

SUMMARY OF SAPCB'S ACTIONS AT THE BOARD MEETING ON MARCH 20, 2008

The State Air Pollution Control Board (SAPCB) held a meeting on March 20, 2008 in Alexandria, to consider the five-stack and two-stack permits proposed by the Virginia DEQ. Terry Darton and Michael Dowd of the VDEQ made a presentation on these permit options, followed by the City's presentation, EarthTech presentation on the Estimation of Health Effects/Costs and Mirant's testimonials.

After hearing the evidences presented by all parties, the Board voted 4 to 1 in favor of the first motion and 5 to 0 in favor of the second motion:

1. Hold consideration of the comprehensive permit limits until DEQ undertakes the following:
 - a) Establish $PM_{2.5}$ emission limits set independently of PM_{10} .
 - b) Match the permit's NO_x limits with those of the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR).
 - c) Develop permit terms for which no annual emission increases are allowed.
 - d) Remove the permit provision that refers to sodium bicarbonate or sometimes referred to as SBC.

2. Set aside any further consideration of the five-stack State Operating Permit.

In effect, the Board acted in favor of the City's arguments that (i) NAAQS-compliant $PM_{2.5}$ emission limits must be set and included in the permit; (ii) the use of SBC should not be considered as part of the permits under consideration by the Board; and (iii) no annual emission increases are allowed. The Board decided to set aside the five-stack permit, a strong indication of their preference for the two-stack permit.