



**Hempstead
Harbor
Protection
Committee**

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An Inter-municipal Watershed Protection Committee of the County of Nassau, the Towns of North Hempstead and Oyster Bay, the City of Glen Cove, and the Villages of Sea Cliff, Roslyn Harbor, Roslyn, Flower Hill and Sands Point

February 16, 2006

Mr. Kevin A. Kispert
NYSDEC Headquarters
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233

**RE: COMMENTS - SPDES Permit Modifications
KeySpan Generation, LLC – Glenwood Main Power Station
Application ID: 1-2822-00481/00011**

Dear Mr. Kispert:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on the above-referenced application.

The Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee, which is comprised of the nine municipalities that surround Hempstead Harbor, is charged with the responsibility to assess and ensure the long term water quality in the harbor. With the KeySpan site's 19 permitted outfalls that collectively discharge up to 180 million gallons or more of effluent and stormwater per day into Hempstead Harbor, we believe that it is in the interest of the state to take a careful look at the real and potential impacts of such discharges prior to approving this application. Our comments below are organized into "General Comments" and "Specific Comments".

General Comments

1. It is important to note that Hempstead Harbor has been designated by New York State as a "Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitat Area"; by the New York State Audubon Society as part of an "Important Bird Area of New York State" and has been nominated by the Long Island Sound Study as one of its first "Stewardship Initiative Sites". These designations reflect the significant and important role that the harbor currently serves in providing a habitat area for wildlife. Because of this, we believe that every effort should be made to minimize the adverse impacts that this plant could have on the harbor's ecosystem.
2. We should point out at the outset that we are aware of very few problems or complaints from our residents regarding this plant and feel that KeySpan has been a good neighbor.

Our efforts would not be possible without the assistance of the NYS Dept. of State, the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, the NYS Legislative Commission of Water Resource Needs of Long Island, NY Sea Grant, the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor, the Glenwood / Glen Head Civic Association and the North Shore Environmental Alliance