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Alexandria City Council Forms Mirant Community Monitoring Group

The Alexandria City Council voted last night (Oct. 12) to create a Mirant Community Monitoring Group to serve as a central information-receiving and monitoring group for issues involving the Mirant Potomac River Power Plant. The group will facilitate dissemination of accurate and timely information to the Alexandria community regarding Mirant issues.

The monitoring group will receive reports and track the progress involving Mirant, including ongoing permit and other regulatory issues, Mirant's compliance with the recently-announced consent decree and consent order, the upcoming downwash study, and the facility performance audits that should begin before the end of the year. Members of the monitoring group will provide feedback to City Council and City staff and to assist in the dissemination of information to the wider stakeholder community. Such dissemination could involve community meetings or information sessions hosted by the monitoring group.

The monitoring group have seven members: Poul Hertel, Elizabeth Chimento, a representative from North Old Town Independent Citizens Association (NOTICE), a representative from Marina Towers, a representative from the Northeast Citizens Association, a representative from the Environmental Policy Commission, and two members of Council: Vice Mayor Del Pepper and Paul Smedberg.

One of the first meetings of the monitoring group will be a public information meeting at which representatives from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality will be invited to present and discuss the recent Mirant consent decree and consent order. A date for the information meeting has not been set.

For more information about the Mirant Community Monitoring Group, contact William Skrabak, the City's Environmental Quality Division Chief in the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services, 703.838.4334

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