



Stop Danskammer Coalition Fact Sheet

**PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH
& OUR FUTURE!**

**NO MORE FOSSIL FUEL PLANTS!
“NATURAL GAS” = FRACKED GAS**

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WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Danskammer Generating Station, an old power plant in Newburgh, operates only a few days a year. Owner Danskammer Energy has proposed replacing it with a fracked gas plant that will run nearly/almost all the time.

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

If approved, a new Danskammer plant would:

- **INCREASE AIR POLLUTION & THREATEN OUR HEALTH.** *A new Danskammer could add over 25 times more health-damaging particulate matter and volatile organic compounds (VOC) to our region. The pollution could contaminate our agricultural lands, negatively impact tourism, and exacerbate respiratory illnesses, which are already elevated in Newburgh and the surrounding area.*
- **WORSEN THE CLIMATE CRISIS.** *A new Danskammer would increase the region's fossil fuel dependency and would emit up to 40 times more greenhouse gases at a time when NY state is supposed to be reducing greenhouse gases by 85% by the year 2050.*
- **HARM PEOPLE OF COLOR AND LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES.** *The new Danskammer would add to the pre-existing environmental racism in Newburgh, a city already struggling with PFO/PFA drinking water contamination from Stewart Air National Guard Base.*
- **BE AN UNNECESSARY RISK.** *A new Danskammer is not needed as a power source even with Indian Point closing, as New York State continues to rapidly increase its renewable energy portfolio with storage and energy efficiency measures.*



- **POTENTIALLY FLOOD.** A new Danskammer would be constructed on a known floodplain which was severely flooded less than a decade ago by Hurricane Sandy--and damaged the existing power plant to the extent it was slated to be sold for scrap.
- **BE A STEP BACKWARD.** A new Danskammer plant would need to be phased out no later than 2040 (per the NY's state energy policy- the Climate Leadership & Community Protection Act), and likely sooner. If built, it will very likely be a stranded asset- the plant owners will declare bankruptcy and the surrounding community will be left holding the bag.



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- **CALL** Governor Cuomo at 888-925-7006 and tell him you are against a new Danskammer gas plant!
- **JOIN** our coalition at bit.ly/jointhestopdanskammercoalition
We're looking for individuals, community groups, businesses, and houses of worship to be added to the growing list of opposition against this harmful, unnecessary project! There's no required commitment besides wanting to stop the Danskammer plant expansion! Join the coalition to be updated about upcoming events, public comment periods, and other ways to help!

Thank you for taking action!

Please help us to spread the word! Questions? Please contact Jmullen@scenichudson.org

