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## Public Meeting (Board Meeting)

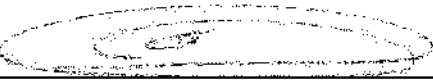
Date: Nov 12, 2014 - 5:30 PM

Location: County Administration Building  
220  
401 Grand Street  
Paterson, NJ 07505

Agenda: RESOLUTION OPPOSING A PROPOSED "PILGIM PIPELINE" TO CARRY FRACKED BAKKEN SHALE OIL FROM ALBANY, NEW YORK TO LINDEN NEW JERSEY, THROUGH THE HIGHLANDS REGION OF PASSAIC COUNTY (WANAQUE, BLOOMINGDALE, POMPTON LAKES) AND RUN THROUGH THE PRESERVED PRISTINE FOREST OF THE RAMAPO MOUNTAINS, DUE TO CONCERNS NOT ONLY OVER THE EXPLOSIVE NATURE OF THIS OIL, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE POTENTIAL DEGRADATION OF NEW JERSEY'S DRINKING WATER SUPPLY

THIS RESOLUTION WAS REQUESTED BY:

REVIEWED BY:

  
Anthony J. De Nova III  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

  
Matthew Malfa  
COUNTY COUNSEL

Planning and Economic Development  
COMMITTEE NAME

Official Resolution#		R20140884					
Meeting Date		11/12/2014					
Introduced Date		11/12/2014					
Adopted Date		11/12/2014					
Agenda Item		k-24					
CAF #							
Purchase Req. #							
Result		Adopted					
FREEHOLDER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Lepore	✓				✓		
Best Jr	✓				✓		
Bartlett	✓			✓	✓		
Cotroneo	✓				✓		
Duffy		✓					
James	✓		✓		✓		
Lora	✓				✓		

PRES.= present ABS.= absent  
MOVE= moved SEC= seconded  
AYE= yes NAY= no ABST.= abstain

Dated: November 13, 2014

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**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 pipeline will carry refined finished product from the refinery back to Albany, New York; and

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

**WHEREAS**, this pipeline would cause serious problems to the residents of Passaic County and the State of New Jersey, as oil and gas development can substantially reduce the value of real estate and land, while increasing the risk of leaks and explosions; and

**WHEREAS**, More than 10,000 pipeline incidents have occurred in the United States since 1993, including about 6,000 from petroleum pipelines; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the worst and most expensive oil spills in U.S. history came from a pipeline failure, such as the one in July 2010 near a tributary of Michigan’s Kalamazoo River;

with clean-up costs at almost one billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) and the spill devastated sensitive ecosystems and impacted people who live in nearby communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders have determined that the Pilgrim Pipeline Project is not beneficial, but instead would cause an adverse effect to the region or the citizens of the County of Passaic and the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, this matter was reviewed by the Freeholders Planning and Economic Development Committee as part of their November 5, 2014 agenda and recommended to the full Board for approval;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby strongly opposes the proposed Pilgrim Pipeline Project because of the potential degradation of New Jersey's drinking water supply and the potential safety to our region and communities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk to the Board is hereby authorized to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Governor's Office, the State Legislature, the State Land Conservancy Commission, with a letter of opposition by the Freeholder Director on behalf of the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Dated: November 12, 2014