

NSEP Pipeline and Compressor Station: Chokepoints and Tactics

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Compressor Station

- ▶ To be built in Trap Rock Quarry
- ▶ Compressor station experience scheduled and sporadic blowdowns and fugitive emissions
- ▶ will mean more:
 - noise
 - air pollution
 - light
 - development










http://nyfriendsofcleanairandwater.blogspot.com/2014_04_01_archive.html

We can STOP Transco!

- ▶ We need to be united together to fight this project! We must be fighting both the compressor station and the pipeline!
 - ▶ We must oppose the project, not just fight to get it moved. If you push to move it then you support it and will be sacrificing one neighbor for another.
 - ▶ Local knowledge and input is incredibly important when it comes to fighting the pipeline.
 - ▶ You should not allow them on your land and if you have, you should rescind it. The less information they have the harder it is for them to get approval.
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Agencies and Reviews

- ▶ What agencies will we be dealing with and how can we fight this project at each one?



Transco Compressor Station Agencies and Reviews

- ▶ Regional permits
- ▶ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- ▶ Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
 - Air permits
 - Water permits
- ▶ Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)
 - Lead agency in compressor station review

Transco Compressor Station: FERC

- ▶ Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)
 - Application is for a “Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity” & Notice to Proceed
 - FERC will look at market, gas prices, and impacts of the project in its review
- ▶ “Cooperating agencies”
 - US Fish and Wildlife
 - NJ DEP: air permits
 - Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

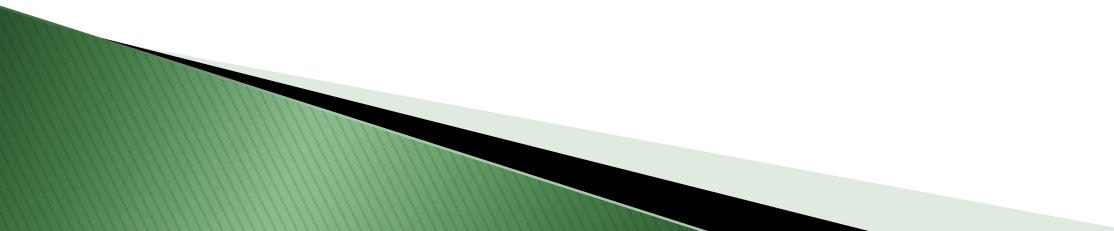
Intervention

- ▶ Any individual can do and formally places your position on the record
- ▶ Benefits
 - Right to request rehearing of Commission orders
 - Right to appeal final agency actions in the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal
- ▶ FREE and EASY! EELC's Citizen's Guide & FERC website offer instructions:
<http://www.ferc.gov/help/how-to/intervene.asp>
- ▶ Can only be done within 30 days of application being filed

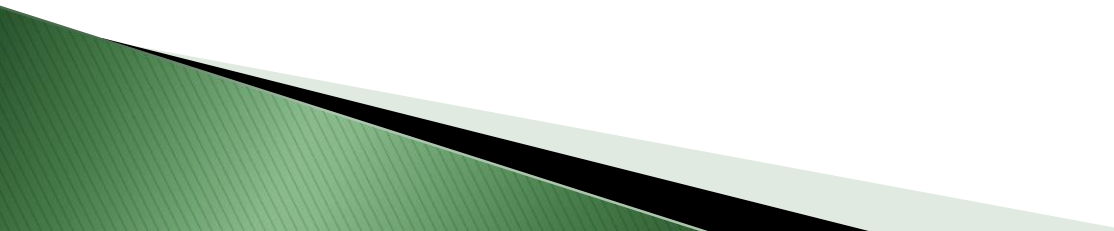
FERC Process: Important Websites

- ▶ FERC e-comment at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp> (does not require registration)
- ▶ FERC e-subscription to receive email notifications: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp>
- ▶ Subscription based on Project Docket Number:

NEPA Review

- ▶ National Environmental Policy Act requires review of actions by federal agencies that could impact the environment
 - ▶ Notice of Intent: EA vs. EIS
 - ▶ Scoping Period
 - 30 day comment period
 - Public Hearings
 - ▶ Issuance of NEPA Document
 - No deadline for issuance following Scoping comment period
 - EA: EIS or FONSI
 - EIS: Preferred Alternative and Record of Decision (ROD)
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Tennessee Gas Pipeline

- ▶ Sierra Club took Tennessee Gas to court
 - ▶ Federal court ruled that Tennessee Gas violated NEPA: project was approved without considering other expansion projects being approved at the time
 - ▶ FERC has been allowing “illegal segmentation” by pipeline companies
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Pipeline: Federal Agencies and Reviews

- ▶ Army Corps of Engineers
- ▶ Consistency with Coastal Zone Management Act
- ▶ Department of Defense
- ▶ Environmental Protection Agency
 - Superfund sites
- ▶ US Fish and Wildlife Service
 - Can comment on applications at state and federal level for environmental impacts

Pipeline: Federal Agencies and Reviews

- ▶ Department of the Interior
 - 319 review if it impacts any historic structure or district on National Registrar of Historic Places
 - Federally preserved lands like National Parks, National Wildlife Refuges, preserved lands, etc.
 - Any New Jersey Green Acres lands purchased with federal Land and Water Conservation Funds need to be signed off on

Pipeline: DEP

DEP is the lead agency in the pipeline review.


- 401 water quality certificates
- Stream encroachment
 - crossings, buffers
- Wetlands
 - fill, crossing, and buffers
 - Section 202 CWA
- Section 303 Water permit
- Flood hazards
 - fill, buffers
- Stormwater
- CAFRA Coastal Program
- Coastal Zone Management Act
- Green Acres
- Statehouse Commission
- Watershed Moratorium Commission
- Water allocation
- NJPDES (water discharge)
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- SHPO (historic reviews)
- Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission
- Other land use permits

Pipeline: Department of Environmental Protection

Focus on These Permits! These are the places we have the best chance of stopping or slowing down the pipeline

- **401 Water Quality Certificate**
- Stream encroachment
- Flood Hazard
- Wetlands
- Coastal Zone Management
- Threatened and Endangered Species

70% of people along the PennEast route would not let them on their land to survey. This has slowed down their permitting process. The same pattern can be seen with the Constitution pipeline in New York.



We must stand united if we are going to stop this project!



Questions?



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