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The Honorable David Snyder, Chair
Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee
777 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 300
Washington, D.C 20002

Dear Chairman Snyder:

This is in response to your letter to the Richard D. Langford, Chairman of the State Air Pollution Control Board, regarding Virginia's opacity standards. On behalf of the Board, the Department has received the petition.

In accordance with the Virginia Administrative Process Act and the Board's Public Participation Guidelines, a notice of public comment on the petition for rulemaking will be published in the Virginia Register of Regulations on September 29, 2008. Public comments will be accepted on the petition until October 20, 2008. Upon completion of the public comment period, the Department will review the comments and present the petition along with a summary of comments and a recommendation on whether or not to initiate a rulemaking to revise the opacity standards to the Board.

I expect that a decision on initiating a rulemaking will come at the Board's meeting in December. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (804) 698-4378 or cmberndt@deq.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Cindy M. Berndt in blue ink.

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