DOMINION WANTS TO SPEW MORE POLLUTION INTO COVE POINT’S AIR

WE NEED TO PUT A STOP TO THIS

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DOMINION’S APPLICATION MUST BE DENIED!

Please come to this public hearing!

Dominion is asking the Public Service Commission (PSC) for two things:
1) to use additional generators to help create power
2) to throw out numeric monitoring of its emission of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and greatly increase the amount of VOCs that would be allowed into the air around its Cove Point facility.

• Dominion is permitted to emit 2.53 tons/year of VOCs based on claiming it would have 15,000 components that would leak. Now, it’s saying there are 162,700 components that would leak, which would emit 20.1 tons/year of VOCs.
• Removing a numeric limit on VOC emissions not only allows far more pollution to enter our air, it sets a precedent that could lead to increased emissions from other gas infrastructure projects and sets back efforts to keep pollution capped at specific thresholds.
• Calvert County’s ozone levels are already bad. Increased VOCs would make the ozone quality much worse. Health effects from VOCs can include loss of coordination, nausea, and damage to the liver, kidney and central nervous system. Even at low levels, breathing ozone can cause chest pains, coughing and throat irritation. Increased ozone can also aggravate lung diseases like emphysema, bronchitis and asthma.
• Instead of eliminating VOC emission limits, given recent improvements in sensor technology, the PSC should be pushing to improve the accuracy of the measurement technology, not abandon it.
• Dominion has a long track record of asking for one thing, then asking for more once it builds the first thing. It’s a dishonest way of doing business, and the PSC shouldn’t allow it.

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