

Review Process Begins for Cricket Valley Energy

The State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) process for Cricket Valley Energy (CVE) has begun. On April 12th, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) was selected as Lead Agency for the SEQR review. DEC has since drafted a Scoping Document, which defines the items to be studied as part of the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for CVE.

DEC is soliciting public comments during the Scoping Process, which continues through June 18th and includes multiple Scoping Hearings which will be held at the Dover Middle School Auditorium (2368 Route 22, Dover Plains, NY). Hearings are scheduled for:

- Saturday, June 5, 2010, 9 am-12 pm
- Wednesday, June 9, 2010, 7-10 pm

Comments on the draft Scope may also be submitted in writing to the DEC by June 18, 2010.

Scoping Hearings provide an important opportunity for the public to identify areas of concern related to this project. Relevant issues raised during Scoping will be specified in the final Scope, and addressed in the DEIS. The DEIS will examine the potential environmental impacts of the project, keeping the government and the public fully informed.

Formal hearings to gather public comments on the DEIS will follow once documents are issued. Feedback gathered during the hearings will be evaluated toward formulating the final EIS.



The draft Scope is available for review at:

- DEC Region 3 Office
21 South Putt Corners Road
New Paltz, NY
- CVE Community Outreach Office
5 Market Street, Dover Plains, NY
- Town of Dover Town Hall
126 East Duncan Hill Road
Dover Plains, NY
- Dover Plains Library
1797 Route 22, Wingdale, NY

It can also be viewed online at:

- www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6061.html
- www.cricketvalley.com
- www.townofdover.us

Written comments may be submitted until June 18 to:

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Albany, NY 12233-1750
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Getting involved

CVE supplemented outreach for the Scoping Hearings with advertising, posters, flyers and direct mail. "We are making every effort to encourage

open communication, to be responsive to the community," said Bob De Meyere, CVE Project Manager.

Additional opportunities to learn about the project include:

- Advisory Working Groups on environmental and safety topics
- Community Outreach Office for meetings and information
- Brochures, newsletters and fact sheets explaining the project
- Project Web site
- Presentations to community groups
- Press releases and interviews to keep the media apprised

"Learning what the community has to say is essential," said Matt Martin, Associate Project Manager.

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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.

Advisory Working Groups Hold Second Meetings

Cricket Valley Energy's (CVE) Advisory Working Groups offer an opportunity for the public to meet with project experts to discuss topics of interest related to the project. The three groups cover Air Quality, Water, Wetlands & Wildlife and Traffic & Safety. They meet at CVE's Community Outreach Office to share ideas and information about these topics, with meetings held as key studies are completed.

"The Advisory Working Groups provide an informal way to learn about topics of interest and to interact in a small setting with project experts," said Matt Martin, Associate Project Manager. "They have been well-received in the community, and we welcome new attendees."

The groups recently completed the second round of meetings, each covering agendas set by attendees, with a presentation and open discussion of topics identified by the group.

Air Quality Group Reviews Permit Application

The Air Quality Group met April 15 to review CVE's air quality permit application—the application is available to the public at CVE's Community Outreach Office. Draft permits will be issued by NYSDEC and the US Environmental Protection Agency only if the application demonstrates strict compliance with state and federal air quality regulations, including:

- National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)
- Nonattainment New Source Review (NNSR)
- Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) New Source Review
- New Source Performance Standards (NSPS)
- National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP)
- Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR)

- Acid Rain Program (Title IV)
- New York State Additional Requirements

Conclusions documented in the application include:

- Impacts on air quality are insignificant and protective of health including the most vulnerable individuals such as those with asthma and emphysema
- Compliance with National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)
- Impacts of non-criteria pollutants are well below all health-based guidelines
- Contribution to acid rain resulting from air quality impacts is insignificant
- Modeling a "worst-case" hypothetical indicates no off-site health risk
- There is no significant visual impact related to air quality on the nearest park and natural resources, no significant impact on soil or vegetation and no significant impact to disadvantaged communities

Water, Wetlands & Wildlife Considers Stormwater Management

On Thursday, April 29, CVE consultant Christopher Lapine, P.E., LEED® AP led a discussion of CVE's stormwater management plan with the Water, Wetlands & Wildlife Group. He explained that stormwater management is critical to protecting local ecosystems from excess rainfall that has not benefited from the natural filtration process that occurs when rainfall is absorbed naturally into the ground.

