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CALL FOR EXPANSION OF FEDERAL INVESTIGATION INVOLVING CPV TO
INCLUDE THE TOWN OF WAWAYANDA PLANNING BOARD

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Amid a flurry of controversy on Friday surrounding potential conflicts of interest for one of the Governor's top aides in reference to the CPV Valley Energy Center in Wawayanda, NY, the Governor suspended regulatory dealings between his administration and CPV. That directive heightens ongoing suspicion that the plant has been allowed to proceed because of political influence, not because the energy it would produce is needed and despite significant health risks it would pose.

TriStates Unite for Safe Energy calls for the Manhattan U.S. Attorney's office's corruption investigation to be expanded to investigate the Town of Wawayanda's Planning Board. Along with other groups opposing the plant, TriStates Unite asserts that the Board wrongfully delegated critical environmental and health and safety reviews to CPV and its cadre of highly-paid consultants.

Residents of the region within the 50-mile radius that would be negatively impacted by this dangerous plant continue active opposition to construction of the CPV Valley Energy Center on Route 6 in Wawayanda, Orange County. Those building the plant may have skirted some significant environmental review processes, and it is unclear whether the permits under which they are building are in fact applicable to the current site plan. Local residents have been protesting the plant in growing numbers for several years, and demand an immediate halt to construction. They have a law suit pending against CPV and the Town of Wawayanda, seeking a new environmental impact study to be done before construction is allowed to continue.

For more information about these issues and to **meet some of the growing group of regional residents who oppose the project**, join us at the CPV construction site (3300 Route 6, Middletown, NY) at 11 AM this Saturday, May 7th for our weekly protest of the ongoing construction.

TriStates Unite for Safe Energy is an ad hoc regional group dedicated to bringing together people from northern NJ, northeast PA, and NY's Hudson Valley to organize against the expansion of gas infrastructure devastating our communities.