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Resource Page: Proposed Pipelines in Delaware River Watershed and Surrounding Region

A map of Pennsylvania showing proposed gas infrastructure. The map is overlaid with a network of red lines representing pipelines and numerous red dots representing compressor stations. Other infrastructure like processing plants and pumping stations are marked with yellow and orange dots. Major cities and regions are labeled, including Erie, Meadville, Oil City, Saint Marys, Williamsport, Wilkes-Barre, Hazleton, Allentown, Reading, Lancaster, Philadelphia, and Wilmington. The map also shows state boundaries and major roads.

[CLICK HERE FOR CLEAN AIR COUNCIL SHALE GAS INFRASTRUCTURE MAP OF PENNSYLVANIA](#)

Using the Clean Air Council's map, members of the public can see compressor stations, dehydration stations, gas processing plants, natural gas liquid pumping stations, power plants, and pipelines in the state. They can also report pollution issues from nearby facilities directly to regulatory agencies—including the Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry—by filling out some basic information about the problem they are experiencing. [Available online here!](#)

As natural gas companies continue to propose infrastructure expansions throughout Pennsylvania and the Eastern Seaboard, Clean Air Council remains steadily committed to supporting impacted communities in their struggles for a clean and healthy environment. This includes communities that are facing fracking, transmission pipelines, compressor stations, pumping stations, storage facilities, and refineries. Why are communities facing so many proposed infrastructure projects since 2011? Here are two articles that detail how gas production in Pennsylvania is larger than pipelines can currently carry: [More Pipelines The Next Phase of Marcellus](#) and [Pipeline Infrastructure Investment Will Soon Eliminate Marcellus Gas Bubble](#). This is a unique opportunity for Pennsylvanians to have a conversation about what type of investment we want for our communities and who benefits from increased infrastructure.

When a company proposes an infrastructure project in your community, it can sometimes feel like a daunting task to learn about the potential impacts and to think critically about how to respond to the project. This webpage is intended to serve as a growing resource for impacted community members, activists, and policymakers to get information about the proposed project and to begin organizing.

Pipeline Safety Trust, an independent non-profit, also maintains a substantial list of resources and information for landowners and community groups, available online here: <http://pstrust.org/finding-info-and-getting-involved/links>

NGLs, Methane, Oil, LNG - oh my! Wondering what all these product terms mean? [The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration](#) has a great online resource with every acronym. [Click here!](#)

Proposed Pipelines in the Delaware River Watershed

<http://www.cleanair.org/pipelines>[9/22/2015 10:43:28 AM]



*Proposed pipelines in the Delaware River Watershed. February, 2015 (Sam Koplinka-Loehr, Clean Air Council)
Map available for download at bottom of page.*

**1) Constitution Pipeline
(FERC Docket # CP 13-499)**

The Constitution Pipeline, if constructed, would stretch from Susquehanna County in Northeast, Pennsylvania through the Delaware River Watershed into New York State. There has already been widespread opposition to the proposed pipeline, and a community website is available here: <http://www.stopthepipeline.org/> The Clean Air Council has worked with other groups throughout the area to do public education surrounding the project, including a webinar about the potential air, land, and water impacts from the project. [The entire webinar is available for viewing online by clicking here.](#)

**2) Diamond East Pipeline
(Not in FERC pre-filing yet)**

On August 26, 2014, Williams Transco announced the open season for a new transmission pipeline running alongside the Leidy Line in Lycoming and Luzerne Counties, down to Mercer County, Pennsylvania. Along with other Williams projects already in the FERC process (Leidy Southeast Expansion and Atlantic Sunrise pipelines), this shows that Williams is attempting a complete buildout of pipelines through eastern PA in order to add capacity for exporting gas overseas. For more information about the open season, here is the [company press release here.](#)

**3) PennEast Pipeline
(FERC Docket # PF15-1)**

On August 12, 2014, PennEast Pipeline Company (a joint project of AGL Resources, NJR Pipeline Company, South Jersey Industries, and UGI Energy Services) announced plans to construct a 100-mile pipeline from Luzerne County in Pennsylvania to Mercer County in New Jersey. If constructed, this large-scale transmission pipeline would dramatically change the landscape of the Delaware River Watershed and impact hundreds of landowners as well as communities along the proposed route. To learn more about the proposed project, click [here.](#)

**4) Leidy Southeast Expansion
(FERC Docket # CP13-551)**

The proposed Williams Transco Leidy Southeast Expansion pipeline project faced significant opposition by landowners as well as the Delaware Riverkeeper Network. The project was approved in December, 2014 and was immediately appealed by the Riverkeeper

Network, including an initial injunction prohibiting construction of the project. For additional information, [visit their webpage here](#).

