

Subject: Islander East: Coastal Consistency
Resent-From: Islandereast.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Thu, 20 Nov 2003 09:10:35 -0500
From: "Ruth Ann" <ruthann@woodlandscoalition.com>
To: <IslanderEast.comments@noaa.gov>

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

IN THE MATTER OF THE COASTAL }
CONSISTENCY APPEAL OF THE } November 20, 2003
ISLANDER EAST PIPELINE COMPANY }

My name is Ruth Ann Wiesenthal-Gold and I am submitting this statement to you to ask that you deny the application by Islander East.

You have been inundated with information from experts and well-educated citizens about what this proposal would do to the Long Island Sound. You already know that the DEP rejected the application, with good cause. You are aware of the present condition of the Sound; eutrophication, algae blooms, lobster depletion, hormone run-off. The Sound is in trouble and does not need another assault, especially one from a project that has already been deemed inappropriate.

Long Island Sound literally touches the lives of 20% of the entire population of the United States. For Connecticut alone, it represents billions of dollars to the economy. How can anyone, in good conscience allow more damage to be perpetrated on the Sound?

My organization, which I represent today, the Woodlands Coalition was formed, in part, to work to protect the environment of the state of Connecticut. We are cognizant of how what is done on the land will end up in the Sound; from household cleaning products to car wash runoff, from birth control pills to flotsam that lands there from trash tossed from cars. The damage is and can be done in reverse. Those that are on the land are damaged as well by the damage to the Sound. There are lobstermen who are today painting houses instead of being able to pursue their chosen vocation as well as their avocation of lobster fishing. A body of water that has served this region for 400 years is now slowly choking. People who live inland, who want to take their children to the beach or sailing on the Sound find themselves sailing not on glass and beauty but on trash and chemicals. Long Island Sound is the nursery for many that then feed into the Atlantic. Does it not follow that the benefits the citizens would derive from the Sound, those from Litchfield County to Hartford, from Camden, New Jersey to Valley Stream, Long Island would also be diminished? If we cannot fish the waters, cull her gifts, if we cannot swim, or support the tourism, boating, fishing industries that ultimately support us all, then where will you leave us?

When there are positive alternatives, when there is not a need, when there are ways to provide service to the public and not destroy the very body that has served the public for our entire existence, then your only answer is to deny the proposal. We look to you to follow on the heels of the decision of the DEP to do your part to stem the damaging impact of foolhardy proposals.

Thank you,

Ruth Ann Wiesenthal-Gold

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NOAA-- We are very much opposed to the energy steam-roller that is rolling through Coongress. Islander East is a good example of local programs that are not necessary, but simply "pork barrel" legislation waiting for some emergency to sneak them through. Please help us prevent the Pipeline.
Robert Perron

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Subject: RE: Islander East Pipeline Comments
Resent-From: Islandereast.Comments@noaa.gov
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To Whom it May Concern,

Please support our CT DEP and DENY Islander East's Appeal!! I wanted you to know My wife & I are strongly against the pipeline and support all the opposition to it. The facts have been provided to all so I won't reiterate them again. However, if this pipeline is approved it will change the way that Energy Agencies will look at the environment in the future. It means they can disregard the environment in their proposals knowing that they can bypass Local & State Government laws and regulations because they know the Federal Government will disregard what the Local & State Governments have ruled on. This is a blatant disregard for our rights as citizens of the town of Branford and the State of Connecticut!

Regards,

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Resent-From: Islandereast.Comments@noaa.gov

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From: "Charley and Susan Johnson" <chastog1@comcast.net>

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Having just returned from over 20 years away from Ct. and the Long Island Sound, I have been reminded once again at what an amazing treasure both economically and recreationally this area represents. I am appalled and disheartened that Islander East would choose the proposed route despite the obvious damages that will occur and am hopeful that you will support our Ct. DEP and deny Islander East's appeal.

Thank you,

Susan Johnson