

STOP the Williams-Transco Gas Compressor Station & Pipeline Expansion



**ALL PIPELINES & COMPRESSOR STATIONS LEAK TOXINS
THAT CAUSE POLLUTION &
ARE ASSOCIATED WITH HEALTH PROBLEMS**

Compressor Stations & Pipelines leak methane (a Greenhouse Gas that contributes to **Ozone and Climate Change**) and the exhaust contains **carcinogens** and other **toxic chemicals**.

Health Problems associated with leaks & emissions from pipelines & compressor stations =

- ◆ asthma
- ◆ neurological problems
- ◆ skin irritations
- ◆ respiratory & lung diseases
- ◆ childhood leukemia
- ◆ birth defects
- ◆ increase in heart attacks and strokes
- ◆ other cancers
- ◆ developmental delays

EXPLOSIONS AND FIRES ARE RISKS

The increased speed of the gas coming out of compressor stations causes an increase in temperature which drastically hastens the rate of corrosion in old pipelines and welds which has led to explosions.

The company wants to build a 32,000 horsepower gas-fired compressor station near Trap Rock Quarry where blasting & mining is expected to continue until 2045. They have never built a compressor station so close to a large mining operation with active blasting.

Join us in opposition to this dangerous project:

The Northeast Supply "Enhancement" Project (NESE) FERC Docket # CP17-101

FOR MORE INFO & TO JOIN US:

Franklin Township Task Force

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Northeast Supply “Enhancement” Project (NESE) Overview

Williams-Transco wants to add compression & pipelines to increase the amount of natural gas they can transport from the fracking wells in the Marcellus Shale region in Pennsylvania and the Gulf Coast across Mercer, Somerset & Middlesex Counties through pipelines built in the 1950’s and 1960’s. The welds on these old pipes were placed before regulations on welds were passed in 1972. Older welds often leak and can break. Pipeline explosions have caused property damage, injuries, and deaths.

THEIR PLAN INCLUDES:

◆ Pipeline extensions:

- 3.4 miles through neighborhoods and near schools in Sayreville & Old Bridge
- 23.49 miles in and under the Raritan Bay

Threatened =

- the fishing industry
 - recreational boating
 - water activities
 - habitats for wildlife
 - marine wildlife like seals, whales & horseshoe crabs
- #### ◆ A 32,000-horsepower gas powered gas compressor station on a 52-acre wooded lot off Routes 27 & 518 in Franklin Township near the border with South Brunswick, NJ
- near an active dynamite blasting site
 - near an actively monitored Superfund site with groundwater contamination
 - right behind the New Jersey Buddhist Vihara & Meditation Center
 - in a residential area near several 55+ year old housing developments
 - near many places of worship & schools
 - near or on wetlands, streams, and NJ’s 2nd largest aquifer

Methane and other toxins are regularly released into the air from general operations, leaks and or blowdowns at compressor stations. Depending on the direction & speed of the wind, all places within at least a 5-mile radius of the compressor station are in danger of the air pollution from these emissions that is released daily.

TIMELINE - Anticipated dates:

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| 10/23/17 | FERC to publish the <u>Draft Environmental Impact Statement</u> (DEIS) to the public & open comment period
Usually, FERC allows 21 days after the Notice of the DEIS is published to file Motions to Intervene.
Usually, FERC allows 45 days to review & comment on the DEIS.
Usually, FERC schedules public meetings in areas of the project. |
| 4/21/18 | FERC to publish the <u>Final Environmental Impact Statement</u> (FEIS)
There is no public comment period following the FEIS.
Intervenors have 30 days to file Motions.
Under NEPA, the FERC Order of Public Convenience & Necessity can’t be issued until at least 30 days after FERC publishes a Notice of Availability of the Final EIS. |
| 6/21/18 | FERC to issue <u>Order Approving or Denying Project via Certificate of “Public Convenience & Necessity”</u>
Intervenors have 30 days to seek rehearing. The 30-day deadline is set by statute & can’t be extended. |
| 9/8/18 | Williams/Transco anticipates receiving Issuance of <u>air & water permits</u> from State DEPs & other permits from USACE. |