

Virginians for Healthy Air Network Newsletter

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Take Action

Help Protect Your Family's Health and Shenandoah National Park

Dominion Virginia Power has proposed a new power station in Warren County, one that would be just five miles from Shenandoah National Park and would negatively impact the air quality in the park and the larger region. Shenandoah already suffers from unhealthy smog, hazy skies which shroud scenic views, and acid rain which sours trout streams and forest soils.

Please help! We will be sending you a separate email with important information on how to contact the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality raising our concerns about the new power plant. Please look for an email from Natalie Ramirez and take action no later than November 24.



Shenandoah at 75 Years 75th Anniversary Events Begin

After national parks in the western US proved to be successful, Virginians led by George Pollock pushed for a national park in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains. 2011 will mark 75 years since Shenandoah National Park was first dedicated. Several upcoming events will mark the park's establishment, and look ahead to its future.

A special ceremony kicked things off on November 5, 2010 at McCormick Gap Overlook on Skyline Drive. There Blue Ridge Parkway superintendent Phil Francis gave Shenandoah National Park Superintendent Martha Bogle the "mantle of celebration." The park will be rededicated on June 25, 2011, and The Next 75 Years Symposium will take place in November 2011.

Visit <u>www.celebrateshenandoah.org</u> for more information.

Introducing our new Senior Program Coordinator, Natalie Ramirez

Natalie Ramirez will be serving as NPCA's contact for the Virginians for Healthy Air in the coming months. Natalie is working full time in the Mid-Atlantic Regional Office and looks forward to getting to know network members!



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Virginians for Healthy Air is a network of Virginia businesses, civic groups, and nonprofit organizations that share the vision of healthy air for the Commonwealth and Virginia's national parks. Members of Virginians for Healthy Air currently include bed and breakfast inns, wineries, summer camps, and local farms and other businesses from across the state.

Thank you for your continued engagement and action on healthy air for Virginia, critical to our future health and the health of our national parks.

NPCA is moving! As of Monday, December 6, our new office location will be the following:

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