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SUBJECT: Title V Permit Fee Increases

The purpose of this letter is to announce recently approved increases to the Title V permit fees. Effective March 1, 2008, the basic permit fee will increase from \$6,311 to \$6,500 and the tonnage factor will increase from \$18.50/ton to \$22.50/ton. Additional annual increases have also been approved as detailed in the new rule (attached).

This fee increase has been subject to a formal public process and has been highly scrutinized by appointed and elected officials:

- The need for the increase in Title V permit fees was discussed with industry representatives last summer. Based on their feedback, several changes were made to the original proposal.
- A draft rule with revised fee schedule was presented to the Environmental Management Commission in September 2007.
- A public hearing was held in November 2007, with no adverse comments received.
- The need for the fee increase has been presented to the legislature's Environmental Review Commission and the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations.
- The Environmental Management Commission approved the rules in January 2008.
- The Rules Review Commission gave the new rules a favorable report yesterday, the final step in the process.

The first invoice billing for the increased fees will be around April 15, 2008 for all Title V facilities with an anniversary date beginning in March 2008. Because of the fee increase, there is no Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase this year.

Sincerely,

B. Keith Overcash, P.E.

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