**5) Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline
(FERC Official Docket # CP-15-138)**

At the end of March, 2014, Williams' Transcontinental Pipe Line Company requested a pre-filing review from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the Atlantic Sunrise project. If constructed, it would extend from Susquehanna County to Lancaster County in Pennsylvania. It would include 180 miles of "greenfield" pipeline, meaning that it would require new pipelines and a new right-of-way, impacting thousands of landowners. To learn more: [click here](#)

**6) Mariner East Pipelines (1, 2, & 3)
(No Current Regulatory Authority)**

The existing Mariner East pipeline stretches from the Marcus Hook refinery near Philadelphia across Pennsylvania to Delmont, PA. This 83-year old pipe previously carried gasoline west, and now Sunoco Logistics is attempting to retrofit the pipeline to carry natural gas liquids (NGL) east from fracking fields in western Pennsylvania. In 2014, the company applied for an exemption from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to construct 18 new pumping stations that would otherwise be prohibited to construct in residential areas due to local zoning laws. They withdrew their application in March of 2015 because of community opposition. The company is also pursuing an additional 1-2 more pipelines to transport additional natural gas liquids across the state. While it appears that the company does not have eminent domain authority, they are attempting to negotiate right-of-ways with landowners instead. These projects are referred to as the Mariner East 2 & 3 pipelines, or the Pennsylvania Pipeline Project. To learn more: [click here](#)

**7) East Side Expansion
(FERC Docket # CP 14-7)**

Columbia Pipeline Group's East Side Expansion would increase pipeline infrastructure near Delaware Watergap and Milford, PA. The company has applied for a "certificate of public necessity and convenience" from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. FERC plans on releasing the environmental assessment for the project on August 29, 2014. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection is holding a hearing on the Milford Compressor Station on August 18 at 6 pm. To download our public presentation about the Milford Compressor Station: [click here](#). To view the map of the new proposed pipeline: [click here](#).

**8) Southern Reliability Link Pipeline
(NJ BPU Docket # GO15040403)**

The proposed New Jersey Natural Gas Southern Reliability Link Project was proposed in 2015 to transport gas from the PennEast Pipeline farther into New Jersey, impacting an additional 30 miles of the Watershed. For more information about the proposed Southern Reliability Link, the company has [information on their webpage here](#).

Additional Proposed Pipelines in Region

**Algonquin Incremental Market Project
(FERC Docket # CP 14-96)**

Spectra Energy's Algonquin Incremental Market Project would increase the capacity of the Algonquin Gas Transmission pipeline system carrying gas from Pennsylvania into New England. The project would involve ramping up the capacity and air pollution from two compressor stations located by residential neighborhoods in the Hudson Valley. Clean Air Council has submitted [comments](#) to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation on draft air pollution permits for the compressor stations. For more information, consult the website of [Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion](#).

**Spectra Philadelphia Lateral (The Pipedream Pipeline)
(Not in FERC Pre-Filing Yet)**

Spectra Philadelphia Lateral would increase the capacity of the Texas Eastern system carrying gas from Western Pennsylvania to Philadelphia for the purpose of LNG export and supporting a dirty gas energy hub in the region. The company announced in Spring 2015 plans to expand the pipeline network to Philadelphia by 550,000 dekatherms per day of gas. Already there has been opposition to the proposal. For additional information about the project, [click here](#).

Public Engagement

There are many ways to make your voice heard when a company attempts to build natural gas infrastructure in your community. Some of these avenues for public participation are required through regulatory bodies such as the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, as well as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. There are also avenues for engaging outside of the regulatory process, including community organizing and direct action.

To learn more about reviewing, commenting on, and intervening in state and federal regulatory processes for natural gas projects, check out the [Clean Air Council's guide for participating in decision making](#). Our community organizing guide is also [available here](#).

Interested in beginning to organize in your community? Here is the Clean Air Council's

If you would like additional information about other infrastructure projects that are not listed here, please contact Sam Koplinka-Loehr at the Clean Air Council (skl@cleanair.org)

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Map of Proposed Pipelines in DRW	1.78 MB

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