

# The Pilgrim Oil Pipelines: A Primer

## **PILGRIM PIPELINES BASICS**

- Two parallel pipelines are proposed to run from Albany, NY for 170 miles (340 miles of pipeline), more or less along the NYS Thruway, connecting to distribution points along the way, before turning east at I-287 to reach refineries in and near Linden, New Jersey.
- One pipeline would carry crude oil south to these refineries, and the other would carry refined products north (e.g., gasoline, kerosene, diesel and heating oil).
- Each would be 20 inches in diameter with a 200,000 bpd (8.4 million gallons) carrying capacity. The northbound pipeline could be reversed to carry crude in both pipelines.
- In New York, **the pipelines would cut through 31 towns, cities, villages in Rensselaer, Albany, Greene, Ulster, Orange, and Rockland Counties.**

## **WHO IS PILGRIM PIPELINE HOLDINGS, LLC?**

- Pilgrim President Errol B. Boyle, **former President, Koch Shipping, Inc.**
- Pilgrim Vice President for Operations, Roger L. Williams, **former President Koch Oil Company and former Vice President of Koch Industries**

## **DRINKING WATER AT RISK**

- Over 100,000 people draw their water from the Hudson River (Poughkeepsie, Lloyd, Hyde Park, Rhinebeck, Port Ewen and Highland)
- 3 million people would be threatened because the Ramapo Valley aquifer is their sole source aquifer (Tuxedo, Harriman, Sloatsburg, northern NJ)
- Crosses the Delaware and Catskill Aqueduct, which supplies drinking water to 9 million New Yorkers
- 5.4 million people get drinking water from NJ Highlands -- at risk by PP.
- Over 3 million people in northern NJ use surface and groundwater in the Passaic River Basin for their drinking water; PP would cut across Passaic River and Buried Valley Aquifer in multiple locations
- Over 26,500 local residents in New Jersey drink water from the Rahway River, also crossed by the Pilgrim Pipelines

## **EXPORTING CRUDE OIL**

- With the export ban lifted, Pilgrim Pipelines could enable more crude oil from the Bakken region and Canada to be exported to the world market.

## **THE PERMITTING PROCESS**

- No federal agency has overarching authority to permit oil pipelines as FERC does with gas pipelines.
- Multiple approvals and permits are required from 5 Federal and 10 state agencies and 38 county, town and village governments.
- Before any permits can be granted, a full environmental review of all of the project's environmental impacts is required, pursuant to governing state and federal law (SEQR/ NEPA).

**To date, 62 towns and villages** in NJ and NY have passed municipal resolutions opposing Pilgrim Pipelines. Local municipalities have denied consent to Thruway Authority lead agency **46 times**.

**Coalition Against Pilgrim Pipelines New York**  
**[www.stoppilgrimpipeline.com](http://www.stoppilgrimpipeline.com)**

*(Other side: What YOU can do)*

# ***Protect Water, Health, Climate, Communities!***

## **What YOU can do to Stop Pilgrim Pipelines:**

- 1. CALL GOVERNOR CUOMO.** Tell him to deny Pilgrim's request to use the New York State Thruway Right of Way for their dangerous and unnecessary proposed pipelines. Tell Governor Cuomo to protect our water, our communities, and his own sustainability goals for New York State. Call **518-474-8390**. You can also contact him at: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/contact>
- 2. GET INVOLVED.** Sign the petition, on paper or [www.stoppilgrimpipeline.com](http://www.stoppilgrimpipeline.com) (download it: green button, top right corner). Get your friends, neighbors and associates to sign it too. Sign up on the Volunteer sheet and let us know your skills and interests. Does your area have a "**Coalition Against Pilgrim Pipelines - NY**" - affiliated local group? If not, start one. **CAPPNY** has organizing conference calls every week to strategize and to support local organizers' work.
- 3. TELL YOUR NYS SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES, and your U.S. Congressmembers, you want them to do everything in their power to stop Pilgrim Pipelines.** *If you have the "bandwidth," organize an in-person visit.*
- 4. BE CREATIVE: ADOPT A NYS THRUWAY EXIT for MAY DAY.** On Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, New Paltz Climate Action Coalition is organizing a "**MAY DAY -- STOP PILGRIM PIPELINES!**" presence, near NYS Thruway exits 23 – 16. Email [newpaltzclimateaction@gmail.com](mailto:newpaltzclimateaction@gmail.com) to connect with the creativity and spirit of this event.
- 5. FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA.** Explore the CAPP website: [www.stoppilgrimpipeline.com](http://www.stoppilgrimpipeline.com). Follow us on Facebook: NY-NJ Coalition Against Pilgrim Pipelines – CAPP. Use Twitter hashtags **#nopilgrim** and **#stoppilgrimpipelines**. Watch the "Pilgrim Pipelines 101" webinar on Youtube!
- 6. WRITE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.** Also ask media outlets to cover Pilgrim, and the resistance to these proposed pipelines, frequently and in depth.
- 7. BE VISIBLE.** Put a "Stop Pilgrim Oil Pipelines" sign up near you, and take some home to spread around your neighborhood. Leave petitions in public places. Grow the movement. Show up for your local Board or Council meetings. Urge everyone you know to comment during the SEQR review process.
- 8. PLEDGE TO RESIST.** Make an inward pledge: commit to stopping these pipelines. Ask yourself what you can do that hasn't been done yet... and do it!

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