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Dear Secretary Bodman,

I am writing in response to your order of December 20, 2005, declaring the emergency operation of Mirsat's Potomac River Generating Station next door to me.

You were probably not given all the facts by your staff when you made this decision. I see that your order is concerned with "environmental exceedances". But from my vantage point, you've not exercised your authority to prevent these exceedances from having immediate and direct health impacts.

You can prevent this by giving us - the people who are directly and immediately impacted by downwash of emissions into our homes - advance notice and relocation when this plant operates.

The reason this plant closed was not just because of high emissions - beyond the national ambient health standard, but because the stacks are so short those emissions come directly into our homes.

Please take the time to review

the facts and scientific studies and models that have been done on the downwash from these smokestacks.

We've had 3 deaths, 4 pulmonary attacks and numerous hospital visits related to the emissions from this plant in the year before it closed.

Your order substitutes a public health emergency for an electric reliability emergency. We in Marina Towers and North Old Town Alexandria have become acceptable collateral damage for DOE, AEM, and RPECO. This is wrong!

I urge you to reconsider your order. Please modify it or rescind it, I beg you.

Sincerely
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