



More than 25 people attended the February 3rd Advisory Working Group on air quality. We were pleased so many were able to join us for our first Advisory Working Group to discuss the proposed Cricket Valley Energy facility.

Fred Sellars, the lead environmental consultant on the Cricket Valley Energy project, provided a detailed overview of local and regional air quality along with an explanation of how the project team will assess and model potential air quality impacts and the requirements for air quality standards established by federal and state agencies. Attendees participated in an enthusiastic discussion of air quality topics, and received answers to questions that ranged from the location of local air quality monitoring stations to why air quality issues exist in the northeastern U.S.

Fred brings more than 30 years of environmental consulting experience in siting and licensing energy facilities. He has directed the successful permitting of over 15,000 Megawatts (MW) of power generation projects across the U.S., including a wide variety of electric generation technologies from conventional plants to renewable energy facilities including wind power, biomass and waste-to-energy.

The Air Quality Advisory Working Group identified topics of interest that attendees would like covered in upcoming meetings including:

- Permitting process
- Air quality monitoring systems from construction through operation
- National air quality standards

The kick-off meeting for **Cricket Valley Energy's Advisory Working Group on Traffic and Safety will be tomorrow, Tuesday, February 9th at 7:00 p.m.**, and the Water, Wetlands, and Wildlife Advisory Working Group will have its first meeting Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 7 p.m. **Both meetings will be held at the Cricket Valley Energy Office at 5 Market Street in Dover Plains.**

Please contact Cricket Valley Energy by email: info@cricketvalley.com or by phone: 845-877-0596 to sign up. No experience or specialized knowledge is needed, and you may attend one, two or all three Advisory Working Groups.

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