

**Subject: Islander East pipeline**  
**Resent-From:** Islandereast.Comments@noaa.gov  
**Date:** Tue, 18 Nov 2003 13:31:26 -0500  
**From:** "Paul Hayslett" <hayslett@cowbay.com>  
**Organization:** Cow Bay Software  
**To:** <IslanderEast.comments@noaa.gov>

I am writing to urge you to deny Islander East's appeal against the CT DEP's decision regarding a natural gas pipeline through Branford, CT. I am not averse to the construction of such a pipeline, but I am quite concerned about the route the proposed pipeline would take.

As currently specified, the pipeline would run through miles of protected wetlands, animal sanctuaries, and shellfish beds. The potential for environmental damage is enormous. Much of the route would also be indefensible in the event of a terrorist attack or sabotage.

I understand that pipelines and cables do have to be built to serve the needs of Long Island's growing population. But I think that we need to be careful about siting this infrastructure to ensure maximal affordable safety for citizens and the environment. If nothing else, multiple such structures should share a common corridor so as to cause the least disruption to the habitat. This would also allow us to concentrate resources should the corridors need to be defended.

I am also very concerned about the precedent a successful appeal would set in terms of States rights, something which I thought was very dear to the current Presidential administration. The hugely successful cleanup of Long Island Sound over the past 2 decades shows that CT, NY, and RI can work together co-operatively to solve common problems without Federal interference. I am sure that the States can do the same regarding the various cross-Sound infrastructure projects currently being proposed. If the Federal government overrules State bodies in this matter and denies them that opportunity, it makes a mockery of our federal system of government, one of the USA's greatest strengths.

Please feel free to contact me regarding this matter at: 73 Seaview Ave, Branford, CT 06405; tel. 203-481-4981. Thank you.

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**Subject: please support CT DEP**

**Resent-From:** Islandereast.Comments@noaa.gov

**Date:** Tue, 18 Nov 2003 17:46:14 -0500

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Please deny Islander East's appeal of the CT DEP ruling. I urge you to consider the many negative consequences of the proposed pipeline. These have been well documented and argued at multiple hearings held in CT and in documents supplied to you by environmental organizations. There are many potential negative effects on the Long Island Sound ecosystem--on water quality, shellfish beds, birds, seals, wetlands, land trusts. The Sound is a key economic resource for our state, a recreational treasure, and a major factor in property values for many residents and in quality of life for many, many more residents. There are safety issues as well with the pipeline placement on the land as it passes through Branford (e.g., near a railroad track and near a school). There is an alternative that should have less negative impact, so there is clearly no defensible reason to approve a new pipeline project and overrule the CT DEP decision. Many CT residents have expressed their opposition, most of our local, state, and national representatives have expressed their opposition. The CT DEP has ruled against it. If this project is approved, the level of cynicism about how government officials make decisions about issues of national importance will climb even higher than it already is after the various recent and ongoing utility company scandals.

Please support CT DEP!

sincerely,

Marcia K. Johnson

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**Subject: opposed**  
**Resent-From:** Islandereast.Comments@noaa.gov  
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I am opposed to the Islander East Pipeline project because of the many negative environmental, economic and safety impacts.

I urge you to uphold the October 2002 and July 2003 decisions by the CT Department of Environmental Protection which denied Islander East a "coastal consistency" determination under CT's federally-approved Coastal Zone Management Program.

Sincerely,

Sal Annunziato  
President  
Wightwood School