

# CONNECTICUT HAD THE FORESIGHT NOT TO PUT A GAS FIRED POWER PLANT IN A COMMUNITY. UNLIKE ONTARIO



## Premier McGuinty. Stop this plant now.

Massive gas fired power plants and communities are not a good mix, simply because it puts the environment, human health and safety at significant risk. That's why the Connecticut Power Authority chose to situate their ultra modern Middletown Power Plant in a remote, sparsely inhabited location. Regrettably, lives were lost when the brand new plant exploded, but it could have been much worse.

Yet in Ontario, our government wants to squeeze a much larger natural gas power plant into a densely populated area of Oakville/Mississauga, a mere 320 meters from the closest school and 400 metres from homes. This is extremely unusual, and completely avoidable. The process has been flawed from the beginning. The fact is:

- Viable alternative sites like Nanticoke were ignored;
- The environmental review being conducted is a self assessment paid for and managed by TransCanada, the company that has been awarded a lucrative contract to build the plant;
- The Ontario government's own studies show the local air shed is already toxic and, according to numerous health officials, the addition of the plant will increase premature deaths from air pollution.

The Middletown catastrophe sheds a new light on a decision that just makes no sense.