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Mr. Charles W. Moorman
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Norfolk Southern Corporation
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Re: Norfolk Southern Ethanol Transloading Facility in Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Mr. Moorman:

In formal follow-up to our meeting last June, on behalf of City Council and our community, I want to thank Norfolk Southern (NS) for the recent installation of the secondary containment for the used oil transfer operations at the ethanol transloading facility in Alexandria, as requested by the City of Alexandria last summer. The City also appreciates NS' recent consideration of the feasibility of additional vegetation that could be planted on NS property alongside the Cameron Station community. Based on informal oral feedback from NS staff, we understand that NS appears willing to allow this. We would like formal written confirmation of this, as well as identification of the delineated area where planting could occur, and any other related limitations or specifications that NS would apply.

Regrettably, I want to make you aware of a number of ongoing concerns, and no to slow progress, regarding the other Transloading Operations issues which we discussed in June. First, the City is very disappointed with the progress on NS' part to hold a meeting with the community to hear community concerns directly. The ongoing perception is that there is a lack of communication between NS and the community, and there are unanswered questions that should be addressed by NS. I understand from City staff that C.S. Muir of NS staff contacted community leaders of Cameron Station and Summers Grove this past fall, and I strongly encourage NS to follow through with this effort and hold a formal meeting in these communities as soon as possible. The City can make all arrangements for this meeting.

The City is also disappointed with a lack of progress regarding NS' efforts to make any operational changes to improve the quality of life for neighboring residents. The community perceives that its most pressing issue, namely, the excessive train noise during late nights and early mornings, is not being addressed sufficiently by NS.

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Based on NS oral updates to City staff, it appears that NS' Operations Personnel have had meetings to discuss potential improvement to operations, but Operations Personnel were not willing to make any concrete changes. I strongly urge you to review the situation closely and make necessary changes to provide much needed relief to the community.

Thank you for your consideration of our community's concerns, and I look forward to NS developing a definitive action plan on the items contained in this letter in the very near future to address these outstanding issues. You may reach me by phone at 703.746.4500 or by e-mail at william.euille@alexandriavia.gov.

Sincerely,



The Honorable William D. Euille
Mayor, City of Alexandria

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