

March 5, 2009

Governor David A. Paterson
New York State Capitol, Executive Chamber
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Paterson:

Attached is a detailed summary of the Modock Springs environmental situation in the Town of Victor and a request for your involvement and help. The problem has existed for the past 17 years and has recently become very visible to the entire community. There have been impacts to our citizens' quality of life and property values. The decision going forward about how to ultimately handle this area has the potential to be either a significantly positive opportunity for all parties concerned (including the State) or develop into an extremely negative situation with serious financial and political implications for the State and Town depending on how we handle it now.

Because this issue involves so many people and State agencies, it is important for you to hear the background on this issue and proposed solution "first hand" before you make a decision. We therefore request a short meeting with you in Albany to discuss Modock Springs.

Considering the challenges that our State and you are currently facing, we are sure that you will want to participate in this solution process once you have heard the entire story and seen the structure we have developed to provide a beneficial answer to all of the effected parties. Our innovative comprehensive solution provides the financial resources from mainly private sources that will offer remediation and relief to the effected homeowners while simultaneously insuring that the DEC and the State will also receive reimbursement for their current expenditures. This is the only plan that will do this and it has already been approved by the residents of the Town of Victor and its Town Board. Modock Springs has the potential for you, the Department of Environmental Conservation, and

our State to “Shine Bright” and to be recognized as environmental innovators and a model for other States and governors to follow.

When we meet, you will see this plan in detail, have an opportunity to comment on it, and then we can collectively map out a strategy that delivers on the promise we have created together.

Time is of the essence because of the gravity of this situation and the fact that it pertains to people’s homes. We look forward to your response and the opportunity to meet with you at your earliest convenience. You can reach us at 585-742-5020 to arrange this meeting.

Sincerely,

Jack Marren (Town of Victor Supervisor)

Michael Annechino (Chairman Modock Springs Citizen Advisory Committee)