POP Meeting

Monday Nov 14, 2016

7:00 PM

Friends Meeting House Crosswicks

**Summary of events since last meeting**

Nov 1 Final Submission of comments to DEP concerning issuance of 401b clean water certificate for Garden State Expansion (GSE) Project Compressor Station in Chesterfield.

Significant points which were made:

1. There are shallow wells, deep wells, wetlands, farm irrigation, ponds and streams close to compressor station which will dry up during 80 million gallon dewatering. Crops, Wildlife, Marine life people will not have water. Major effect on them.
2. Hydrologist Report (Mark Gallagher) on the GSE, specifically the size of the site is too small for one, let alone two compressor stations. Mr. Gallagher also addresses the insufficient storm drain data
3. There is a second future compressor station (180,000 dekatherms/day in addition to initial 180,000 dekatherms/day) submitted on updated plans in late summer after 75% of DEP permit approvals occurred for one compressor station not two.

Nov 4 Final Submission of comments to DEP concerning CAFRA for Southern Reliability Link (SRL) transmission gas pipeline from Chesterfield to Manchester.

Teams from People Over Pipelines (POP) surveyed almost the entire route of the proposed SLR prior to Nov 4. Most of the route was covered except for areas that we could not legally enter such as the part of the route on the Joint Base. We compared the maps to the actual area, and did our own surveying of geological features, water features and interviewed residents. We annotated maps of the pipeline route showing areas where NJNG has made omissions/errors in their submission as well as a video showing uses of the area and other comments which we feel address important issues.

We do believe, just based on the maps, that NJNG has much work to do before their application and supporting data will be in compliance.

1. Manchester infrastructure for pipeline terminus is unclear, there isn’t enough information on what the plan is for this terminus. Mayor of Manchester indicated NJNG said there will be a ‘slight modification’ to valve station on Rt 70 and Colonial Dr in Manchester to connect SRL to existing transmission system. The ‘Slight Modification’ must be defined.
2. Discrepancies in maps are of the magnitude of ‘ethical engineering violations’ an entire section is missing.
3. Acres of old growth and existing trees and vegetation will be destroyed that have not been indicated on maps. Either by being cut, damage by construction/HDD drilling or loss of root system and water.
4. Pipeline landscape contains streams, wetlands, sink holes, farm irrigation drainage and other hydrogeological barriers to pipeline construction
5. Pads & yards on maps (one on Green Acres Property) need separate permits
6. 2.1 miles of the pipeline is over contamination along pipeline route
7. Pipeline dewatering and changes to hydrology will effect shallow wells, deep wells, wetlands, farm irrigation, ponds, and streams

Nov 4 The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) opened a new 30-day public comment period for the proposed PennEast pipeline. The new comment period has been instituted because PennEast changed the proposed route for the pipeline. Excerpt from Planet Princeton

Nov 7 Pinelands Commission must rule again-an appeals court overturned an approval for a natural gas pipeline in South Jersey's Pinelands and ordered the issue to be considered anew by the Pinelands Commission. As part of its ruling, a three-judge panel said the Pinelands Act did not authorize the commission’s executive director, Nancy Wittenberg "to render a final decision for the commission in the coordinated permitting process." It also said the commission's board improperly relied on Wittenberg's determination when the board found the South Jersey Gas project should be allowed under the Pinelands' comprehensive management plan. The court ordered the issue to be returned to the commission so its board "can render a final decision." Excerpt from Courier Post.

Nov 9 FERC issues denial of rehearing at the request of Bordentown and Chesterfield Twp. ‘See Attached’

**Meeting Minutes**

Patti Caruso’s husband Dan saw 2 people on Provinceline road. 2 NJDEP people were on road, they said don’t worry they are not on my property. Woman later determined to be Jan Arnette.

Hydrologist wrote comments that the compressor station site is too small.

Compressor Station 205 is adding a second compressor station.

Compressor Station 206 in Franklin twp in right next to Trap Rock, where blasting occurs

Fracking waste water is sometimes used to de-ice roads. Is this allowed in NJ?

Pinelands representatives will vote again if pipeline can go through pinelands we need to go to meetings, and contact representative now to urge them to reject pipelines over our clean water Aquifer. Next Pineland Commission meeting Dec 9 at 9:30 PM. Everyone should try to contact one representative and state our case. Also, try to make it to Pinelands Commission meeting. See separate Generic Fact Sheet

A staffer in house of representatives said calling is more effective then letters.

Call, call, call …..

Donald Norcross’s, staff

Sweeney

DeAngelo

Conaway

Singleton

Booker

Dancer

Clifton

Upper Freehold

1 day 5 phone calls, who we will target is being determined

In order to characterize the current watersheds around compressor station and pipeline we should request DEP ambient biological monitoring sites- prior to construction and after construction. We need Preconstruction baseline testing and Watershed Entomologist. More frequent testing. We can find streams on the USGS quad map.