

2001 alPha RESOLUTION NO. A01-15

TITLE: Ontario Power Generation's (OPG'S) Coal-Fired Power Plants

SPONSOR: Regional Municipality of Durham

WHEREAS OPG has decided to install selective catalytic reduction (SCR) units on its Lambton and Nanticoke coal-fired power plants rather than convert them to natural gas; and

WHEREAS the residual ammonia discharged from SCRs combines with sulphur to form fine particulates, which have been linked to asthma and other lung diseases; and

WHEREAS SCRs only reduce one of more than 30 pollutants emitted by OPG's coal-fired plants; and

WHEREAS the installation of SCRs would permit OPG to increase its emissions of sulphur dioxide, mercury, carbon dioxide and six cancer-causing pollutants, while at the same time achieving compliance with the *Ozone Annex to the 1991 Canada-United States Air Quality Agreement*;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPha) urges the Government of Canada and Ontario to subject Ontario Power Generation's proposal to install selective catalytic reduction units at its Lambton and Nanticoke coal-fired power plants to full public federal and provincial environmental assessments, including full consideration of the alternative of conversion to natural gas.

***Status of Resolution:* Endorsed by the alPha membership June 12, 2001**