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Comment: Having grown up in Jamestown, attended college in Rochester and graduate school in Ithaca, I am now a resident of the District of Columbia. I meet many in this region from Upstate, and like the rest of us I remain actively engaged in all that is going on in our beloved Upstate. I have read the NYS Energy Plan and I am extremely disappointed to see the references to the "Demonstration Project" in Jamestown, i.e. the carbon capture and sequestration coal-fired electricity generating project. There is significant resistance to this project on economic and environmental grounds within Jamestown and the larger region. The technology inherent with the project is not proven, hence the title you use of "Demonstration Project." This is a heavy burden to place on a struggling community. What will happen to Jamestown -- and, importantly, my family, friends and neighbors -- if this Demonstration proves unsuccessful? I am glad to know that the company behind the project is now focusing on another community for its "Demonstration" due to concerns about the geological formations below Jamestown which would be central to the sequestration. I strongly encourage the State Energy Planning Board to remove all mention of the Jamestown Demonstration Project from its final 2009 State Energy Plan. I fully acknowledge that Jamestown has energy concerns and a power facility that will no longer meet the needs of the community in the near future. However, New York State should utilize other proven energy sources with little environmental impact within Chautauqua County. Why not encourage Jamestown to utilize hydroelectric power generated from Niagara Falls, like all other municipalities surrounding it? Or, even better, use Jamestown as a Demonstration Project for wind energy? This seems to be a better use of resources, and definitely has little prospect of risk to Jamestown and my loved ones there.