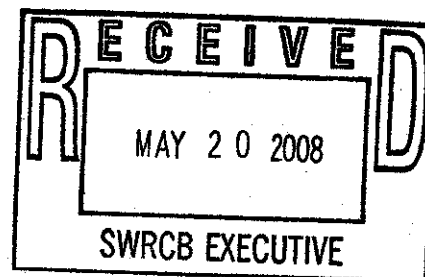


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Although no longer a member of the Board of the Coastal Alliance on Plant Expansion I would like to express my support for CAPE's comments. They have done a groundbreaking job of attempting to provide a new metric for expressing the environmental cost of OTC.

It is well known that there has to be some financial incentive for corporations to invest in new techniques, indeed, corporations could argue that they have an obligation to their stockholders to continue to damage the environment as long as there is a financial advantage.

It therefore is up to regulators to ensure that it benefits both the power company as well as the general public to comply as soon as possible with 316 (b) and Riverkeeper II. Restoration as an interim measure would only provide an incentive /not /to comply. And how could it even work on a short-term basis? Any interim measure, if such is needed, should have as its exclusive aim to guide and speed power plant operators into the use of BTA.

Sincerely yours,
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