

DEFEND THE YOUGH: NO NEW POWER PLANT



View near proposed power plant site in Smithdale, PA



Tenaska Power Plant in Smithton, PA

Information provided by Mountain Watershed Association and concerned residents.

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The Chicago-based private company, Invenergy, who wants to build a 639 megawatt gas-fired power plant in Elizabeth Township called the Allegheny Energy Center.

The proposed site for the power plant is in the village of Smithdale along the Youghiogheny River and the Great Allegheny Passage Bike Trail, across the river from Sutersville and West Newton.

Invenergy has stated that the power generated at the facility will be privately sold to the PJM grid, where it can be distributed out of state. The plant is only expected to employ 24-30 full-time employees.

Invenergy is currently seeking an air permit for the power plant from the Allegheny County Health Department. The American Lung Association already gives Allegheny County an F grade for air quality, yet the power plant would create another major source of pollution.

The power plant would emit many pollutants of concern - such as Nitrogen Oxide (NOx), Carbon Monoxide (CO), and greenhouse gases - as well as hazardous air pollutants such as benzene, formaldehyde, and toluene. All of these pollutants impact human and environmental health.

Allegheny County Health Department is expected to hold a public hearing on the proposed permit for the power plant. The hearing will likely take place by the end of the summer and residents will should be able to take part virtually. Any person can testify at the hearing to express their concerns.