

RESOLUTION R-02-48

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, OPPOSING THE BUSH
ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSAL TO WEAKEN THE CLEAN
AIR ACT'S NEW SOURCE REVIEW PROVISIONS AS THEY
APPLY TO AGING POWER PLANTS.**

WHEREAS, Manatee County's economy and overall quality of life, as well as that of the rest of Florida, are highly dependent upon tourism, recreation and agriculture, and as a result will be significantly affected by any degradation of our air quality; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") and citizens of Manatee County, Florida have over the years shown their strong support for regulatory and voluntary measures that would have the effect of protecting or improving air quality; and

WHEREAS, the Board has worked hard to improve the County's air quality, by passing air quality rules that are more stringent than the State and federal regulations and promoting clean industry, among other actions and policies; and

WHEREAS, Manatee County is home to one large electric power plant and close to several others in neighboring counties, all of which have the potential to degrade the County's air quality; and

WHEREAS, the Bush Administration is currently reviewing proposed revisions to the Clean Air Act that would relax New Source Review (NSR) requirements in such a way as to allow aging (30 years old and older) power plants to expand or make major modifications without having to install new pollution-control devices; and

WHEREAS, this proposed change to the New Source Review requirements would amount to the largest rollback of the Clean Air Act since its passage 30 years ago; and


WHEREAS, any weakening of federal clean air laws would seriously undermine State and local efforts to improve our environment and quality of life and unnecessarily jeopardize the public health and welfare;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, as follows:

1. The Bush Administration should be made aware of Manatee County's strong opposition to any weakening of the Clean Air Act, particularly with respect to New Source Review requirements imposed on power plants.
2. Members of the U.S. Congress, particularly those representing the State of Florida, should provide leadership in opposing any weakening of the Clean Air Act.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED, by a quorum present and voting this, the 19th day of February, 2002.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA


Chairman



ATTEST; R.B. SHORE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

