

The McKownville Improvement Association

McKOWNVILLE
ALBANY 3, NEW YORK

December 12, 1972

Mr. Henry L. Diamond, Commissioner
Department of Environmental Conservation
50 Wolf Road
Albany, New York 12205

Dear Commissioner Diamond:

Since the inception of the State University of New York at Albany, neighboring residents have continually complained of offending emissions from the Plant Department at this facility. These complaints have been referred to this Association, the University, and the State Department of Health, listing incidences of obnoxious odors, soot accumulation, foliage discoloration, and premature tree defoliation, as well as concern for harm to personal health.

All appeal has availed little, until recently, when we learned of the conversion of the Plant fuel from oil to gas. We appreciate this belated progress; however, we are not convinced that this will fully correct the situation as we understand complete conversion has not taken place. Additionally, we suspect that the low stacks do not permit proper dispersion of exhausts.

We would ask your office to make continuing surveillance of this situation so that optimum health standards are maintained.

Very truly yours,

John Purdy
President

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cc: Dr. Louis T. Benezet
President, SUNYA