EXPERIENCING THE EXPERIMENT

Pipeline Safety Training for the “Unpersuadables”

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Campaign Mission

We empower New Jersey citizens by informing them about the need for a swift transition to clean, efficient and renewable energy, with reduced reliance on fossil fuels and pipelines that threaten our preserved lands, water, environment, public health and communities. We promote environmentally sound planning and siting for renewable energy infrastructure.
Data Driven

Skipping Stone Analysis

4 Years of Polling Data

NJ’s 2018 Clean Energy Bill

Energy Master Plan
Gas Infrastructure: Existing and Proposed

Pipeline Overdevelopment

- New Jersey has **five major interstate pipelines** and > 1,500 miles of pipelines

**Proposed:**
- 7 new gas & oil Transmission Lines
- 4 power plants
NEW JERSEY

Most Densely Populated State
Concern about Pipeline Safety Risks: Ruptures, Leaks, or Explosions?

- Very Concerned: Total 53%, Male 41%, Female 65%
- Somewhat Concerned: Total 20%, Male 22%, Female 17%
- Not very Concerned: Total 12%, Male 14%, Female 10%
- Not at all Concerned: Total 14%, Male 22%, Female 6%
What Did We Learn?

• REGULATIONS

• TECHNICAL INFORMATION
And Of Course...
It’s All About Relationships

Sharing Perspectives
&
Staying Connected to Experts
Educating The Public
Informing Policymakers

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 118
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
218th LEGISLATURE

DURING 2018

Sponsored by:
Senator JOSEPH P. CRYAN
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Senator CHRISTOPHER "KID" BATEMAN
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SYNOPSIS
Senator and Congress to require inspection natural gas pipelines constructed in N.J. to conform with N.J. regulations for intrastate gas pipelines.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As introduced.

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY ENERGY MASTER PLAN

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Energy Master Plan: Energy Infrastructure

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today on the Energy Master Plan. ReThink Energy NJ fully supports Governor Murphy’s and the NJP’s 2050 100% clean energy goal.

Today I’d like to address the integrity of fossil fuel pipeline infrastructure. Safely, we are all too aware of the tragedy that occurs when even small distribution pipelines fail. Today, I’d like to discuss the potential safety risks to New Jersey’s much larger transmission pipelines from an over-stressing by proposed new gas infrastructure. NJ is being inundated with new pipeline infrastructure that would increase the volume of gas and, in some cases, operating pressures and velocities through our existing system. We are especially concerned because pipelines are most vulnerable to explosion in the first five years and as they age. New Jersey has the perfect storm — new and proposed pipelines like PennEast and older, aging pipelines.

While the Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) is responsible for providing a pipeline safety net, there are widening holes in that safety net that we urgently need to address.

Safety impacts are not part of the Federal Regulatory Energy Commission (FERC) interstate pipeline review certification process. PHMSA only becomes active as a regulating agency after the infrastructure is built.

New Jersey, as the most densely populated state in the nation, understands that higher safety standards concerning pipeline safety are essential. New Jersey already requires that all intrastate and interstate pipelines constructed after March 2, 2009 meet the most stringent PHMSA safety standards.

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Communicating
What Needs to Change?

ENGAGEMENT and TRANSPARENCY