



The Honorable Ryan Courtien  
Supervisor, Town of Dover  
126 East Duncan Hill Rd  
Dover Plains, NY 12522

Dear Supervisor Courtien:

The American Lung Association in New York is writing to express concern about the proposed redevelopment of the Harlem Valley Psych Center in Wingdale.

We have been contacted by the Coalition for the Responsible Growth of Dover, a group of concerned citizens who monitor and want to help shape the project. The American Lung Association in New York is concerned about the possible health effects associated with the asbestos currently contained within the existing structure. Specifically, we would like to know what enforceable steps are being taken to ensure the protection of the health of the citizens of these communities, as well as the workers at the facility during the demolition and asbestos removal.

We strongly believe that whatever steps and precautionary measures are under review should be shared with the community so that citizens can be involved in the planning.. If the demolition is indeed to occur, ongoing monitoring must be enacted to ensure that these steps are working. These monitoring plans should also be shared with the community. Steps should be enacted to ensure that any contaminated debris is safely removed to an off-site location. These steps should also be provided to the community.

Additionally, the American Lung Association in New York is committed to reducing pollution from diesel engines, including any that would service this facility. The state should require the use of clean diesel equipment in any removal, building, or transportation work, including clean bulldozers, tractors, electric generating equipment, and clean diesel trucks going to and from site. Moreover, all transportation routes must minimize exposure to the community. The plan for this should also be fully shared with the people of the community.

We would appreciate information regarding what steps and precautionary measures are being taken to protect the public's health. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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