

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 6, 2013

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: RASHAD M. YOUNG, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (VDEQ)
DRAFT AIR PERMIT FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION OF NORFOLK
SOUTHERN ETHANOL TRANSLOADING FACILITY LOCATED IN
ALEXANDRIA

The purpose of this memorandum is to alert you that the City recently received notification from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality that it has prepared a draft permit which will allow for increase in throughput at the Norfolk Southern (NS) ethanol transloading facility located in Alexandria. Please find attached the e-mail from VDEQ dated May 3, 2013, and the draft permit.

Based on the information provided by VDEQ, the Norfolk Southern proposal and permit request seeks to increase the number of rail cars offloaded at its facility from the current 14 cars per day to 30 cars per day. This Norfolk Southern facility was previously exempted from VDEQ's air permitting requirements. However, increased emissions resulting from expanded offloading operations now trigger the need for an air permit.

Also attached is a copy of my letter to the Northern Regional Office of VDEQ to formally request that a public hearing be held in the City of Alexandria for this draft permit. This will enable the City government and its residents to voice their opinion on this permit.

This draft permit information has been distributed to appropriate staff within the City, and they have started their initial review of the permit. This draft permit information, the attached letter, and this memorandum will be posted on the City's website (<http://alexandriava.gov/Transloading>). We also will be notifying stakeholder groups such as the neighboring civic association, HOAs, etc.

Please feel free to contact Richard Baier at 703-675-4813 or William Skrabak at 703-906-6647 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Attachments: VDEQ email and draft permit
City Manager's letter to VDEQ requesting a public hearing

cc: James Banks, City Attorney
Mark Jinks, Deputy City Manager
Adam Thiel, Fire Chief
Richard Baier, Director, T&ES
William Skrabak, Deputy Director, T&ES-OEQ