

July 17, 2007

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New York Department of Environmental Conservation
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Dear Commissioner Grannis:

We, the undersigned, respectfully request that your agency accept no time delays or scope-of-work reductions regarding its 5/31/07 proposal for investigation and clean up of 25 "Areas of Concern" involving the Emerson Power Transmission (EPT) facility in Ithaca, NY (7-55-010).

Your agency outlined a series of actions to safeguard public health and the environment from the facility's toxic threats. Given that 20 years of inadequate effort have failed to clean up this site, we believe EPT should accept your agency's proposal and begin work immediately.

If EPT is unable to complete their field work by 8/31/07 despite good faith efforts, they should continue work and meet the ensuing two deadlines.

If EPT chooses not to accept your proposal, New York State should perform the required work without further delay and immediately initiate cost-recovery legal action against the firm.

The decisive approach we urge you to undertake should reflect your agency's commitment to require strict enforcement of applicable clean up standards at all New York toxic sites that are classified: "significant threat to the public health or environment - action required."

Thank you very much for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or would like to discuss our request further.

Very truly yours,

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