The CVE plan adheres to all New York State requirements including:

- Stormwater Management (NYSSMDM) regulations
- Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (SPDES)
- SPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activity

ISSUES & TOPICS Water

Each issue, CVE examines a question raised by a local resident. This issue, we look at CVE's approach to minimizing impact on the local watershed.

Why was the pump test delayed?

By obtaining water from bedrock wells 600-900 feet deep, CVE will minimize the facility's potential impact on the local watershed, Swamp River, wetlands, surface aquifer and neighboring wells. To ensure water withdrawal has no adverse affect on water supplies, CVE planned a pump test of on-site wells in April 2010, and to monitor neighboring wells, adjacent wetlands and the Swamp River during the test.

Due to the large amount of rain in March and April, CVE delayed the pump test to prevent results from being skewed. The tests will be rescheduled for early June—for those neighbors who agree to the test, CVE will install and monitor a data logger, recording water levels in the well for approximately three weeks.

The results of the pump test will be included in the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS).

Environmental Groups Explore Options

On May 20th, CVE met with leaders of local environmental groups to discuss preservation of an 80-acre parcel of wetlands along the Swamp River. Leaders of Friends of the Great Swamp (FrOGS), the Oblong Conservancy, Housatonic Valley Association, Coalition for the Responsible Growth of Dover, Dover Furnace Club and Citizens for a Better Dover, were invited to participate in the discussion.

Advisory Working Groups

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Stormwater management practices in the plan include:

- Grass-lined swales
- Pocket ponds
- Plunge pools
- Sand filtration detention basins
- Bio-retention areas (groundwater recharge facilities), designed to mimic forest ecosystems with soils and native vegetation to capture runoff and create a natural filtration system



Bio-retention area

traffic counts, studied turning, reviewed crash data, considered traffic that will be generated by other planned projects in the vicinity and modeled trips that will be generated during CVE's construction and operational years. A temporary parking area with shuttles for workers during construction will reduce the number of vehicles on the road.

Temporary improvements, including a new signal or traffic control, will be recommended to improve the level of service at two locations: the driveway of CVE's temporary parking area for construction workers, and Duncan Hill

Road. All other intersections will operate at acceptable levels of service without improvements during construction and operation.

Gus Sambrano, Advanced Power Health & Safety Officer, discussed the company's commitment to safety, its zero-tolerance policy for non-compliance with safety requirements and the unannounced safety reviews that will be conducted by regulating agencies. He also provided an update on the investigation into the Kleen Energy accident in Middletown, and said Advanced Power would participate in an Electric Power Conference May 19, when the Chemical Safety Board presents preliminary findings and recommendations.

Traffic & Safety

On Thursday, May 13, the Traffic & Safety Group met to review the results of CVE's traffic study, and to discuss safety systems for the facility. Lead environmental consultant, Fred Sellers of ARCADIS discussed the approach to collecting traffic data, and the conclusions that will be included in the DEIS document. The CVE team completed peak hour

GETTING INVOLVED

CVE Community Meetings

To schedule a presentation for your group or neighbors, contact Matthew Martin, Associate Project Manager, 845-877-0596, mmartin@advancedpowerna.com

CVE Air Quality Advisory Working Group
April 15, 2010

CVE Water, Wetlands, Wildlife Advisory Working Group
April 29, 2010

CVE Traffic & Safety Advisory Working Group
May 13, 2010

Wetlands Preservation Discussion
May 20, 2010

Town of Pawling Town Board
June 2, 2010

Open House and Public Scoping Hearing
June 5, 2010

Open House and Public Scoping Hearing
June 9, 2010



CVE Helps Build a Playground in Dover: On April 10th, CVE project team members Matt Martin, Bob De Meyere and Jeff Ahrens pitched in to build a new playground at Boyce Park in Dover Plains. CVE donated the concrete—and then rolled up its sleeves to help ready the playground for a summer of fun.

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Meet

Open House and Public
Scoping Hearings
Dover Middle School
Auditorium
Saturday, June 5, 2010,
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Wednesday, June 9, 2010,
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

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