Re: Petition to U.S. EPA to object to Algonquin Incremental Market Air Title V Permits issued by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Application ID: 3-3730-00060/00013 – Air Title V – Southeast Compressor Station
Application ID: 3-3928-00001/00027 – Air Title V – Stony Point Compressor Station

Dear Administrator McCarthy,

As a mother of a young teenager and a Resident of Westchester county, living few miles from the Indian Point Nuclear Plant, I’m very concerned about the threat and repercussions of the Spectra AIM project on our land, life and health.

Please consider this letter as a formal petition pursuant to 40 CFR 70.8 (d) to object to Title V Air Quality Permits issued to Spectra Energy by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for the expansion of the Southeast Compressor Station in Putnam County, New York and the Stony Point Compressor Station in Rockland County, New York as part of Spectra Energy’s Algonquin Incremental Market (AIM) pipeline expansion project.

The two existing compressor stations are already emitting large quantities of methane, carbon dioxide, formaldehyde and Volatile Organic Compounds, including benzene, toluene and many others.

Severe health effects are associated with compressor stations emissions: nosebleeds, headaches, dizziness, skin rashes, respiratory, developmental, neurological and cardiovascular problems, leukemia, breast, kidney and liver cancer.

The always increasing air quality alert should serve as a strong reminder that this region cannot afford significant increases in toxic emissions further degrading poor air quality given our region’s non-attainment status for air quality standards according to EPA and increasing risks to public health especially children, the elderly, those with cardiovascular and respiratory problems and other health compromised conditions.

I’m sure you know that the American Lung Association has rated Westchester’s air quality with a scary F

What more evidence do we need to make rational decisions?
Thank you for your attention and kind regards,

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