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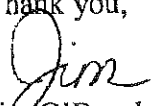
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I respectfully request to be added as an intervener regarding the Kleen Energy Explosion docket number 225 Middletown as well as any future dockets regarding the Kleen Energy Plant. I am attaching my statement for your consideration.

Thank you,

Jim O'Rourke



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**Statement of State Representative Jim O'Rourke regarding the Kleen Energy
 Application for an Extension Docket # 225 Middletown**

I want to associate my remarks with those of First Selectman Susan Bransfield, State Senator Eileen Daily and the Portland Residents in asking the Siting Council to, at this time, deny Kleen Energy' application for an extension until such time as a number of conditions are met:

- 1) That the Thomas Commission investigating the explosion at the Kleen Energy Facility complete its work and allow time for the Council to review and consider such recommendations that may be made, and
- 2) That Portland residents affected by the Feb. 7 blast at the Kleen Energy Facility are compensated for any damages to their property resulting from the concussive force of the blast.

I would further request and recommend that the Siting Council open up a new docket or expand the scope of the present docket to review in detail Kleen's performance with regard to conditions placed upon the development of the plant originally, and to consider additional conditions be placed upon the plant to increase safety for nearby residents and to minimize to the extent possible the negative visual impact of the Kleen Facility.

Residents of Portland in Wellwyn neighborhood have suffered significant damage to their property and face ongoing diminishment of their property values. I do not believe this was considered as a possibility when the Council originally approved this location, but the explosion at the plant has raised serious questions about the suitability and safety of this location and additional safety steps are now warranted.

In light of the tragic explosion of February 7 I believe that these steps are prudent and sensible and I urge the Siting Council to give them favorable consideration.