

Quarterly Newsletter Launched

To keep the community up-to-date on progress related to Cricket Valley Energy, we will publish and distribute a quarterly newsletter with news and information. The newsletter will be posted at the project Web site, www.cricketvalley.com, and will be mailed to subscribers. To subscribe to this newsletter, please email info@cricketvalley.com and write "subscribe" in the subject line, call 845-877-0596 or visit www.cricketvalley.com



Advisory Working Groups Offer Community Forum

Cricket Valley Energy has introduced three hands-on Advisory Working Groups to supplement the formal public outreach process required by the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and information about topics related to the project.

"We found that many people and groups wanted more information about key topics," said Matt Martin, Associate Project Manager. "We developed the Advisory Working Groups to create an informal opportunity for local residents and organizations to meet with project *Cont. on pg. 3*

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Schedule a Meeting

Contact us to schedule a meeting for your organization or neighborhood group. Email: info@cricketvalley.com or call 845-877-0596.

Proposed Facility will Revitalize Dormant Dover Site

Cricket Valley Energy Corp, LLC, a leading energy development company and a subsidiary of international energy developer Advanced Power AG, filed a Special Permit Application with the Town of Dover in November 2009, to start the permitting process required to develop a state-of-the-art, combined-cycle power plant at an inactive industrial site off Route 22. The project, known as Cricket Valley Energy, promotes a highly efficient, environmentally-responsible process of converting clean-burning American natural gas into electricity. That's power for nearly one million homes—and economic benefits for the community.

Cricket Valley Energy By the Numbers

- Up to 750—jobs during three year construction**
- \$4 Million—potential annual tax contribution**
- 25-30—permanent jobs**

Once operational, Cricket Valley Energy will be among the most efficient energy producers in New York—and will generate substantial economic benefits for Dover, Dutchess County and New York State. Located at the Mid-Hudson Recycling Park, the property has existing energy infrastructure, including electric power lines and a natural gas pipeline, as well as a

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About the Process

The New York State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Act is designed to keep the public and government fully informed about the potential impacts of a proposed action.

As appropriate, an EIS, or Environmental Impact Statement, is prepared before a project can proceed, providing a detailed review that closely examines the environmental effects, impacts on human and community resources, and economic considerations of the proposed action. An EIS will be required for the Cricket Valley Energy project.

“The community is essential in the environmental review process,” explained Bob De Meyere, Project Manager. “The process specifies opportunities for public comment at key milestones in the process.”

Proposed Facility

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substantial tree buffer that will minimize visual and sound impacts.

“In addition to the important physical advantages of the site, the project is an opportunity to revitalize a dormant site, create jobs, tax revenue and support for local businesses—making this a smart site for this project and for the Town of Dover,” said Bob De Meyere, Project Manager.



Cricket Valley Energy will use existing infrastructure and natural features at the site to reduce the size of the facility footprint and revitalize a dormant property

Cricket Valley Energy Expands Public Involvement

In addition to the required process, Cricket Valley Energy is supplementing the outreach process to create additional opportunities for residents to learn about the project and become involved in the process, including:

- Advisory Working Groups
- Community Outreach Office
- Project Web site
- Project brochure
- Topical fact sheets
- Quarterly newsletter
- Press releases and media updates

The team has met with a number of community groups, and would like to meet with others. “We’re happy to sit down with organizations—or with a group of neighbors who would like to learn more—just let us know of the interest, and we’ll schedule a meeting,” said De Meyere.”

ISSUES & TOPICS

Safety

Each issue, Cricket Valley Energy examines a topic based on a question raised by a local resident. This issue, we look at advanced safety mechanisms Cricket Valley Energy will put in place at its proposed project.

Will there be a safety plan for Cricket Valley Energy?

Yes. Cricket Valley Energy places safety as its highest priority—the facility will include state-of-the-art control systems with fire detection, alarms, and suppression mechanisms that will be developed in consultation with Town of Dover fire and emergency services officials. At any sign of irregularity, the advanced technology and sensitive instrumentation will automatically shut down the facility and fuel supply.

Advanced Power’s safety program is exacting and extensive, and applies to every contractor and worker at the facility. Every contractor must submit a Comprehensive Site and Safety Plan (CSSP) to Advanced Power, detailing safety procedures, safety equipment and safety training along with testing of workers that will be completed before they can enter the Cricket Valley Energy property. A similarly detailed and rigorous CSSP will be required for each phase of the proposed facility, and will be coordinated with local law enforcement and fire and emergency officials. Failure to adhere to all safety regulations will result in immediate dismissal.

Perimeter fencing will secure the site, and authorized staff will be on site 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 365 days per year. All vehicle and personnel traffic will be controlled through a single main gate via the main control room building.



Site revitalization will include extensive clean up.

Advisory Working Groups

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experts to address these topics in detail.”

Three Advisory Working Groups, including Air Quality, Traffic & Safety, and Water, Wetlands & Wildlife, meet at Cricket Valley Energy’s Community Outreach Office in Dover, and are planned as workshops, with agendas set by attendees.

“We encourage these groups to be self-directed—they set their agendas, and identify the information they want covered—to keep the sessions focused on topics that matter most to local residents,” added Martin.

Kick-off meetings for the groups in February were well attended, with enthusiastic participation from about 25 attendees at each session. No expertise is required, and community members may join one, two or all three Working Groups.



The next series of Advisory Working Group meetings has been scheduled, with agendas covering topics identified by members during the kick-off sessions. They include:

Air Quality

Thursday, April 15, 7-8 pm

Topics:

- Permitting process
- Air emissions monitoring systems
- National air quality standards

Water, Wetlands & Wildlife

Thursday, April 29, 7-8 pm

Topics:

- Species inventory
- Stormwater management plan
- Pump test results

Traffic & Safety

Thursday, May 13, 7-8 pm

Topics:

- Safety systems and procedures
- Oversight and the construction process
- Emergency preparedness plans

Presentations, agendas and related information on the Advisory Working Groups are posted on the project Web site at www.cricketvalley.com. To sign up for the Advisory Working Groups, visit the Website or email: info@cricketvalley.com, or call 845-877-0596.

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GETTING INVOLVED Recent Outreach Meetings

Water, Wetlands & Wildlife, February 17, 2010

Safety & Traffic Advisory Working Group, February 9, 2010

Air Quality Advisory Working Group, February 3, 2010

Harlem Valley Chamber of Commerce, February 2, 2010

Dover Board of Education January 26, 2010

Community Open House, December 15, 2009

Community Information Meeting May 20, 2009

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