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Comments on 2023-P-CCE-0010: FujiFilm CZA Modification

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### Comments:

My name is Sandra Smithers. The Route 9 Corridor is where I have lived all my life, where I raised my kids and where I work. It is clear that Fugi Film legally has the right to expand its facility and purchase credits from pristine areas to emit additional amounts of toxics and to further pollute an already overburdened community that has no voice or advocate; but morally does it have the right. Does Fugi Film have the right to add even one pound of pollutants to the environment of a community where the life expectancy of the residents is lower than that of other communities? Does it have the right to further pollute the environment where more residents live with morbidities associated with a polluted environment than anywhere else, or where children's quality of life is compromised by the air they breathe? Unfortunately, there is no state agency that works to protect our public health and our environment; or that works to provide quality outdoor recreation for us; or that improves our quality of life; We know that Fugi Film cannot compromise its bottom line and we are not suggesting that, but Fugi Film has the moral responsibility to partner with this community to discuss and help find solutions to the problem that it has had a hand in creating. While we appreciate the improvement that Fugi Films has made, that does not exonerate the company from having to help find other means, whether at their site or in the neighborhood, or as an advocate for the community to its polluting neighbor CRODA, to offset the increased pollution for which they bought credits. Fugi Film should partner with the community to help identify pollutants and pollution precursors so that mitigating solutions can be found and funded.