

Noise Issues by Betty Mencucci, 1777 Victory Highway, Glendale, RI

According to the Department of Health, Invenergy doesn't see noise as a problem and doesn't see any reason to try to lessen the noise or purchase affected properties. But the Dept of Health said that if the plant is built, that all steps necessary should be taken to mitigate the noise. It suggested equipment and operational modifications, soundproofing of affected homes and purchase of properties that have a severe noise annoyance and or sleep disruption.

I want to know if Invenergy has proposed a specific plan to modify their operation or equipment? If not, then you should not approve of their application.

The Dept of Health also mentioned soundproofing as a way to mitigate the impact of noise. This method may work fine in the city when you have houses with little or no land; for example houses in the city next to the airport. But here in Burrillville, I think soundproofing houses is not acceptable because we don't just live indoors. What happens when you step out of your house. In Burrillville most people have land that they are used to enjoying. People don't just spend their time inside the house like they do in the city. We are outdoors people. We have gardens, farm animals, we like to sit outside at night and enjoy the stars or have a campfire. We like to walk in the woods, fish and swim outside. Will the people living near the plant have to spend their time indoors inside a soundproofed house to get peace and quiet.

The people have expressed a concern that noise mitigation recommendations would be difficult or impossible to enforce after the facility is built. "RIDOH acknowledges that concern and urges the EFSB or other regulatory entities to explore mechanisms for ensuring that any unacceptable noise impacts that may occur are appropriately addressed, including but not limited to ensuring that any requirements established of the applicant to minimize noise disturbances are explicitly followed."

Why should the burden fall on the regulatory agency? The burden should fall on Invenergy to come up with a solution to deal with the noise issue BEFORE the plant is built rather than give the approval to build the plant and then try to figure out how to how to deal with and regulate the noise problem. If Invenergy has no solutions NOW, then they should not be allowed to build this plant. The

siting board should deny this application based on NO solution to the noise pollution.

It should also deny this application for lack of specific information from Invenergy on a host of other issues as stated in many of the advisory opinions.

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Please don't approve this application ~~without~~ as submitted + then try to figure out how to mitigate the noise. If they can't submit details on how they will deal with the noise now, it means they don't have a plan. For this reason + many other incomplete info in their application, this application should be denied.