



The Honorable John King
The Honorable Suzanne Lagay
The Honorable Mathew Holt
The Honorable John Lanza
The Honorable Robert Walton
The Honorable Anthony Kearns

Dear Sirs and Madam:

We would like to share with you our concerns regarding aerial surveying by the PennEast Pipeline Company LLC in Hunterdon County. Delaware Township received notice from the company to expect surveying by air to commence on November 23, 2015 (but this may not have occurred due to high winds). Residents were notified by the township of the scheduled aerial surveying; however, some level of aggressive aerial surveying appears to have already taken place in recent weeks. A resolution passed last night by Delaware Township opposing PennEast's use of municipal rights of way to survey from the roads was partly inspired by these aerial incidents, as described in an article this morning at nj.com.

http://www.nj.com/hunterdon/index.ssf/2015/11/delaware_to_penneast_no_to_surveys_from_rights-of-.html

Impacted landowners along the route and residents nearby have reached out to us and to the FERC docket about these recent low altitude overflights by airplanes and helicopters, and with fear about upcoming scheduled surveys. Owners of farms are very concerned about the impact of these disturbances on the safety of horses and other livestock that are prone to spooking. The intensity of a horse's reaction when spooked makes the animal unpredictable and places it, and any humans around it, in grave danger. Horses and farm animals are ubiquitous in Hunterdon County and along the proposed route of the pipeline. Landowners have expressed to us that they feel they cannot leave their farms and animals because of the anticipated danger. As such, aerial surveying seems a particularly harassing and potentially dangerous method to obtain information.

Linked below is one such comment on this issue placed to the FERC docket yesterday:
<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/IDMWS/common/opennat.asp?fileID=14052387>

We are also very concerned about the purpose of these surveys. Given that nearly 70% of New Jersey landowners impacted by this project have refused survey access, landowners are concerned that PennEast is attempting to obtain survey information by remote estimates via aerial surveys. NJDEP in its July 2015 meetings with PennEast as filed to the FERC docket in the July Progress Report stipulates that PennEast must obtain field survey permission from all affected landowners in order to submit a legitimate and complete application for the necessary state permits, and that remote or estimated survey information would not be accepted. Landowners fear that these aerial surveys are attempts to circumvent their legal rights to refuse survey and that they constitute trespassing.

We ask the Freeholders and the Prosecutor's Office to determine the purpose and the legality of these aerial surveys, and to ensure that the safety and property rights of impacted residents are of the highest concern to the County. We thank you in advance for your support on this issue, and we appreciate knowing that we could reach out to you for help. We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Crown
Holland-Alexandria Citizens Against the Pipeline
Milford, NJ

Laura Wilson
Holland –Alexandria Citizens Against the Pipeline
Milford, NJ

Michael Spille
Board of Trustees, West Amwell Citizens Against the Pipeline
West Amwell, NJ

Cathy Urbanski
Board of Trustees, West Amwell Citizens Against the Pipeline
West Amwell, NJ

Kristin McCarthy
Co-director, Delaware Township Citizens Against the Pipeline
Delaware Township, NJ

Debra Bradley
Co-director, Delaware Township Citizens Against the Pipeline
Delaware Township, NJ

Deborah Kratzer
Kingwood Citizens Against the Pipeline

Kingwood, NJ

Maureen Syrnick
Kingwood Citizens Against the Pipeline
Kingwood, NJ

Cc: Ruth Foster, Ph.D.
Director, Permitting and Environmental Review
NJDEP

John Gray
Deputy Commissioner
NJDEP

Congressman Leonard Lance
NJ Senator Michael Doherty
NJ Assemblyman John DiMaio
NJ Assmeblyman Eric Peterson
NJ Senator Shirley Turner
NJ Assemblyman Reed Gusciora
NJ Assemblywoman Elizabeth Maher Muoio
NJ Senator Kip Bateman
NJ Assemblyman Jack Ciattarelli
NJ Assemblywoman Donna Simon
Alexandria Township New Jersey
Holland Township New Jersey
Delaware Township New Jersey
Kingwood Township New Jersey
West Amwell Township New Jersey