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July 31, 2008

Mr. Junius H. Williams, Jr.  
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**VIA FAX  
& E-MAIL**

Dear Mr. Williams:

Thank you for requesting the meeting with me July 25, 2008, pursuant to circumstances surrounding the Battlefield Golf Club. As I stated during our meeting of April 7 and reiterated at the recent meeting, the City of Chesapeake's focus remains with protecting the health and welfare of our residents. Consequently, I voiced my deep concern during Friday's meeting over Dominion Power's initial lack of responsiveness to this critical matter. My disappointment stems from my comparison of Dominion's stated philosophy of corporate responsibility to protect the public in stark contrast to the response to this situation.

From the beginning, Dominion Power waited for the City to request data it believed relevant rather than presenting all information in its possession pertaining to the Golf Club. While Dominion complied with specific requests for data, one would have reasonably anticipated a more proactive corporate response. We needed then, and still need today, a comprehensive technical presentation of the details of the project development. Your staff assured us in April that the project was properly engineered, constructed, permitted and that appropriate due diligence was followed. However, the test results received to date clearly do not support this assertion.

Moreover, at our initial meeting Dominion directed us to the current owner, an action clearly deflctive of its corporate responsibility.

Now we have discovered contaminated groundwater at levels in excess of both State and Federal standards. Finally, after our public request was made to the Environmental Protection Agency for assistance, Dominion has come forward and

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offered cooperation to assist the City in its analysis. At this time, we need a much greater commitment from Dominion. Dominion must now work with the City on solutions to arrest any threat to the public's health; and as we discussed, several residents have requested extension of municipal water, several have suggested that removal of the fly ash will be the only acceptable remedy. Dominion needs to assure its full and complete financial responsibility in this matter. We have neither the time nor interest in engaging in protracted legal or engineering debate. The City, Dominion, and others must expeditiously develop a viable solution which will re-establish the trust of our residents, a proven and unassailable solution; and nothing short of this will be deemed sufficient to the public we serve.

As the City's Chief Executive Officer, I am personally going to oversee this issue and request Dominion respond in kind by appointing a senior level official with decision making capability. I suggest we meet weekly with an end date of October 1, 2008, for completion of a plan to be presented to City Council and residents. Further, please provide any and all documentation relating to the site not provided previously.

Needless to say, this situation is most distressing to the City of Chesapeake and our residents. The City has committed significant public resources in responding to this matter---and is asking Dominion do the same. We believe Dominion has a fundamental role in protecting the health and welfare of our residents as a result of this project, and now is the time to see action on the part of Dominion, not later. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



**William E. Harrell**  
**City Manager**

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August 11, 2008

William E. Hurrell, City Manager  
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Dear Mr. Hurrell:

I am writing in response to your letter of July 31, 2008 regarding the Battlefield Golf Course, and to thank you for meeting with Dominion Virginia Power on July 25. In your letter you ask Dominion to identify a senior level official to work with you and meet on a regular basis to develop a solution regarding any potential offsite contamination. We welcome this opportunity to work with the City, and I personally will head up the Dominion team that is assisting in this effort. We look forward to meeting with you hopefully on August 18.

As an initial matter I wish to express Dominion's concern for the health and welfare of the residents living in the vicinity of the golf course. We apologize if our initial conversations were perceived as "defective"; that was not our intention. We simply wanted to ensure that all parties, including the owners, were involved. We appreciate how distressing this matter is for the residents. Ensuring that the residents' drinking water is safe is vital, and I trust our efforts together will result in a clear understanding of any actual or potential threat to groundwater and how best to address it.

In your letter, you ask Dominion to provide you with all documentation related to the site not previously provided to the City and for a technical presentation of the details of the project's development. As you know, Dominion does not own the golf course and did not construct it. CPM Virginia, LLC, designed the course, obtained the necessary permits and approvals, and built most of the course prior to selling it to the current owner, MJM Golf, LLC. MJM Golf finished the construction and opened the course last year. As a result, Dominion will not have all the detailed information you may be looking for. I have asked my staff, however, to review our files for any documentation that the City may not have. I do know Dominion has provided information pursuant to earlier requests, and that MJM provided voluminous materials, which are now located on your website. The MJM documents may be particularly helpful in understanding the golf course construction. I have also asked my staff to prepare a presentation for you regarding Dominion's participation in the golf course project.

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**I look forward to meeting with you soon and working with you and others towards resolving this matter. We understand a meeting with the residents has been scheduled for 6:00 p.m., August 20, 2008 at the United House of Prayer, 1433 Whittamore Road in Chesapeake. Per your request, Dominion Virginia Power will attend the meeting and be prepared to make comments.**

**Sincerely,**

  
**J. David River**