



**Rochester Conservation Commission  
Town Forest Committee**

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To the Editor:

I understand that Energy Answers Corporation has proposed a resource recovery facility for the Town of Bethlehem. I would like to express my support for the company and their work. As Chairman of the Rochester (Massachusetts) Conservation Commission, I have been actively involved with EAC's SEMASS facility from when it was first proposed over 10 years ago. My support is as strong as ever for the facility, and I hope that your community can reap the same benefits from their facility that ours has.

I have worked closely with SEMASS and Energy Answers Corporation staff throughout the development, construction and startup of the base facility. It is refreshing to know that they are sincerely concerned with protecting the environment and working to solve the landfill problem that exists on Cape Cod and throughout Southeastern Massachusetts. SEMASS has helped stop the contamination of the soil and aquifers of our region and is also generating 52 megawatts of electricity which reduces the area's dependence on the burning of fuel oil. Hundreds of tons of metals have been recycled, and the best equipment and technology for pollution control and ash management are used.

Their regard for their neighbors in our community is sincere and far-reaching. The area cranberry growers' concerns about the facility's effects on the bogs that surround it were addressed from the beginning, and SEMASS has kept its promises about zero process water discharge and clean emissions from the plant. They have also provided much-needed, good-paying jobs for local residents and have helped stabilize Rochester's town budget.

As Commission Chairman, and recognized in 1988 by the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions for my dedication to the protection of the environment, I am a strong proponent for the SEMASS facility and what it has done to reduce pollution in Massachusetts. I hope that EAC is given the opportunity to do the same in its own back yard in New York.

Sincerely yours,

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