

Friday, February 17, 2017

Update for Residents from the Pipeline Committee of Lambertville City



With several federal delays preventing the advancement of the PennEast Pipeline, the last few weeks have presented a great opportunity for our committee to grow the email database and increase our visibility. We continue to meet and collaborate with local groups. We have also signed onto the Delaware Riverkeepers letter for a permanent fracking ban on the Delaware River and requested Consulting Party Status through NJ, which would grant our city access to more information and commenting power regarding PennEast survey reports.

More Delays!

- The resignation of Norm Bay from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) effective February 3, 2017 has provided a delay in pipeline approvals, since the FERC committee no longer has a quorum.¹ FERC commissioners are nominated by the president and approved by the Senate, but no presidential nomination has been announced yet.
- The deadline for issuance of the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been delayed a third time—now, from February 17 to April 7, pushing the FERC approval date to July 6.

Spotlight on Lambertville Residents

- New Jersey Resources Corporation (NJR) has 20% stake in the PennEast project. At their annual meeting of shareholders, shareholders urged the executives to withdraw from the project due to the high risk, outdated infrastructure, environmental concerns, and water quality issues. Michael Heffler, resident of Lambertville, spoke up at this meeting. You can read more about it [here](#). You also can check out Heffler's articles in the Bucks County Herald.
- On February 6, Lambertville resident Jeff Tittel, alongside other pipeline activists, presented to over 100 residents in Bucks County, PA to educate them about the dangers of the pipeline. Many Pennsylvania residents are now joining in the fight. Tittel also led a gathering of hundreds of people at the Delaware River Basin Commission's February 15 meeting along with Maya van Rossum and others to speak out against fracking in the Delaware River. [Take action on fracking](#).



How to Help

- Show up! Help build up the numbers of opposition at public meetings by simply being there.
 - March 1 from 6 to 9 pm: Kidder Compressor Station meeting at the Keystone Grand Ballroom at Split Rock Resort Lodge, 100 Moseywood Road, Lake Harmony, PA 18624
 - March 15 at 10:30 am: Delaware River Basin Commission meeting, Washington Crossing Visitors Center
- Speak up!
 - Submit written comments to Mark Wejkszner at mwejkszner@pa.gov against the PennEast Kidder Compressor Station based on its serious health impacts by March 11.
 - Submit testimony to the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC). More info [here](#).
 - File a motion to intervene out-of-time to have your voice heard and gain legal standing. Please contact Filomena Hengst at febrogna@gmail.com to obtain the detailed instructions.

¹ A quorum refers to the minimum number of members needed to conduct business. There are only two members left on the commission for the time being, and three members are required to constitute a quorum. The FERC commission actually has seats for five members, though.