

Resolution:

#A01-15, Ontario Power Generation's (OPG's) Coal-Fired Power Plants

Recent Developments:

May 14, 2002

Resolution closed by ALPHA Public Health Issues Committee.

April 8, 2002

Received a response from federal Environment Minister David Anderson, reiterating that the SCR proposal does not meet the prerequisites for an environmental assessment.

February 21, 2002

OCCA has reported that Toronto's Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Sheela Basrur, is recommending that the City of Toronto endorse, in principle, the objective of phasing-out its purchases of coal-fired electricity. To download Dr. Basrur's report, visit the web site: <http://www.cleanair.web.ca/> and click on "What's New" and click on "Report on Air Quality and a City of Toronto Phase-Out of Coal-Fired Electricity Purchases". The Toronto Board of Health will be meeting to vote on Dr. Basrur's recommendation on April 8, 2002 at 1 p.m. in Committee Room#1, City Hall. The Ontario Clean Air Alliance will be making a deputation to the Board of Health on Dr. Basrur's recommendations.

January 30, 2002

Received a letter from Michael J. Williams, Director of the Environment Assessment and Approvals Branch of the MOE, outlining the reasons that an E.A. would not be carried out:

- Exemption from E.A. due to no increase in generating capacity of the facilities (this claim is disputed by OCAA)
- SCRs are proven to significantly reduce Nitrogen oxide emissions
- E.A. would delay the installations of SCRs at Nanticoke and Lambton

Received a letter from Marilyn Churley, reminding ALPHA that the NDP remains opposed to privatization/deregulation of Ontario's power, fearing that an open market will encourage continued use of coal as an energy source.

January 29, 2002

Gord Fleming of ALPHA attended an information seminar on emissions credits trading.

August 31, 2001

Received a letter from OPG on August 31, with backgrounder "Improving Air Quality" about its initiatives in that regard, as well as, a response letter to Jack Gibbons about some information coming from OCAA that it disagreed with (significance of its smog contribution; costs of natural gas conversion; power exports).