

Ava Woods - 7 generations in Burrillville
300 Olney Keach Trail
Pascoag, approximately ½ mile from the proposed power plant

Thank you for hearing our fears and concerns about the proposed Ivenergy Power Plant.

I want to start by telling you my story. Back in 1988 I lived in Harrisville and the OSP plant was proposed to go in my back yard. My husband and I and a small group of neighbors did all we could to stop it from going in but were obviously unsuccessful. We were distraught and did not know what we were going to do. One night we put our children to bed early in order to get them up in the middle of the night to watch the shooting stars, but when we got them up it was impossible to see the stars because of the lights of OSP. That was when we decided to move. I told my husband to find us a place where this could never happen to us again. So Bob found us a 48acre parcel of land in the middle of George Washington State Park, and we moved. It is now 2016 and a gas fracked power plant using MBTE contaminated water is proposed about ½ mile from my front yard.

Now, for the second and most important part of my story. When Pascoag had the fiasco with MBTE contaminated water, my niece, her husband and daughter lived on Sayles Avenue in Pascoag. Mike and Becky both fought cancer and their daughter had tumors removed from her face. Now this power plant wants to unleash this MBTE on the citizens in the town of Burrillville in the form of a supposed clean vapor. We have research available from California that states, it cannot be done by the filtering process Ivenergy is proposing. It took California 12 years or more to clean up their well and it cannot be done as Ivenergy is stating. I have already had family members who have had cancer from this stuff and do not want to see our or any family have to face this again. That well is supposed to remain sealed!

Another big concern has to do with what we are already facing in the area of noise and air pollution from Algonquin. They are violating the town noise ordinance now and spewing gas into our air. Who is monitoring this site for noise and air quality? And what additional noise and air quality problems are we facing with this 3 step proposal?

Please consider the impact on our water, air, and environment, as well as the quality of life of the citizens of the town of Burrillville, George Washington Park, the Boy Scout Camp, the Fienstein Camp, the Last Green Valley, Wallum Lake, Wilson's Reservoir, Pascoag Reservoir, Pulaski Park, and Quadic Park, all within a 1 mile radius of this power plant, just to name a few. The destruction this power plant will bring to this sensitive environment cannot be overstated and we ask that you not allow this to happen. Thank you.