

# DOVER UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Mr. Tomasik:

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In response to the SEQR process now in progress for Cricket Valley Energy, we are stating for the record that Dover Union Free School District's primary concern is the impact, or potential impact, that the construction and operation of the power plant may have on our students. Specifically, we are concerned about the traffic flow on Route 22, air quality, and noise that can impede the educational process. Additionally, we would like to see in place an emergency evacuation plan, including immediate notification of potential problems at the plant, and a plan delineating the prolonged closure of school caused by a safety problem at the plant.

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On most school mornings, there is a backup of cars entering the Dover Middle/High School complex, typically heading north on Route 22. An increase in the number of cars driving south from 7 am to 8 am would add to this problem.

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We must also emphasize that this project should not impact the positive and consistent air quality that is currently intact at the school complex. We have hundreds of students inside the buildings and on school grounds; therefore, having consistently positive air quality is essential. We need assurances that the air quality will remain at stable, healthy levels, not affected by wind changes or smoke stack emissions.

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Along with clean air, it is also necessary that noise from the plant have no impact on the school complex. We want assurances that during the plant construction and operation, the noise would have no effect on our ability to provide a quality education, both inside and outside of our schools.

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The last set of concerns revolves around potential problems at the plant that may influence District safety. In the event of a safety concern, plans must be in place

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to notify the District and parents, and evacuate and transport students (especially with regard to a prolonged closure of Route 22). Finally, a plan for the prolonged closure of school, due to a plant safety issue, must also be in place. This extensive planning for crisis management, including communications and evacuation procedures, should not be the District's responsibility. The District does not have the time or resources to develop these important plans that are necessary when being in close proximity to a power plant. Our hope that all of these issues will be addressed to ensure that our school, students, and staff can continue to operate successfully and safely.

Respectfully,

Kathy Schibanoff  
Board of Education, President



Michael Tierney  
Superintendent of Schools