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<u>Via email</u>

Richard Jackson

Director

Department of Energy and Environment

1200 First Street, NE

Washington, DC 20002

Dear Mr. Jackson:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on February 18, 2025, with a quorum present, a quorum being five Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D voted 7-0 to send this letter to the Department of Energy and Environment regarding the Vulcan Air Permit status.

ANC 6D is concerned that it is taking so long for DOEE to release a new, updated, operating permit for Vulcan, on which your agency has been working with Vulcan and the community for several years.

These efforts began prior to the pandemic, and our Commission was under the impression that since the hearing on the permit was held in June of 2024, and the record was held open until July of 2024, permitting comments from the community and the ANC to be submitted, that we would soon see an updated/renewed permit that took the comments from the community and ANC 6D into consideration, as you had indicated it would be.

Vulcan operations pose one of the biggest potential contributions to air pollution for residents in Buzzard Point and Old Southwest. In that context, a properly updated permit that recognizes and adjusts for potential pollutants that may impact the quality of life for the surrounding community should have been prepared, shared with ANC 6D and released to the public years ago.

We also understand that the current plant on Half Street SW has a limited future as the area around it is to be redeveloped, but that should provide no justification for delaying renewal with necessary environmental controls while it continues to operate.

We request that DOEE explain any reasons for the continued delay of a properly updated permit and provide the date by which the permit will be updated and released

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Gottlieb Simon, Chairperson