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On May 8th, more than 300 concerned residents gathered at the Congregationalist Church in Salisbury, CT where an impressive group of doctors, environmental advocates and politicians took the podium to discuss the public health threats posed by the proposed SLC project.

The Northwest Corner's Mary Byrne-Ling and her *Stop the Plant Task Force* organized this public forum. Among the presenters were Scenic Hudson President Ned Sullivan, New York Assemblyman Pat Manning, Dr. David Brown and renowned oncologist and plant opponent Mitch Gaynor.

Leading the bill was Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, who announced his plan to form an interstate coalition of Attorneys General in opposition to the proposed SLC plant. Mr. Blumenthal implored the rapt audience, "We in Connecticut and this region often criticize others, for example the Midwest, the Southeast, because they're not putting their house in order environmentally. We have to impose discipline on the economic interests in our own regions."

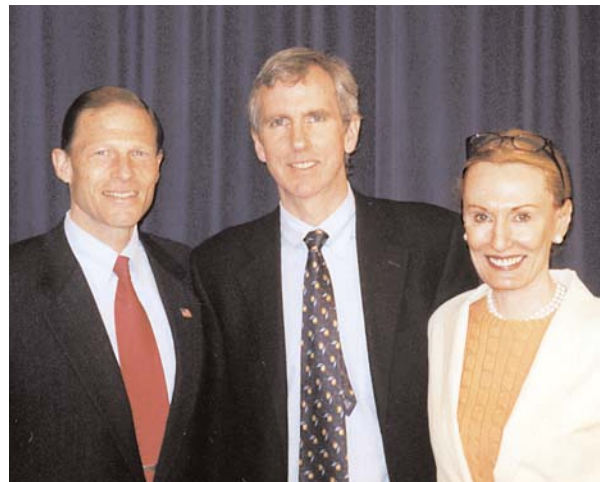
All of the speakers addressed the Northeast's severe smog problem, which brings us to one of the main air quality threats posed by the SLC proposal. In both our legal and media outreach campaigns, HVPC and Friends of Hudson (FOH) continue to take on the nitrogen oxides (NO_x) issue. We maintain that SLC's proposed increases in NO_x emissions, which facilitate ground-level ozone or smog, will add to our region's already dismal air quality. NO_x causes a host of respiratory ailments, including asthma, which is currently on the rise. The annual NO_x emissions from this plant would equal that of 200,000 cars or the yearly output of some of the oldest, dirtiest power plants in the Northeast.

Fellow intervenor FOH has challenged SLC's proposed NO_x reduction technology claiming that the company has not adequately considered installing state-of-the-art technology, as the Clean Air Act requires. Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) is an emerging NO_x reduction technology achieving great results in Europe. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the US Environmental

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Protection Agency (EPA) have requested that SLC consider installing SCR. In its "feasibility analysis", which SLC recently submitted to the DEC, there is "a request for proposals (RFP) that was designed to fail," said FOH attorney Jeffrey *(over)*



Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, Scenic Hudson President Ned Sullivan and Mary Byrne-Ling participated at a public health forum in Salisbury, Ct.

Baker. SLC sent this RFP to only four vendors, and claimed that all four failed to provide reasonable performance guarantees for an SCR system at the proposed Greenport plant. However, SLC was asking for guarantees that far exceed industry standards, and for that reason, SLC's feasibility analysis was not made in good faith.

Intervenors are anxiously awaiting the DEC's response to SLC's SCR submission. If the DEC deems that the SCR question should become a wholly new issue in this permit process, then there would be an opportunity for Massachusetts, Connecticut and other Northeast states to become involved parties in the adjudicatory process.

Adding insult to injury is the fact that, the EPA recently designated the counties directly south of the plant (Dutchess,

Putnam and Orange) in violation of the new federal ozone standard and on par with levels in New York City. Additionally, Dutchess County received an "F" for ozone pollution for the fourth consecutive year by the American Lung Association (ALA). Dutchess' northern border is only eight miles from the proposed site. Richard Couch of the ALA said, "I think it's a warning sign to all of us that we really need to pay attention to emissions, whether they be from cars or smokestacks."

Hopefully these designations will be "the wake up call" that plant opponents need to get our surrounding states, counties and communities on board to Stop the Plant.

TAKE ACTION!

TAKE 5 MINUTES TODAY AND HELP STOP THE PLANT!

Visit www.stoptheplant.com and send a letter to the NYS Department of State, urging the Division of Coastal Resources to issue a denial of consistency for the St. Lawrence Cement project. This would restrict any further opportunity for this project to move forward.



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