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To: U.S. EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy

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Re: Petition to U.S. EPA to object to Algonquin Incremental Market (AIM) Air Title V Permits issued by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

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Application ID: 3-3928-00001/00027 – Air Title V – Stony Point Compressor Station

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I am a North Salem resident living 3 miles from the Algonquin Southeast compressor station and already we are being gravely impacted by its emissions, particularly on overcast days - that causes the emissions to hug the ground - with winds blowing from the direction of the compressor station. I gave personal testimony before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) that I have COPD and because Spectra refuses to give our town advance notification of planned blowdowns, I came close to death with a blowdown of only one of the five Southeast units in January 2014 when winds blew from the compressor station on an overcast day. Again in January and February 2015, I experienced an extreme exacerbation that landed me in the hospital and ensuing rehabilitation that was caused by normal peak load emissions with winds blowing from the compressor station on overcast days.

According to you, the US EPA, we are a Non Attainment Zone in Ozone and Particulate Matter. There've been at least a dozen Air Quality Alerts in the last 6 weeks which is a strong reminder that this region cannot afford significant increases in toxic emissions further degrading poor air quality and increasing risks to public health especially children, the elderly, those with cardiovascular and respiratory problems and other health compromised conditions.

Not only did NYSDEC fail to protect us before they issued AIM Air Title V Permits by first conducting 24 hour baseline air monitoring showing the true and honest levels of the compressor stations emissions instead of the technology manufacturers' projections and evaluating cumulative impacts from all sources of pollution in this region and health impacts, but now NYSDEC is trying to raise to an astronomical level the amount of blowdown emissions that would require reporting and notification. Unacceptable! Additionally, the unconscionable practice condoned by FERC for industry to use "air credits" must be abandoned in order to protect public health. Using

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Very truly yours,

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