

What you need to know about the Proposed Gas Pipeline Through Pepperell The Tennessee Gas 'Northeast Expansion Project'

WHAT IS IT?

- Tennessee Gas is proposing to install a 250 mile 30-36" high-pressure gas pipeline from Wright, NY **THROUGH PEPPERELL AND SURROUNDING TOWNS** to Dracut MA, with several 'laterals' running off of it.
- The pipeline is allegedly needed to meet Massachusetts' current energy constraints and future needs
- The plan is to start construction in 2017 and be in production November 2018

HOW ARE PEPPERELL AND NEIGHBORING TOWNS AFFECTED?

- The proposed pipeline would run through several town-owned properties that were purchased for public drinking water supply aquifer protection and properties the town purchased to locate tanks for storage of public drinking water.
- The pipeline would run under the Nashua and Nissitissit Rivers, and would cross through hundreds of acres of both Town Conservation Land and Nashoba Conservation Trust land.
- Kinder Morgan would clear up to a 100'-wide easement for the pipeline to be laid. This would include clear-cutting and blasting. TGP would retain a permanent 50' right-of-way along its route kept clear in areas by the use of herbicides and pesticides.
- Compressor stations would be located along the route, with one possibly in Pepperell. Compressor stations are sited on fifteen acres of land and their process releases methane and other toxins into the air.
- Other local towns impacted would be Ashburnham, Ashby, Townsend, Pepperell, Hollis, Brookline, Nashua, Groton, Dunstable, Tyngsboro and Dracut.

HOW ARE YOU AFFECTED?

- You will pay for it. The pipeline would be paid for by a proposed new tariff, which would pass the estimated \$2.7 billion+ project cost onto the taxpayers of Massachusetts.
- Lower property values and higher insurance. It is possible that homeowners living near the pipeline will suffer a decline in property values and an increase in insurance costs
- Conservation land scarred. Large sections of valued conservation land would be permanently cleared.
- Contaminated drinking and ground water is a possibility, resulting from the use in areas of chemicals to maintain the right-of-way
- Increased levels of methane pollution. The gas would be 'fracked' gas from the Marcellus Shale in Pennsylvania. During the process of fracking, hundreds of toxic chemicals are added to the gas during extraction. "According to Former Mobil Oil executive Lou Allstadt, the greatest danger of fracking is the methane it adds to the atmosphere through leaks from wells, pipelines, and other associated infrastructure" - *Ellen Cantarow, Natgas Consulting*

ARE THE CLAIMS THAT WE NEED THIS PIPELINE TRUE?

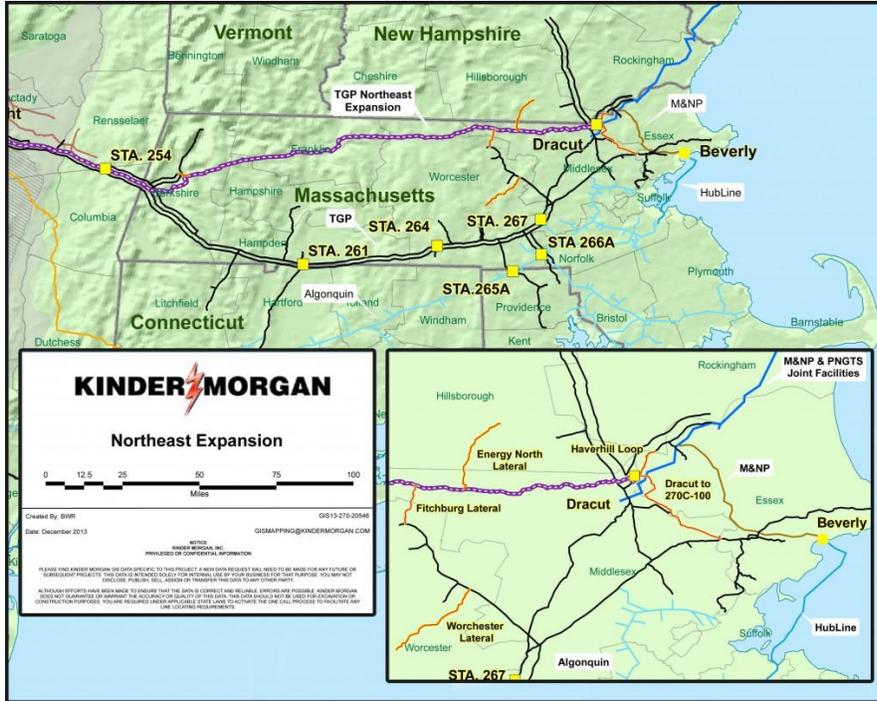
Massachusetts' short and long-term energy needs can be met by addressing current gas pipeline leak issues and by deploying safer, less destructive and potentially less costly solutions:

- Kinder Morgan is not fixing the existing pipeline infrastructure, which would recover another 25-30% annually in leaked gas.
- There is more than adequate physical pipeline to meet Mass' near term needs. Claims of "capacity constraint" are due to the way energy tariffs are structured and buying behavior is rewarded. In other words, this is a problem of the industry's own making
- Renewable resources such as wind and solar, in combination with current gas, oil and hydro energy sources, as well as programs to reduce energy demand, can meet Mass' future needs

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Learn more! Visit Nashoba Conservation Trust's web site for more details on the pipeline and its impact <http://nashobatrust.org/>
- Call and write to your local and state elected officials and let them know that you do not want this pipeline

Main pipeline route



Pipeline's route through Pepperell with a lateral extending to Nashua NH

