Mothers Out Front (MOF) is a citizen’s organization that is proposing a plan to monitor air quality around the vicinity of Borger Station. Borger Station is a natural gas compressor and transmission station on the Dominion Pipeline that sits in the middle of a residential area of the Town of Dryden. MOF proposes to purchase air monitoring equipment that will detect the presence of hydrocarbons and other volatile gases that are commonly found near natural gas pipelines and compressor stations. The air quality monitoring will be conducted by volunteers and the detection equipment will be analyzed by a licensed laboratory.

The purpose of the project is to determine a baseline measurement of the air quality of the surrounding area. Subsequent to the baseline detection the project will shift to observing whether there are fluctuations in the air quality that may indicate that pipeline leaks are occurring. If it is believed that leaks are occurring MOF would be able to alert the local authorities, the public, and Dominion that a problem has developed.

Because this is a health and safety issue the Town Board of the Town of Dryden believes that this is a worthy project that should receive funding from your organization. The budget proposed by MOF is modest and will allow the group to inform the neighborhood, Dominion, the Town of Dryden, and the Tompkins County Health Department if any health issues requiring action arise. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jason M. Leifer
Supervisor
Town of Dryden