

SAY NO TO NESE --- PIPELINE and COMPRESSOR STATION

We have been fighting to stop the **Williams-Transco Northeast Supply Enhancement (NESE) Project** for over 3 years now. Williams-Transco wants to build a gas-powered gas **Compressor Station**—the most polluting type—in Franklin near South Brunswick & Princeton- in an active blasting zone, in a wooded area, where there is very low water pressure and no functioning fire hydrants. • The increased velocity of compressed fracked gas is known to increase the rate of corrosion in these old (built in the 50's & 60's) pipelines which can lead to explosions and fires. • The site picked for this compressor station is between the Buddhist Meditation Center and a toxic superfund site, across the road from a senior community with more than 700 residents and is on wetlands. • There are at least **70 known toxins** emitted from these types of compressor stations leading to increases in cancers, developmental delays, lung diseases, kidney failure, heart disease, strokes and premature deaths.

At the other end of this project Williams-Transco wants to build a **Pipeline Expansion** underneath the Raritan Bay and lower New York Harbor. • This proposed 23-mile construction project **will dredge up industrial toxins** like arsenic, lead, zinc and mercury and organic compounds PCBs, DDT and dioxins that have been buried under the seabed for decades. These toxins pose a serious danger to both human health and marine wildlife. The construction of this pipeline threatens the health and wellbeing of shoreline communities and the health and safety of the workers building the pipeline. • None of this gas is for NJ. **We get no benefits and take all the risks.**

- In fact, there is well researched evidence that NY also has no need for this gas.
- New Jersey is becoming ground zero for the Climate Crisis with sea level rise double the global average. We need to: decrease emissions and pollution in our cities that are already causing debilitating diseases; create Green jobs and job training; prevent increased pollution and greenhouse gases from unneeded and unwanted Fossil Fuel Projects and rapidly transition to clean renewable energy.

If Governor Murphy is serious about stopping the greenhouse gas pollution that's driving us towards irreversible **Climate Catastrophe**, the choice is clear. We are well beyond the point where we can let the greed of the fossil fuel industry halt our transition to 100% clean renewable energy. The Governor and NJDEP need to reject the pending permits for the NESE compressor station and pipeline. The NJ DEP did not schedule public hearings for the 6/12/19 Williams-Transco's re-applications so –

PLEASE CALL Governor Murphy and ask him to have the NJDEP DENY ALL PERMITS for NESE & stop expansion of any Fossil Fuel Projects in New Jersey.

Call: 866-586-4069 or 609-292-6000.

Reasons for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) to Deny Permits for the Northeast Supply Enhancement (NESE) Project

NJDEP is required to apply regulations from their Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act Rules, Flood Hazard Area Rules, Stormwater Management Rules, Coastal Zone Wetland Rules and any other applicable regulations in deciding whether or not the applications for NESE meet NJ standards.

At this time, the applications do not meet standards in the regulations:

- ▶ Construction of the NESE Project threatens surface water quality, increased stormwater flooding, and threatened & endangered species and their habitats.
- ▶ Construction of the Raritan Bay Loop, with its newly proposed shorter schedule, threatens the health of marine life, habitats, benthic and shellfish communities, and the economy of the region due to suspension and spreading of toxins from beneath the seafloor, noise from construction, and limited access to construction space in the Bay for fishing and recreational activities.
- ▶ Williams/Transco did not demonstrate that there are no practicable alternatives to avoid impacting exceptional resource value wetlands and their transition areas.
- ▶ NJDEP explained that Williams/Transco did not demonstrate (1) that the proposed NESE Project serves an essential health or safety need of the municipality in which it is proposed; (2) that the proposed NESE Project serves existing needs of residents of the State; and (3) that there is no other means available to meet the established public need.

NESE does not meet the "public interest" criteria because:

- (1) There is no compelling public need for it - It does not provide a public health or safety benefit, and, additionally, NY does not need this gas. Rather, NESE:
 - threatens our air and water quality from methane and other toxic releases,
 - negatively impacts our health from Compressor Station 206 emissions,
 - poses safety risks (fires or explosions), and
 - increases risks of flooding at the CS206 site from an inadequately designed retention basin.
 - (2) It doesn't preserve natural resources, and
 - (3) There would be a negative impact on the shore economy by dredging up toxins from the floor of the Bay which would harm the health and safety of marine life and of Bayshore communities.
- ▶ The NESE Project's greenhouse gas emissions and leaks would undercut the State's goals to address Impacts on Climate Change –
 - NJ had the wettest and hottest months and years recently
 - NJ has twice the sea level rise of the Global average
 - State has unhealthy ozone – We are in a “moderate nonattainment” region.
 - Record cases of West Nile cases in NJ in 2018

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