**Neighbors Opposing Noise**

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Rahat Hossain

General Manager

GE Management Development Institute

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Dear Rahat,

We have formed an organization to unite our efforts to eliminate the noises that are permeating our neighborhoods and our homes. Neighbors Opposing Noise.

One of the noises is very harmful to human health – Infrasound.  We believe the source of these noises, is from the operation of the area in and around the **Replacement** Harmon Yard and Croton Harmon Train station.  Unfortunately, since Metro North relocated their yard, expanded its foot print to 120 acers, elevated the structures and added new tracks. Crotonville is now in the vortex of these harmful noises 24/7.

Our elected officials have raised their concerns to both the Westchester County Health department, our senator and the president of Metro North who is also the president of the MTA.  Metro North and their noise consultant, the MTA is denying that they are the source of any of these harmful noises and they refuse to model the noises to solidify the sources. We need this information to determine how to eliminate or mitigate them.

Infrasound has to be stopped at the source as it is virtually impossible (needs a 22’ thick wall to stop it) to soundproof a home/building from it.  Some people can't hear infrasound but they are still harmed by it. It can cause irregular heart rhythm, sleep deprivation, anxiety and depression.

As this is now documented as a serious problem in this community I would think your ability to sell the GE training facility and the property might be enhanced and the value be higher if your team were to join us in our discussions with the Ossining and Cortlandt Town supervisors, Metro North and the MTA to get this problem resolved in a timely manner.

One of the primary sources of these noises, we believe per the town’s noise consultant report, are the locomotives when they are idling.  It is my hope that this gives you the inside track on these noises and what needs to be done to eliminate them in our community, homes and buildings.

We need your help.  As a long term GE shareholder, I hope that you can help us get this serious problem taken care of as the company could clearly benefit from the money from the sale of the facility.

I'm attaching a copy of the letter to the health department, the noise study report from the town's consultant, and information on exposure to infrasound. Additionally The New York Times wrote a very strong and scientific article about the damage exposure to noise events causes. ***Noise Could Take Years Off Your Life, Here’s How***.   It is a great tool to educate yourself and others about the serious problem we are all challenged by in Crotonville.  Our website is also very informative: Nonoisenoise.org too.

Could you share this information with your team so that everyone understands that this is a known condition that is harmful to human health that needs to be resolved and what’s at stake?

We need a stake holder to get MNR and the MTA to the table to fix this problem. As a manufacturer of many of the locomotives that we believe are generating some of these noises and the owner of a facility/property that is being exposed to them GE is in a unique and strong position to get this problem solved for us all. Please contact me at [JamieJBlack123@gmail.com](mailto:JamieJBlack123@gmail.com) and share your thoughts on what you can do to get this problem resolved swiftly and permanently.

Sincerely,

Jamie Black

Director

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