

Subject: [Fwd: millenium pipeline]
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Tue, 03 Dec 2002 09:18:04 -0500
From: "Karl Gleaves" <Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov>
Organization: GCOS
To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov

----- Original Message -----

Subject: millenium pipeline
Date: Mon, 02 Dec 2002 20:03:40 -0500
From: John Gromada <john.gromada@verizon.net>
Reply-To: gromada@alumni.duke.edu
To: Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov

Mr. Gleaves,

I am writing to express my dismay about the proposals to route the millenium pipeline through Rockland county, and particularly through Hook mountain, Tallman mountain and Piermont marsh. Since information about these proposals has just started to be released publicly, it is impossible for me to respond fully since I have not been able to see the proposals myself. However, if the word on the street is correct these proposals are heinous. The parklands mentioned are not only crucial habitats for wildlife, but for humans as well. They are some of the most lovely natural areas close to NYC and disturbing them with this pipeline should be unthinkable. I suggest that you rethink this bad plan through. Also, I hope that the comment period can be extended to a date in the future which would allow you to widely publicize the report and the citizens of the area time to actually see the proposals and give them some thought.

Barbara Cohig
8 First Ave.
Nyack, NY 10960
845-353-3067

Subject: Millennium pipeline

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 10:16:26 -0500

From: "Buchbinder, Janet" <BuchbinderJ@ramnet.k12.ny.us>

To: "'millennium.comments@noaa.gov'" <millennium.comments@noaa.gov>

To Whom It May Concern:

I want to register my opposition to the placement of the Millennium pipeline (Docker No. CP-150 et al) anywhere in Rockland County. The pipeline presents a hazard to all of us living in the area and endangers wildlife in protected areas.

Janet Buchbinder
West Nyack, NY

Subject: [Fwd: Opposition to the Pipeline proposed to run through Rockland County, NY]
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Tue, 03 Dec 2002 12:31:49 -0500
From: "Karl Gleaves" <Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov>
Organization: GCOS
To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Opposition to the Pipeline proposed to run through Rockland County, NY
Date: Tue, 3 Dec 2002 12:14:39 EST
From: <MDERVEN@aol.com>
To: Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed plans to run a pipeline through the very environmentally sensitive Piermont marsh. This plan must be re-considered and more suitable alternatives found. there

must be sufficient time for public comment.

Sincerely,
Marjorie Derven
312 Piermont Avenue
Piermont, NY 10968
845.359.5083

Subject: [Fwd: Concerned about Millennium Pipeline]
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 02 Dec 2002 10:23:58 -0500
From: "Karl Gleaves" <Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov>
Organization: GCOS
To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov

----- Original Message -----
Subject: Concerned about Millennium Pipeline
Date: Sun, 1 Dec 2002 20:24:55 EST
From: <Horslip@aol.com>
To: Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Gleaves,

As a resident of Nyack, New York (in Rockland County), I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the fast-tracked plans to send the Millennium Pipeline down the Palisades, and through Hook Mountain or Tallman Mountain State Parks. I am deeply offended by what I consider to be a complete lack of due process - having only just heard about the plans this week and having heard that our deadline for public comment is December 2.

This project has the potential to completely disturb the sensitive eco-systems in this area, as well as bring great upheaval and wasteful expense to the people of this region. We have already sustained years of road construction along the Palisades Parkway and Rte. 9W - projects which have only just recently been completed. Our county already suffers air pollution from several power plants, traffic, emissions, noise and upheaval from the thruway, and provides critical social services for the region, all of which greatly serves our neighbors in Westchester County who apparently have been given an extensive opportunity to oppose the pipeline in their area. We demand nothing less than the same opportunity.

Further, with the recent gerrymandering of our district we have lost our voice in Congress. At the very least, the federal government owes this community the time and opportunity to learn all the facts and have the same voice in the decision over the route of this pipeline as our neighbors across the river. This pipeline has the same, if not a greater potential to destroy what remains of the natural environment on our side of the river as it does on the other. To route this pipeline through communities which stand to benefit least from the fuel it will transport, and which are most vulnerable to the destruction it will cause, is by definition a great injustice.

