

## Top Targets for Stopping the Pipeline

### New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council

The proposed pipeline route crosses the Highlands region, one of the most sensitive areas in New Jersey. A fifteen member Council protects the region's water quality and quantity, as 64% of NJ residents get water from the Highlands. The Council must review the project to determine if the pipeline meets the agency's protective standards.

Contact the Highlands Council at [highlands@highlands.state.nj.us](mailto:highlands@highlands.state.nj.us).

### Army Corp of Engineers

This federal agency will review wetland and waterbody crossings permits for the project. The agency could require Pilgrim to apply for the more rigorous individual permits. ACOE can also require a full Environmental Impact Statement be prepared for the entire route of the project.

Contact the ACOE Project Manager Jodi McDonald at [jodi.m.mcdonald@usace.army.mil](mailto:jodi.m.mcdonald@usace.army.mil).

### Additional key agencies:

NJ Board of Public Utilities and NY Public Service Commission

NJ Dept of Environmental Protection

NY Department of Environmental Conservation

NY Thruway Authority

Local Governments



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## What You Can Do Now

Together we can STOP this polluting project from impacting our communities and environment. The key to stopping this pipeline is sharing information, educating neighbors, and engaging your community to actively oppose the pipeline.

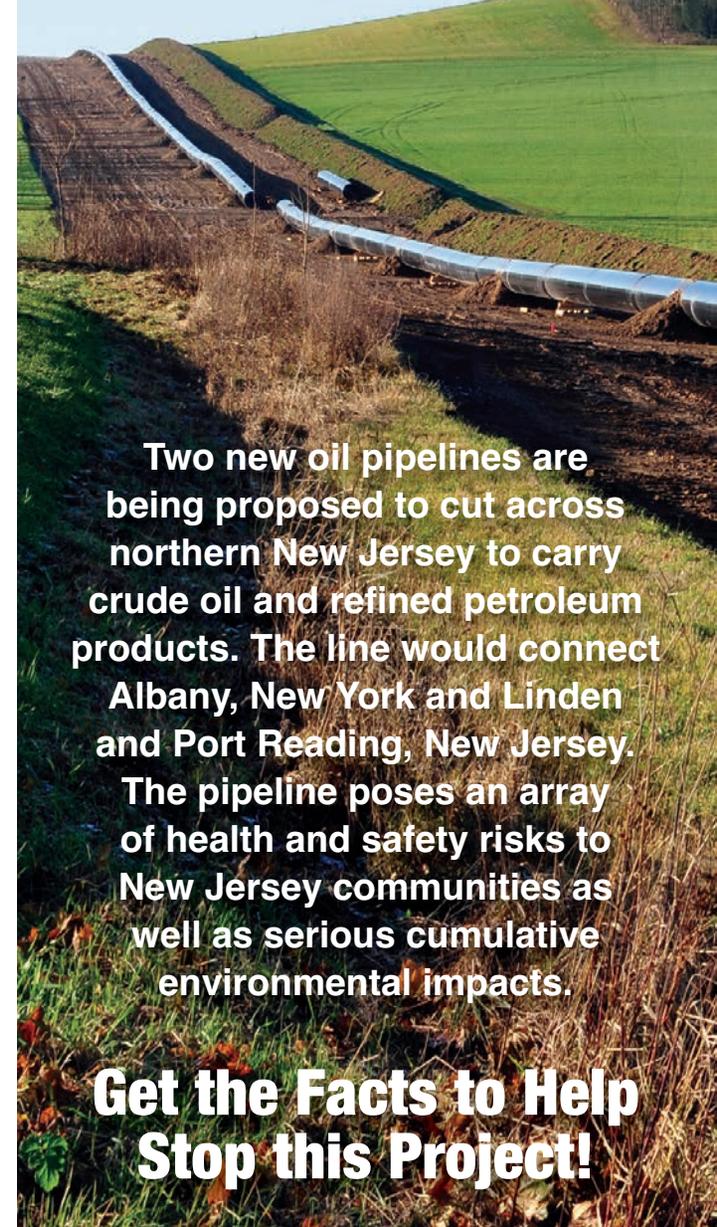
- Visit [StopPilgrimPipeline.com](http://StopPilgrimPipeline.com) for the most up-to-date project information and upcoming events around the Pilgrim Pipeline
- Educate your community about the Pilgrim Pipeline. Handing out flyers at your local place of worship or grocery store, or going door-to-door to talk to neighbors helps spread the word.
- Host an educational forum or town hall meeting in your community. Contact Sierra Club or the Coalition Against Pilgrim Pipeline for more information on local speakers.
- Urge your local, county, and state representatives to actively oppose the project
- Contact your local press and ask them to cover the issue. Write a letter to the editor to your local paper.

