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To: Airpermits, AOC (DDOE)
Subject: No more coal at Capitol Power Plant

Mr. Stephen S. Ours
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Dear Mr. Ours,

I'm writing to urge you to not approve the AOC's requested levels of emissions at the Capitol Power Plant. The levels allowed should be low enough to force the plant to use cleaner fuel than coal - at all times. Coal should not be permitted as a backup.

We live just a block and a half from the power plant, and a number of times have had to breathe foul smelling air. Since the houses in the neighborhood are very old they're not airtight. Therefore, the odor and poor air quality are present indoors as well as outdoors, with nowhere to get away.

I don't know the politics involved. However, if the AOC still wants to occasionally burn coal to appease lawmakers from coal-producing states, that's outrageous. DC is not a fiefdom of Congress, as it may have been fifty years ago. We have a right to breathe clean air without interference from politics.

As you work with the AOC, it might be good to have them think really big, rather than just how to make the existing plant more efficient. For instance, at some point that plant will be totally obsolete. Are they looking at geothermal options? Or solar? Or wind? Carbon-based fuels are not the way of the future, and they should think about getting ahead of the game, rather than just playing catch up.

Please do the right thing for clean air in the District, and reject the AOC's current application. They should be required to keep emissions lower than the level for which they're applying.

Thank you,

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