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Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League Calls for Financial Accounting of Proposed Rule's Health Care Costs

Raleigh- At a hearing on North Carolina's proposed adoption of US EPA's three-year deferral on controlling greenhouse gases emitted from biomass incinerators, Blue Ridge Environmental called for a full financial accounting of the rule's impact on health care costs. EPA has not mandated that States adopt the deferral. In addition, BREDL requested a review of the rulemaking process pointing to attempts by the North Carolina Division of Air Quality to fast track the process and circumventing public process.

Therese Vick, League Community Organizer and author of the BREDL report "Second Opinion- The Medical profession Diagnoses Biomass Incineration"

(<http://www.bredl.org/pdf3/SecondOpinion.pdf>) commented that, "...the public has everything

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to lose from the General Assembly sentencing DENR to “death by 1000 cuts.”y The deregulation frenzy is accruing a huge public health debt, with compounding interest. While we are struggling with a delicate economy and record unemployment, the last thing that should be considered is rushing a decision that has such huge health and economic impact.

Vick’s comments and the report “Second Opinion” may be downloaded from

<http://www.bredl.org/>.

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