
OLR Bill Analysis**SB 585*****AN ACT CONCERNING AIR QUALITY MONITORING IN TOWNS
NEAR THE CRICKET VALLEY ENERGY CENTER.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to provide technical assistance and support to any municipality that purchases, leases, or is provided the use of air monitoring equipment to (1) establish an air quality baseline in the municipality and (2) determine any effect of the Cricket Valley Energy Center in New York on the baseline. The Cricket Valley Energy Center is a natural gas-fired power plant currently under construction in Dover, New York.

Under the bill, DEEP's assistance and support must include the following:

1. best practices for establishing the baseline,
2. guidance on siting and placing air quality monitors,
3. how to maintain and use the monitors to assure accuracy,
4. proposed schedules for retrieving monitor data during the calendar year, and
5. a review of and conclusion from the data results.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 29 Nay 0 (03/25/2019)