

SEQRA NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice Of Determination Of Non-Significance

Lead Agency: Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson Board
325 Hudson Street
Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York 12520

Date: November 21, 2011

This notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review) of the Environmental Conservation Law. The lead agency has determined that the proposed action described will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Title of Action: Award of a Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Agreement with Taylor Biomass Energy-Montgomery, LLC.

SEQRA Status: Unlisted

Description of Action: The Village is awarding a municipal solid waste disposal agreement.

Location: Village-wide.

Reasons Supporting This Determination:

The Village presently disposes the solid waste it collects by transporting the same to a County-owned transfer station where it is ultimately transferred to a landfill for disposal.

In 2011, the Village solicited competitive bids for a solid waste disposal-resource recovery facility within Orange County that would provide the means for an environmentally safe way to dispose of its waste and that would also provide it with a limitation on its future liability. Taylor Biomass Energy – Montgomery, LLC was the only entity that submitted a bid in response to the Village’s solicitation. Taylor Biomass Energy- Montgomery, LLC has a proposed facility within the Town of Montgomery with the means of producing an energy source through the gasification of municipal solid waste that is to be operational between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2014.

The Taylor facility has been the subject of a complete environmental and site plan review by the Town Board of the Town of Montgomery including the preparation of Environmental Impact Statement and adoption of a Findings Statement. On November 22, 2010, the Town Board issued its Findings Statement with regard to the Taylor Facility and imposed various mitigation measures to lessen the potential for any adverse environmental impacts that may occur during the construction and operation of said Facility. The Village Board hereby adopts the Montgomery Town Board’s Environmental Impact Statement and Findings Statement for the proposed facility and its operations, and adopts as its own the data and findings the November 22, 2010 Findings Statement issued by the Town Board as applicable to the proposed waste disposal contract. Particularly, as the basis for this Negative Declaration, the Board finds:

- a) The Village's solid waste stream will no longer end in a landfill with the attendant adverse environmental effects but rather will be used to develop renewable energy and generate electric power.
- b) The economic benefit to the Village and its residents in hauling its waste to the Taylor Facility is significant, in that it is expected to cost the Village approximately \$14,000.00 per year on an ongoing basis.
- c) As per the aforesaid Findings Statement, all potential significant adverse environmental impacts of the TBE facility have been mitigated to the maximum extent practicable, and there will be no significant adverse environmental impacts from the Village's proposed action of entering a municipal solid waste disposal agreement.

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