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This comment deals with the lack of analysis of the availability of skilled workers to construct the project.

The DEIS estimates that 6560 construction workers will be needed to build the casino in two years. The Town of Tuxedo has an unemployment rate of under 4%, probably one of the lowest unemployment rates in the State.

The workers needed to build the casino will come from out of town. Unemployed workers in Orange county number 12,503 and in region 1 outside of Orange County the number of unemployed workers is 24,892.

There is no information on the skills of these unemployed workers and clearly the construction of this sophisticated project will require mostly skilled workers. We have been given no assurance that the required skilled labor force is available within convenient commuting distance for no analysis if its availability is included in the DEIS.

Nor is there any mention of the simultaneous demand for similar labor that will be required by Tuxedo Farms. In fact little mention is made of Tuxedo Farms and its addition to demand for services and contribution to traffic snarls on route 17 etc. Is it possible that Genting may bring in workers from abroad or from distances beyond Region 1? If so there needs to be an analysis of where these workers will be housed, what the impact of their children will be on the School district and their other demands on local services.

There also needs to be an analysis of the combined impact on Tuxedo Town services of both Tuxedo Farms and The Sterling Forest Resort Casino. The assumption seems to be that the costs will be linearly additive but this may not be the case. Such an analysis should be done and added to the document before it is accepted as the Town's DEIS.

This board will be responsible for any adverse effects on the town if the impacts of construction and the workers needed to build the casino are

negative for the town. The only time to mitigate these negative impacts is NOW.