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May 31, 2013

Mr. Charles W. Moorman  
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer  
Norfolk Southern Corporation  
Three Commercial Place, Executive Offices  
Norfolk, VA 23510-9227

Re: Norfolk Southern's Proposed Expansion of Ethanol Transloading Facility in Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Mr. Moorman:

On behalf of the City of Alexandria and its Council, I am writing to express our serious concerns about Norfolk Southern's proposed expansion of the ethanol transloading facility located in our City. I am particularly disappointed that the City was not notified of this proposed expansion by Norfolk Southern. The City was first informed of the pending draft air quality permit by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

In response to citizens' concerns about the expanded operations at this facility, City Council unanimously adopted the enclosed resolution opposing the issuance of this air permit.

I would like to request a meeting with you or a designated Norfolk Southern senior official to learn more about your future plans for this facility, and, hopefully, improve communications between the City and Norfolk Southern.

I thank you for your consideration of this request and look forward to hearing from you. You can reach me by phone at (703) 746-4500 or by e-mail at [william.euille@alexandriava.gov](mailto:william.euille@alexandriava.gov).

Sincerely,

  
William D. Euille  
Mayor

Enclosure

*"Home Town of George Washington and Robert E. Lee"*

cc: The Honorable Members of City Council  
Rashad M. Young, City Manager  
James L. Banks, Jr., City Attorney  
Mark Jinks, Deputy City Manager  
Michele Evans, Deputy City Manager  
Richard J. Baier, P.E., LEED AP, Director, Transportation & Environmental Services  
Adam K. Thiel, Fire Chief

## RESOLUTION NO. 2559

**WHEREAS**, Norfolk Southern Corporation has established an ethanol transloading operation at its intermodal facility in Alexandria's West End; and

**WHEREAS**, Norfolk Southern Corporation made a unilateral and ill-advised decision to locate such a facility near the homes of thousands of City residents, a public elementary school, the Capital beltway which is a main north-south interstate highway serving the East Coast, and the WMATA Metro Rail Blue Line; and

**WHEREAS**, a facility for the transport, storage and handling of multiple railcars, each with a capacity of 30,000 gallons of highly flammable liquid, presents an unacceptable threat to public safety, vital infrastructure, and private property; and

**WHEREAS**, Norfolk Southern has proposed plans to enable them to further expand the throughput at their Alexandria facility; and

**WHEREAS**, Norfolk Southern appears to have been planning this increase in offloading for some time, having applied for an air pollution control permit to VDEQ at the beginning of 2013, yet failed to inform the City and its residents about their planned expansion; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed increase in throughput necessitates an air pollution control permit from Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ); and

**WHEREAS**, potential impacts of such increase in throughput include further threats to public safety, vital infrastructure, private property and air quality; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City opposes issuance of the air permit that would enable the expansion of throughput at the facility and would result in increased air emissions, noise pollutions and quality of life impacts; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager is directed to develop comments in opposition to the Permit and submit those to VDEQ as part of the public comment period and otherwise work with VDEQ staff to allow as much time as possible for public outreach and comment; and

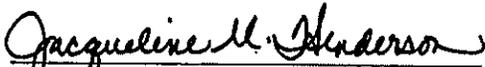
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager and the City Attorney are directed to explore if there are any other means to discuss and prevent this facility expansion, including arranging for a meeting with the Norfolk Southern President/or his designee as soon as possible; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be transmitted to the City's federal and state legislative delegations and their assistance where feasible be sought to prevent this facility expansion.

Adopted: May 14, 2013

  
WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk