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**NYPIRG STATEMENT ON ALBANY COUNTY EXECUTIVE DAN MCCOY
DECISION TO SIGN THE ALBANY COUNTY AIR ACT INTO LAW**

(Albany, N.Y.) Today, Albany County Executive Dan McCoy signed Local Law “B,” known as the Albany County Clean Air Act, into law. This legislation was passed by the Albany County Legislature on August 10, 2020.

The intent of the law is to protect air quality in Albany County by banning industrial waste burning, including the burning of aqueous film-forming foam (also known as AFFF) and its associated perfluorocarbon (PFAS) chemicals at the Norlite facility in Cohoes, and the tire burning planned at Lafarge Cement Plant in Coeymans.

The following statement is attributable to Liz Moran, Environmental Policy Director for NYPIRG:

“Albany County residents and neighboring communities can breathe easier knowing Albany County has taken an important step to protect air quality from toxic chemicals. Residents in Cohoes and Coeymans have suffered for years from unhealthy emissions released by the Norlite Incinerator and Lafarge Cement Plant. NYPIRG thanks Albany County Executive Dan McCoy for signing this legislation into law, the legislators that shepherded this legislation through, and the many community advocates that fought for this law. Now, Governor Cuomo should follow Albany County’s lead and sign S.7880-B/A.9952-B, which would ban PFAS burning in Cohoes.”

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