

May 2, 2016

Mr. Thomas P. DiNapoli
New York State Comptroller
New York City Office
59 Maiden Lane
New York, N.Y. 10038

Dear Mr. DiNapoli,

The residents of Orange County have long been calling for a [federal investigation](#) into the numerous irregularities in the approval process for the CPV Valley Power Plant and related Minisink Compressor Station. According to reports in the news the, U.S. Attorney, Preet Bharara has launched a [criminal investigation](#) into this matter. We applaud the launch of this new probe and hope it serves not only to expose the possible corporate manipulation of our government, but also the failures of the environmental review processes which jeopardize public health, safety and welfare.

We urge your office to fully investigate all financial subsidies and benefits granted to this project and its related facilities by the Orange County IDA and any other state and local entities. We ask that you perform a complete audit of the CPV project to determine whether all the governmental agencies, bodies, and officials involved in the furthering of the power plant and the related Minisink Compressor Station fulfilled their legal and ethical obligations. Finally, we ask you to conduct your own independent analysis of the economic impacts from this project.

We knew from the beginning that something was very wrong when a small local town Planning Board was allowed to assume lead agency status for the environmental review of the \$900 million CPV project. An undertaking of this magnitude could adversely impact dozens of townships, hundreds of thousands of residents, resources of statewide significance, and exacerbate global warming. During the lengthy approval process numerous substantive issues were systematically and repeatedly ignored under the watch of local, county and state elected officials as well as regulatory agencies all of whom are responsible to protect public health, safety and our environment.

Since last year, Protect Orange County's citizen [letter writing campaign](#) has implored Governor Cuomo to suspend the permits for this ill-conceived project and launch his own investigation into the matter. While the announcement that his office has now suspended regulatory matters with CPV is welcome news, all permits related to this project, save one, have already been issued and construction is rapidly underway. Indeed, much damage has already been done; historic sites, protected farmland, wetlands, and endangered species habitat have been recklessly destroyed. The human costs to the community already living with what we believe is a related project, the Minisink Compressor Station, is even more alarming. At this point, we have asked the Governor to halt construction and rescind all state permits for this project

before the harm becomes irreparable. For too long, only a handful of local citizens have been lone voices in a regulatory wilderness of indifference and evasion.

It is imperative that our system of checks and balances with regard to the environmental review processes be restored to safeguard not only public health and safety already compromised by this project, but also to protect our democracy.

Sincerely yours,

Members of "Protect Orange County" and concerned citizens and organizations.

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