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| 05/21/15 | The DEC rescinds "negative declaration" in regards to Global Companies' request to expand Port of Albany operations. | In May of 2015, The DEC decided to reverse their decision regarding Global Companies' request to expand their oil heating operations at the Port of Albany.  The DEC had originally declared in late 2013 that Global’s proposed facility would not pose any significant harm to the environment. While they did not say that the facility would be harmful, by taking back their decision, they are saying that it is not clear that it doesn’t. | <http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/95623.html> |  |
| 12/17/14 | Gov. Cuomo Bans Fracking in NYS | After both the DEC and the NYS DOH conducted studies looking at the environmental/health impacts of hydraulic fracturing, Governor Cuomo decided to place a ban on issuing any permits to do so in NYS. | <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/12/18/nyregion/cuomo-to-ban-fracking-in-new-york-state-citing-health-risks.html> |  |
| 04/2014 | NYS Comptroller’s Office Releases “Economic Burden of Asthma” Report | The NYS Comptroller’s Office released a document that labeled the cost of asthma in NYS, measured in lost productivity, missed work days, and medical costs, at more than one billion dollars. The report also stresses how asthma disproportionally affects people under Medicaid, which puts the burden on the tax-payers. | <http://www.osc.state.ny.us/reports/economic/asthma_2014.pdf> |  |
| 09/01/15 | Environmental Groups Threaten to sue Global Partners over Oil Facilities | Albany County, along with several environmental groups, have all sent a letter to Global Partners regarding their intent to sue them over what they believe is a violation of the Clean Air Act. Earth Justice would be representing their claim. | <http://www.troyrecord.com/business/20150901/county-files-suit-against-crude-oil-business> |  |
| 2009 | GE begins dredging Hudson River | While PCB’s in the Hudson have been documented since the 70’s, with serious plans to remediate the area beginning in the 90’s, dredging did not begin until 2009. The dredging ends in October of 2015. While the “remediation” is now over, Natural Resource Damage Claims will begin to be a problem for GE. | <http://www.hudsondredging.com/dredging-of-the-hudson-river-chronology/> |  |
| 05/2014 | DEC Air Quality Screening in South End | Through the month of May, and a little of June, of 2014, the DEC set up an air monitoring station in the South End of Albany, near the port. The air monitor was asked for by residents who thought the air had a “rotten eggs” smell and were concerned about the air quality. The report found elevated levels of Benzene, yet the DEC said they were “not abnormal” and dismissed the findings. It wasn’t until David Carpenter went through the report and highlighted the high levels of Benzene, that anyone else took notice. | <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/98328.html> |  |
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