



TOMPKINSVILLE RESTORATION PROJECT

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Hon. Mark Smith
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Dear Sirs,

As residents of Tompkinsville, Staten Island, New York, we write in the attempt to ask you to reconsider the placement of the “Bayonne Energy Center,” a joint venture between Amerada Hess Oil Corp. and ArcLight Capital Partners, off the north shore of Staten Island. As a community identified as a “highly toxic iceberg¹,” the North Shore does not need a 512-megawatt natural gas-fired power plant belching toxins into the air, blowing over the north shore of Staten Island, exacerbating the already-existing health issues confronting its residents.

On the North Shore, where infant mortality is substantially higher than New York City average², where the rates of lung cancer in adults aged 45 and older are somewhat higher than citywide average³, and where “asthma rates are two times higher than the [New York] state average⁴,” a Bayonne-sited power plant would have a direct impact on residents of Tompkinsville and the entire North Shore due to the wind patterns coming from true north.

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¹ <http://www.gothamgazette.com/article/environment/20090526/7/2923>

² The infant mortality rate is substantially higher (10.7 vs. 6.7/1,000 live births).

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/downloads/pdf/data/2000nhp-statenc.pdf>

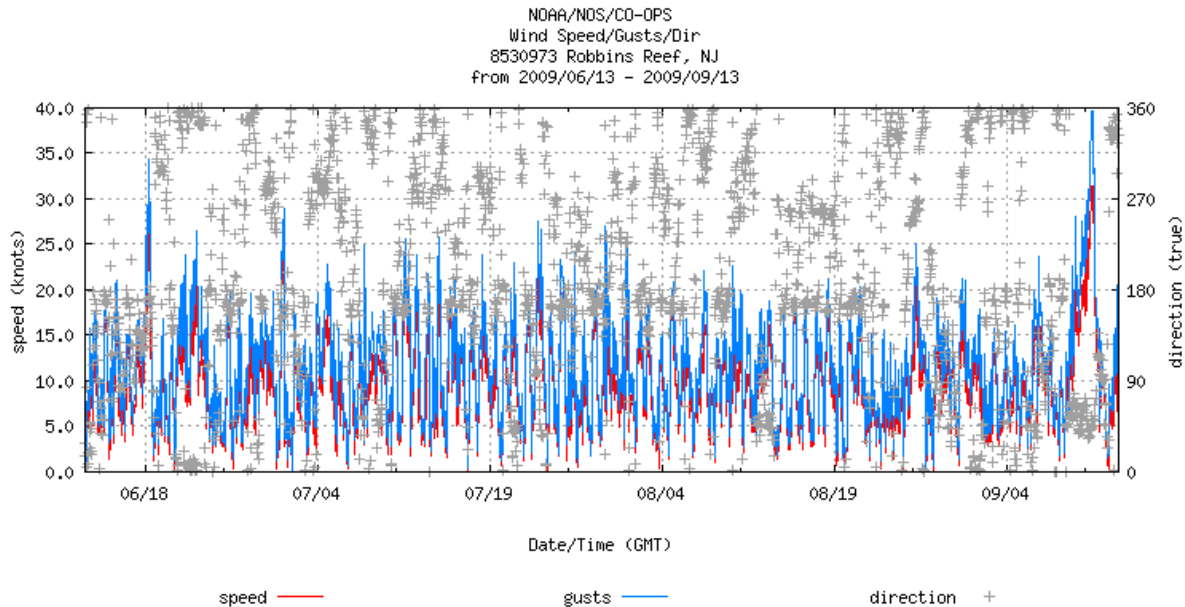
³ <http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/downloads/pdf/data/2000nhp-statenc.pdf>

⁴ http://www.silive.com/northshore/index.ssf/2009/08/officials_monitoring_truck_emi.html

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Below's graphic is a 3 month sampling of wind readings from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administrations's bouy located at Robbins Reef, located off Constable Hook in Bayonne, New Jersey along the west side of Main Channel, Upper New York Bay. The data comes from the National Buoy Data Center and shows that a preponderance of wind direction from June 2009 to September 2009 was East and South from the buoy's location.



Arguably, the weather from June to September elicits the most outdoor activity amongst people living in Northeastern climate. Thus, with a large percentage of residents of the north shore enjoying our parks, waiting at train and bus stops, strolling their neighborhoods, and spending time outdoors, wind coming north from the location of this new power plant would impact people on the North Shore of Staten Island during a time when they'd be exposed to fumes, particulate matter and other harmful exhaust bi-products.

While we acknowledge that there will be no ideal place to site this facility, I'd ask that absent your decision to not build this plant, that you make every effort to find a suitable location that affects the least amount of residential communities, and utilizes the best technological practices to minimize impacts to the healthy, safety and welfare of resident of Tompkinsville and Staten Island.

We look forward to discussing this matter with you.

Sincerely,

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Tompkinsville Restoration Project

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