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I write to (1) restate my opposition to the burning of coal at the CPP and (2) to express my opposition to the expansion of the plant to generate electricity.

As for (1), DDOE has the regulatory authority to end the coal burning – not by telling the AOC what it can or cannot burn, but by sharply limiting emissions of the plant’s most dangerous pollutants, e.g., lead, mercury, dioxins, radionuclides, etc. I expect that this will be on the agenda for our meeting on the 20th.

As for (2), there is no reason for the AOC to begin generating electricity on the Hill. Grid-sources supplies are plentiful, as demonstrated by the recent closure of two power plants within a short bike ride of the CPP – Benning Road and Potomac River. If the AOC were to begin purchasing “green power” off the grid (as the DC government has pledged to do), it would be better for the global climate – and for DC residents. The installation of gas-fired boilers commits us to generations of fossil-fuel consumption.

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