I urge you to re-evaluate this plan and open this public debate to my community by extending the deadline for public comment to sometime in

February or March, 2003, and by holding public hearings in the communities that are in the path of the newly proposed route.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Cairns
2 Aldine Park
Nyack, NY 10960
845-353-8365

Subject: [Fwd: re Millenium pipeline thru Rockland County - no, no, no - not ever]
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 02 Dec 2002 10:25:21 -0500
From: "Karl Gleaves" <Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov>
Organization: GCOS
To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov

----- Original Message -----

Subject: re Millennium pipeline thru Rockland County - no, no, no - not ever

Date: 29 Nov 2002 23:32:43 -0500

From: Lance McGinnis <mcginnis@mjmcreative.com>

Reply-To: Lance McGinnis <mcginnis@mjmcreative.com>

To:

<Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov>, <gov.pataki@chamber.state.ny.us.gov.pataki@chamber.state.ny.us>
<rockland@westches.gannett.com>,
<info@nyackvillager.com>, <Gattullo@aol.com>,
<letters@rocklandcountytimes.com>, <mail@wrccr.com>

I respectfully request that you register my strong opposition to bringing the Millenium Pipeline through Rockland county to serve residents of Westchester. It is idiotic to waste money studying alternative routes when an appropriate route has already been approved And it just plain wrong. For your own sake, keep it where it has already been studied and approved.

If you want a major fight on your hands, you will get one when you attempt to bulldoze Tallman State Park, Hook Mountain or the Piermont Marshes. We will never, never, never let that happen.

It is shameful behavior that the public comment period should be quietly announced, not covered in local papers (as the Journal News neglected to do, no doubt because it's based in Westchester) and then scheduled to end the Monday after Thanksgiving.

Rockland has been the whipping boy of New York State for far too long - we get pay more taxes and get less services than practically any other county in the state. Bringing the Millenium Pipeline below Haverstraw south through Rockland will spark a reaction from a peaceable population that will be shocking in its volume and scope.

I warn the officials of New York State to not kick this sleeping dog any longer - such an outrageous Millenium move will turn what seems to be a sleeping beagle into a raging pitbull.

Lance McGinnis
Nyack

Subject: [Fwd: The Piermont Marsh]
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 02 Dec 2002 10:25:58 -0500
From: "Karl Gleaves" <Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov>
Organization: GCOS
To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov

----- Original Message -----
Subject: The Piermont Marsh
Date: Fri, 29 Nov 2002 22:05:56 EST
From: <Roadruck56@aol.com>
To: Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Gleaves,

My name is Alan Ruck and I live in Piermont

N.Y.

I'm writing

to you as a concerned citizen who has some serious objections to some of the proposed "alternative" routes for the Millennium pipeline. I was pleased to hear that Congressman Eliot Engel is going to ask the Department of Commerce for an extension to the December 2nd deadline for public comment on this matter.

But, really, if the proposed routes through the Piermont marsh are every bit the violations of the Coastal Zoning Management Act that the Haverstraw Bay route was, how can they be seriously entertained as viable alternative routes? It is simply not acceptable. Another way must be found. I know that you are exceedingly busy, but if you want to send me an e-mail, I'd happily read it.

Thank you

very
much.

Alan Ruck.

Subject: [Fwd: Gas Pipeline in Rockland]
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 02 Dec 2002 10:26:27 -0500
From: "Karl Gleaves" <Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov>
Organization: GCOS
To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Gas Pipeline in Rockland
Date: Fri, 29 Nov 2002 19:57:30 -0500
From: "Kara Uleman" <karalea2@earthlink.net>
Reply-To: karalea2@earthlink.net
To: Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Gleaves, A friend just alerted me that there are tentative plans to construct the "Millennium Pipeline" through Rockland County, possibly right through my favorite park and recreational areas (Piermont Marsh and Tallman State Park). I strongly OPPOSE the construction of this pipeline through Rockland County!!! I understand that original plans to route the pipeline through Westchester County were rejected due to a powerful public outcry from Westchester residents. I hope we in Rockland County can do the same. Please do not let this pipeline be built in my back yard! Kara Uleman karalea2@earthlink.net Why Wait? Move to EarthLink.

Subject: Millennium Pipeline
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 10:28:40 EST
From: <Leschack20@aol.com>
To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov

Dear Sir/Madam:

I wish to voice my opposition to the millennium pipeline. It is proposed to be built dangerously close to the Briarcliff elementary school and would endanger all of the children who attend the school (including my daughter). It is also environmentally unsound.

Thank you.

