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Mission Statement
Gaston County seeks to be among the finest counties in North Carolina. It will provide effective, efficient and affordable services leading to a safe, secure and healthy community, an environment for economic growth, and promote a favorable quality of life.

GASTON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

August 30, 2013

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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
COMMISSION

Mr. Stephen T. Smith, Chairman
North Carolina Environmental
Management Commission
1617 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1617

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Gaston County Board of Commissioners recently became aware of a request by the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources' (NC DENR) Division of Air Quality (DAQ) to relax the standard that regulates arsenic air emissions by industrial facilities.

On behalf of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners and the citizens we represent, I request that before making a final decision to relax arsenic emission standards, the Environmental Management Commission require DAQ to conduct a more comprehensive review of existing scientific studies, particularly those pertaining to exposure to arsenic through ingestion of food and water.

Sincerely,

Mickey Price, Chairman
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

cc: Gaston County Commissioners
Phillip G. Ponder, Jr., Interim County Manager
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