

A warning to pipeline project's neighbors

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Dear editor:

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company's (TGP) Northeast Upgrade Project received approvals from both the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Highlands Council last week, but the New Jersey Highlands Coalition and other concerned citizens are not giving up in the wake of this terrible news.

Several Highlands Council members expressed deep concerns with TGP's project and publicly stated that if TGP made any more mistakes during construction the Council would hold them responsible.

We urge neighbors of the pipeline to report any problems they see as this pipeline is being constructed to either contact the Department of Environmental Protection Office of Compliance & Enforcement at 908-879-3769 or us, the New Jersey Highlands Coalition, at 973-588-7190.

With each approval TGP receives, it becomes more and more obvious that environmentalists and concerned citizens are going to have to take monitoring this project into our own hands.

It is now our responsibility to ensure TGP does not further harm our sensitive resources in the Highlands region. To do that we are all going to have to remain on watch and report it if we see it happening.

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