## For More Information Contact:

[www.StopPilgrimPipeline.com](http://www.StopPilgrimPipeline.com)



# STOP the Pilgrim Pipeline



Two new oil pipelines are being proposed to cut across northern New Jersey to carry crude oil and refined petroleum products. The line would connect Albany, New York and Linden and Port Reading, New Jersey. The pipeline poses an array of health and safety risks to New Jersey communities as well as serious cumulative environmental impacts.

**Get the Facts to Help Stop this Project!**

# Pilgrim's Plans to Pump More Oil through our States

## Local Communities Bear all the Risk

Local first responders would have to be trained and equipped to handle this new hazard. Many towns along the route depend on volunteer firefighters and EMTs.

The pipeline passes through dozens of municipalities and close to thousands of homes, putting families at risk if a spill or incident occurs.

## Bakken Oil is Dangerous

Produced by fracking in the Bakken shale formation of North Dakota, the crude that would travel in the Pilgrim pipeline is flammable, toxic, and corrosive.

## Pipeline Construction & Operation Has Major Environmental Impacts

- Sedimentation and pollution in our waterways and wetlands
- Clear-cutting of forests and important habitat along the project route
- Changes in the hydrogeology of the surrounding area, potentially impacting aquifer recharge
- Significant air emissions will result, especially around pump stations
- The pipeline route impacts our public open spaces and parks



## Drinking Water Supplies at Risk

Pilgrim Pipeline's path of destruction crosses a number of critical drinking water sources for the people of New York and New Jersey, including the Hudson River, aqueducts feeding New York City, the Ramapo Sole Source Aquifer, and the Buried Valley Aquifer.

## Pipeline Safety Risks

The Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) only has 135 inspectors to oversee 2.6 million miles of pipeline. Only one-fifth of our national pipeline system has been inspected by PHMSA or its state partners since 2006. PHMSA found in the past 10 years, remote sensors detected only 5% of pipeline spills; the rest were reported by people on the scene of an accident.

## Spills Can Happen: Not If; WHEN!

In recent years, we have seen oil pipeline spills with disastrous impacts around the country, most notably the Tesoro Spill in North Dakota, the Pegasus spill in Mayflower, Arkansas and the Enbridge spill in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

The Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) reported 1,763 oil pipeline spills between 2002 and July 2012.

If Pilgrim Pipeline comes through we are exposing our communities to the same risks.

## Bakken Transport Needs to Be REJECTED in All Forms

Pipeline, Rail, Barge – No form of Bakken oil transport is safe. All pose major threats to public health and safety and are prone to accidents, spills, and human errors.

Pilgrim Pipeline would be used to expand regional capacity to move oil, NOT to replace rail or barge shipments.

## Clean Energy a Better Investment

We need to reject dirtier forms of oil and building more risky pipelines. Instead we should be promoting efficiency, modern transportation, and clean, safe energy like wind and solar that can power electric vehicles.

Investing in a 21st century transportation system and clean energy technologies will create long term jobs here in New Jersey and New York, restore American self-sufficiency and make us a global leader in the clean energy economy.



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