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Sent: Monday, December 17, 2012 2:37 PM
To: Ours, Stephen (DDOE)
Subject: Re: comments/request to testify on Capitol Power Plant Proposed Air Quality Permits for NOx and PM2.5, Installation of a Cogeneration Facility, and Operation of Existing Boiler #3

Thanks for putting me on the list.

My questions (for now) are:

- is DDOE aware of any coal use by the Capitol Power Plant since 2009, and if so, when and how much was burned, and did the plant exceed its current permitted emissions? What is the trigger/basis for the AoC using coal to power the Capitol Power Plant?
- do you anticipate that the Capitol Power Plant will use some or part of the coal that is being purchased and stockpiled on site for the coming heating season?
- will the permits under review, if approved, result in a net increase of regulated air emissions from the plant? If so, please specify which substance and by how much?
- what assessment of respiratory health issues/incidence (i.e. asthma and other ailments) in the surrounding neighborhoods has been conducted by the DC govt. and/or has been taken into consideration in the course of your regulatory review?
- has DDOE conducted any field survey of particulate emissions from the Plant following the burning of coal in the area within one-quarter mile of the outflow stacks? If so, what did your analysis of the particulate show to be in the material? If no such survey was conducted, why not?
- where does DDOE announce hearings concerning permitting? This particular hearing was very poorly publicized.
- who are the individuals responsible for the DDOE permitting decisions and what is the timeline for each step in the process following this evening's hearing?

I will call before 4pm to followup.

Thanks,

Daryl Kimball

On Dec 17, 2012, at 2:11 PM, Ours, Stephen (DDOE) wrote:

Mr. Kimball,

I will put you down as a speaker at the hearing tonight. You will have up to five minutes to make your presentation.

Please note that we will not be taking questions, but rather listening to public comments at the hearing tonight.

If you have questions about the permitting process, please feel free to call me at the number below and I will try to answer your questions.

Regards,

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RE: Capitol Power Plant Proposed Air Quality Permits for NOx and PM2.5, Installation of a Cogeneration Facility, and Operation of Existing Boiler #3

I am writing on behalf of my family and on behalf of many of my neighbors who are fed up with our polluting neighbor: the Capitol Power Plant and the Architect of the Capitol (AoC), which continue to add unnecessary health burdens to the residents of Washington, D.C.

With the plant having been converted some time ago to run on natural gas or diesel fuel, it is no longer necessary nor is it prudent for the Plant to burn coal, especially without the most up-to-date air scrubbers installed, and it is no longer responsible to burn coal due to the fact that the Plant's short stacks cause the pollution to fall directly into our neighborhoods, which include numerous schools and are home to tens of thousands of families.

The impact of the contamination from the stockpiling of coal at the Plant and from burning more than 200,000 pounds of bituminous coal per day during the heating season is particularly harmful to children, and the Capitol Hill area is reported to be among the fastest growing neighborhoods with families with children in the country. Coal burning emits highly toxic pollutants, including

mercury, lead, arsenic, dioxins, formaldehyde and radioactive elements (including radium and uranium).

For whatever reason--be it the political directives of Capitol Hill lawmakers or whatever--It is irresponsible for the AoC to continue to burn coal in the middle of a residential area in the heart of our nation's capitol.

Before the DEQ completes its review of the permit applications from the AoC, and/or authorizes the AoC to continue stockpiling and burning coal, and/or permit the construction of a new co-generation facility that may result in a net increase in hazardous air emissions, it should survey the prevalence of child respiratory health problems in the areas immediately downwind from the Plant and conduct a comprehensive assessment of the impact of the current and potential emissions on those populations.

Furthermore, the DEQ and the AoC should jointly and permanently agree that the Capitol Power Plant will no longer burn coal, under any circumstances, period. The DEQ should require that the plant convert to "natural gas only" power production. It could turn to diesel fuel as a backup during emergencies.

I hereby request time at the Dec. 17, 2012 hearing to comment on the permit requests and to ask the DEQ questions regarding their permitting process regarding the Plant.

I also request a response in writing 30 days prior to any decision by the DEQ on the Capitol Power Plant permit applications and a more complete notification of the process to

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