

RESOLUTION

Introduced: Mrs. Fox

Second Mrs. Hamilton

Opposing Construction of Power Plant in North Bergen

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection have received a proposal and permit applications to construct a natural gas-fired power plant in North Bergen, NJ, on a 15-acre parcel near Railroad Avenue on the banks of Bellman's Creek in the Meadowlands; and

WHEREAS, the electric energy produced by this plant would solely benefit ConED and its customers in New York; and

WHEREAS, the air pollution and greenhouse gas emission from this plant would adversely affect the already poor air quality in Bergen and Hudson Counties, and directly impact the health and well-being of the state's residents; and

WHEREAS, the delicate ecological infrastructure of the Meadowlands would suffer severe degradation as a result of construction disruption and subsequent ongoing pollution such as the daily discharge of chemically charged wastewater; and

WHEREAS, onsite storage of chemicals such as ammonia, bleach, acids, and 1 million gallons of diesel fuel for the diesel backup generators, as well as trucks to supply these products, increases the potential for spills into nearby wetlands and streams;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Demarest, in the interest of protecting its residents, businesses and institutions, strongly opposes construction of the North Bergen Liberty Generating power plant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk shall forward this Resolution to Governor Murphy; Commissioner of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection; State Senator Cardinale; State Assemblypersons Schepisi and Auth; Food and Water Watch; The Sienna Club - New Jersey Chapter; Hackensack Riverkeeper; Hudson County Freeholders and Administration and all Hudson County Municipal Councils, Boards of Health and Environmental Commissions; Bergen County Freeholders and Administration and all Bergen County Municipal Councils, Boards of Health and Environmental Commissions; League of New Jersey Municipalities; NJ Advance Media.

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough of Demarest October 29, 2018.



Susan Crosman
Borough Clerk