

Dear AnnMarie,

Kindly copy all the legislators and read into the record for today's meetings.

This is regarding the Hughes project which will be presented to the Legislature on 11/3/2022. I understand that there is also a resolution proposed which would allow the county manager to enter into a contract with Hughes which would allow a research and development phase to start.

I am not able to attend in person because of health reasons, but I wanted to send some information which has crossed my desk and which I think that the legislators should have before making any decisions on this proposal.

Since this is the first time that the Legislature is hearing a description of the Hughes project, I would request that the resolution be tabled until the Legislature has had a chance to analyze the information on this topic.

A detailed EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) must be done, and DEC should be the lead since they have the expertise. The Hughes proposal is a new and proprietary (secret) technology and it does not have a good track record, having been started in three other locations in New York State, and shortly thereafter abandoned or placed on hold.

From what I have read, partly described by the Super Law Firm in comments on the Hughes Roxbury proposal, it will have negative health, environmental and justice ramifications. Their comments on the Roxbury proposal are attached; please read them.

In addition, a chapter on WASTE from the NYS Draft Climate Scoping Plan is attached. It is important to know what the requirements for natural resources will be for Hughes, and what will be produced, like particulate matter, nitrogen oxides, Since the details of the Hughes proposal are unclear, we do not know how much water will be used, and how many kinds of toxins, and in what amount, will be produced. Consistent with SEQRA, the final scoping document should require the draft of the EIS to contain a robust scientific analysis of the whole proposed action, its impacts, mitigation measures, and reasonable alternatives.

Monticello has environmental justice communities. It is important to know how they will be impacted. And they must be included in evidence gathering, sharing and hearings.

And finally, alternatives must be explored, as it is clear that landfills in Sullivan County are filling up. Zero Waste strategies are more fully described at <http://www.energyjustice.net/zerowaste/hierarchy> and www.zwia.org/zwh/
Please consider them.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
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