



Borough of Oakland
Bergen County, New Jersey

Resolution 14-233
Oppose Pilgrim Pipeline Project

WHEREAS, Pilgrim Pipeline is proposing a project to install two pipelines to convey petroleum material to and from a refinery in Linden, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, one pipeline will carry crude oil from a terminal in Albany, New York to the refinery in Linden, New Jersey and the other will carry refined finished product from the refinery back to Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, the pipeline will be mostly located in existing right-of-ways and the proposed location in Oakland is along the Ringwood/Mahwah border right-of-way in the Ramapo Mountains; and

WHEREAS, the proposed right-of-way exists entirely within the New Jersey Highlands Preservation Area; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Environmental Commission prepared a report dated September 4, 2014 which has been reviewed by the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, the report indicates a number of concerns with respect to the proposed pipeline project including loss of habitat, potential for spill, contamination of ground water and contamination of surface water and first responder safety and training; and

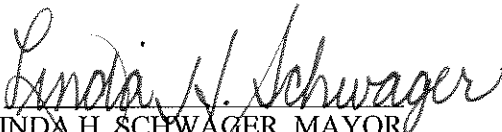
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are aware that the significant issue is that the Borough of Oakland sits completely within the Ramapo River Basin and Aquifer system which is a sole source aquifer; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland have determined that the Pilgrim Pipeline Project is not beneficial to the region or to the citizens of the Borough of Oakland.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland as follows:

1. The Mayor and Council formally object and oppose the Pilgrim Pipeline Project.

2. A copy of this Resolution is to be forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, which will be the primary permitting agency for this project in order that the objection of the Borough is noted.
3. A copy of this Resolution is to be provided to:
 - a. Oakland's Legislative Team, Senator Gerald Cardinale, Assemblyman Robert Auth and Assemblywoman Holly Schepisi.
 - b. United States Senators Robert Menendez and Cory Booker.
 - c. Congressman Scott Garrett.
 - d. Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders.
 - e. All affected municipalities.
 - f. New Jersey Highlands Council.
 - g. Jim Rilee, Chairman of the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council.


 LINDA H. SCHWAGER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


 LISA M. DUNCAN, BOROUGH CLERK

October 8, 2014
 DATE ADOPTED

	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Coira		✓	✓			
Jensen		✓	✓			
Kulmala	✓		✓			
Pignatelli			✓			
Talamini			✓			
Visconti			✓			
Mayor Schwager						