Action Alert - Save the DEC Monitors Program

Don't let the fox guard the hen house! The DEC is accepting public comments
until October 29th on a new plan that would allow major polluters to
monitor
themselves, instead of having DEC employees oversee hazardous
facilities. This new policy will no longer require hazardous waste
incinerators, landfills,
hazardous waste facilities, toxic dumps undergoing cleanup, and
facilities with a history of violations to be independently monitored!

This flies in the face of DEC's 15-year monitoring approach, which calls
for DEC monitors at sites that pose an "increased potential hazard to
human health and the environment." Facilities will either not be
independently monitored at all, or will be monitored by private
companies paid directly by polluters with
no allegiance to the public and no responsibility to protect the health and
welfare of the citizens of New York. In addition to allowing companies
to hire their own monitors, the new policy requires on-site monitors
only at a limited
number of facilities that use hazardous waste. DEC currently requires
on-site
monitors for hundreds of dangerous facilities that use, store, and release
extremely hazardous chemicals into the environment.

Please take action today! Comment by October 29th, urge the DEC to hold
public
hearings around the state on this new policy, and to maintain on-site
monitoring. Tell the DEC all major pollution sources need to be
monitored by
DEC employees. Comments can be sent to: hlhamilt@gw.dec.state.ny.us The
proposed policy can be found at:
www.dec.state.ny.us/website/about/osenvmondraft.pdf

Please send a copy of your comments to cecmike@choiceonemail.com Thank you!

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