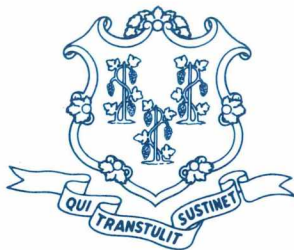


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Good morning,

My office recently received this letter from Mayor James Demetriades of the Town of Cromwell, on behalf of the Town of Cromwell and Cromwell Town Council. Though Mayor Demetriades is unable to attend today's hearing, I have been asked to submit the following comments on their behalf.

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Dear Senator Lesser,

I am unable to attend the public scheduled on the matter of STATE OF CONNECTICUT V ALGONQUIN GAS TRANSMISSION, LLC Order #8383. Please submit the below captioned comments on my behalf of the Town of Cromwell and Cromwell Town Council.

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Dear Commissioner of Energy & Environmental Protection,

As Mayor of the Town of Cromwell I was alarmed to learn of the violation of the Compressor station located on Shunpike Road in Cromwell in 2014 and 2016. What is more distressing is that I did not receive official notice from DEEP regarding the public hearing scheduled today, until late Monday evening. Myself and the Town Manager are unable to attend, so please accept these written comments.

I have reviewed the Consent Order closely and am disappointed to see zero notification requirements to Cromwell businesses, residents, or even the town itself. The Town and surrounding neighbors should be immediately notified of any excessive emissions of any Volatile Organic Compounds via letter or text so they can monitor for any adverse health impacts and take proper precautionary measures.

The Compressor is located within a 1 mile radius of the Cromwell Middle School, the Cromwell Intermediate School, several day care facilities and a hundred homes. It is also located less than a quarter of a mile from the Town Transfer Station and Town Public Works Facility. The public's health can be adversely impacted by exposure to Volatile Organic Compounds. Algonquin has historically had a positive relationship with the Town of Cromwell, however in the interest of public safety for the residents and businesses of Cromwell, the consent order must put more stringent reporting requirements and notification requirements. Accordingly I ask that you add the following three items to the Consent Order.

- (1) Any time the emissions exceed the levels or violate the air permit, that the Town Manager of the Town of Cromwell and Town Health Director be notified in writing as soon as practicable.
- (2) The Residents and businesses within a mile radius of the compressor are notified in writing of the violation.
- (3) That air quality testing devices be installed on the perimeter of the property and monitored by DEEP to provide more frequent air quality measurements and a quarterly report of statistics be furnished by DEEP/Algonquin to the Town Manager of the Town of Cromwell.

The Town of Cromwell should have been notified of today's hearing formally and I am disappointed I was unable to attend in person, however the above outlined notification requirements must be added to the Consent Order to ensure the Town is able to effectively protect our residents.

*Best Regards,*

James Demetriades

Cromwell Mayor

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