



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

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Patricia A. Floria, P.E.
Chair, Board of Review
Suffolk County Department of Health Services
Division of Environmental Quality
360 Yaphank Avenue, Suite 2C
Yaphank, New York 11980

Dear Ms. Floria:

This is written in opposition to a request by Housing Help, Inc. to seek a variance from the Suffolk County Department of Health Services (SCDHS) for its proposed sewage treatment plant (STP) at Matinecock Court in Greenlawn, NY.

The area immediately surrounding the proposed STP includes a LIPA substation, the Long Island Rail Road, schools and surrounding residential communities. It is our understanding that the minimum setback requirement between the STP and the LIPA substation should be 150 feet and the minimum setback from the STP and other structures should be 200 feet. Housing Help is requesting a variance that would significantly and substantially reduce these setback requirements placing existing structures, buildings, and more importantly people, in potential danger.

SCDHS has minimum setback and separation requirements for important health and safety reasons which need to be given every consideration in your review and determination of this request. The STP operates with dangerous chemicals and toxins that pose a threat to the environment and surrounding community. It is crucial that the minimum setback requirements be complied with to avoid any possible incident that may occur.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this important matter affecting our mutual constituents.

Sincerely,


NYS Senator John J. Flanagan


NYS Senator Carl L. Marcellino