



On Thursday, March 24, the Water, Wetlands & Wildlife Advisory Working Group (AWG) met for the fourth time. The discussion focused on CVE's restoration plans for the compromised wetlands and adjacent areas that currently exist on the Cricket Valley Energy (CVE) property. In addition, the group reviewed CVE's site planning for the project, which will leave 75 acres of wetland and adjacent areas undisturbed.

CVE is a proposed state-of-the-art combined cycle power plant planned for a 131-acre inactive industrial site in Dover. The proposal uses the existing industrial footprint in order to minimize impacts to the site's natural resources, including wetlands. The project will conform to the minimum "no net loss" of regulated wetland policy, and, in fact, there will be an increase in the quality of wetland and adjacent area through a wetland restoration and replication plan. The plan, as proposed, will require filling in 0.05 acres of degraded wetland, and restoration of approximately 0.6 acres of degraded wetland.

Anthony Russo, CE, PWS, from ARCADIS reviewed CVE's wetland restoration plan for the portion of the site that was affected by previous industrial uses. While the by-products of former manufacturing operations have resulted in a degraded wetland, none of the materials, which include those resulting from Formica production, has been found to be toxic.

The integrated approach to restoration of the wetlands will include removal of the industrial by-products, replacement of those materials with clean soil, and re-grading and planting the area with appropriate local species. These efforts aim to improve habitat diversity and enhance the buffer around the wetlands.

Additional information regarding CVE's wetland restoration plan is included in the DEIS; visit the CVE Website for additional information.

Attendees identified topics for the next meeting including:

- Stormwater management during construction
- Eco-system restoration following construction

Reminder: The Advisory Working Group on Air Quality will meet on Thursday, April 7, from 7-8 pm at the Cricket Valley Energy Outreach Office, 5 Market Street, Dover Plains, NY. For more information please contact Matt Martin at 845-877-0596 or visit www.cricketvalley.com.