

MEMORANDUM

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TO: The Board of Supervisors

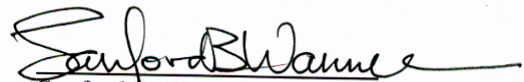
FROM: Sanford B. Wanner, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Resolution Encouraging the United States Congress to Adopt Legislation and to Appropriate Funds for the Removal of the Environmentally-Hazardous James River Reserve Fleet and to Encourage other Affected Virginia Localities to take a Similar Action

The James River Reserve Fleet, also known as the Ghost Fleet, is moored on the James River near Fort Eustis. The fleet of ships consists largely of obsolete and environmentally hazardous vessels and several have been removed since 2002. The ships hold approximately 7.7 million gallons of oils and fuels that pose an immediate threat to contaminating the James River and its coastal areas and wetlands.

The attached resolution requests that the United States Congress adopt legislation and appropriate funds for the removal of the environmentally hazardous James River Reserve Fleet. The resolution also encourages other affected Virginia localities to take action to protect the waters of the James River. Newport News has adopted a similar resolution.

I recommend adoption of the attached resolution.


Sanford B. Wanner

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