECTS ALL RECEPTORS,  
BOTH HUMAN AND NON-HUMAN, WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN IMPACTED  
AND/OR WHICH MAY BE POTENTIONALLY IMPACTED BY THE RELEASE OF  
CONTAMINATION AND NUMBER OF FISH KILLED ETC.]

ORIGINAL REPORT REC'D BY: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTIFICATION BY PReP TO:

REGIONAL OFFICE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME/DATE

SHD- WATER PROGRAMS \_\_\_\_\_ TIME/DATE

EPA \_\_\_\_\_ TIME/DATE

COAST GUARD OTHER \_\_\_\_\_ TIME/DATE

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_ TIME/DATE

REGIONAL INVESTIGATOR: \_\_\_\_\_

FOLLOW UP INFORMATION:

H.Q PREP DUTY OFFICER