Dean R. Brown
Briarcliff Manor, NY

Subject: Letter Regarding Millenium Pipeline
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 10:29:22 -0500
From: <Deborah.Chomiw@rrd.com>
To: <Millennium.comments@noaa.gov>

Dear NOAA

PLEASE DONT PUT A PIPELINE IN TEATOWN LAKE. IT WILL BE UNFAIR TO
ME AND THE ANIMALS AND THE FISH EVEN MY MOMMY AND MY
DADDY AND MY NATURE FRIENDS. LOVE ADRIAN CHOMIW

246 WATCH HILL RD
CORTLANDT MANOR, NY 10567

Subject: (no subject)

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Mon, 02 Dec 2002 10:31:02 -0500

From: "Karl Gleaves" <Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov>

Organization: GCOS

To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov

----- Original Message -----

Date: Fri, 29 Nov 2002 09:54:57 -0500

From: "Carolyn R." <greywolf50@earthlink.net>

To: <Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov>

Dear Mr. Gleaves, Once again the powers that be decide that Rockland County isn't important enough, so let's just dump on them again. Why at the last minute have plans been announced to bring this Millenium Pipeline through Rockland? Why has there been no real notification? Why are we deprived from public hearings, due process, and all the democratic trappings? Another grand example of taxation without representataion? Why another subterfuge to attempt to rape our county? WE ARE TIRED OF IT. WE WILL NOT TAKE THIS SITTING DOWN. We don't want your damned pipeline. We want a say in what happens to our land>Carolyn Rowan

Subject: pipeline proposal docket cp-150 et al
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 11:29:10 -0500
From: "napny.jane" <jane@napny.com>
To: <millennium.comments@noaa.gov>

Dear Secretary Donald Evans,

I live in Briarcliff Manor within the proposed nonsurvival zone of the Millennium pipeline. As I am sure you are aware of, this current proposed route is of major concern to our schools as well as hundreds of home neighboring (some within 20 feet) of the Taconic Parkway. Although the government is focusing on the wildlife habitats that would be compromised, I beg you please to consider the endangerment of placing such a high pressure gas pipeline on top of our schools and homes. There are 9 alternate pipeline alternatives, all of which I feel are better placed. Of course these routes may not be as profitable for Columbia Gas, but when you review them please factor in the thousands of peoples lives in Westchester that will be affected if the current route is approved. The fact that New York City is appealing this current disastrous proposed route because of its proximity to the water supply should make this changing this route a no brainer.... all along we have been told by the politicians that the main reason we must have this pipeline is because NYC wants and needs it..... well obviously, thats not the case in the current route or climate. I attended the Dept. of Commerce hearing and am hoping that the vocal majority of the people who are against this current route were heard loud and clear. PLEASE STOP THE PIPELINE FROM CROSSING THE HUDSON AT HAVERSTRAW BAY, ENDANGERING THE NYC WATER SUPPLY, DESTROYING TEATOWN RESERVATION AND ENDANGERING THE CHILDREN AND NEIGHBORHOODS OF BRIARCLIFF MANOR. THERE ARE OTHER ALTERNATIVES AND WE ARE COUNTING ON OUR GOVERNMENT TO KEEP US SAFE.

Sincerely,

Jane and Richard Carter
25 Carlton Ave
Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510
jane@napny.com

Subject: [Fwd: Millenium Pipeline]
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 02 Dec 2002 11:37:44 -0500
From: "Karl Gleaves" <Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov>
Organization: GCOS
To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Millennium Pipeline
Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 11:22:12 EST
From: <Palisadesart@aol.com>
To: Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov

The idea of moving the Millenium Pipeline to run through Tallman Mountain and Piermont Marsh or Hook Mountain will not only endanger wildlife, but also destroy some of the most beautiful river lands left on the banks of the lower Hudson.

The proposed route through Haverstraw, where existing power plants already line the banks of the Hudson makes much more sense, as it will not destroy any park lands or marshes. Why should Rockland who will be getting very little benefit from the pipeline becafe sacrificed for the sake of Westchester's self interest?

As a long time resident of Rockland I am asking you not to allow this destructive plan to be accepted as will not only endangered the park and wildlife of the area, but also cause the Palisades Parkway to be torn up again for an extended period of time and cause additional economic hardship to Rockland County.

Sincerely yours,

Susan Shapiro

Subject: Stop The Pipeline

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Mon, 02 Dec 2002 14:43:36 -0500

From: Gerry Hawkins <gh@dakotagr.com>

To: <millennium.comments@noaa.gov>

12/2/02

To the NOAA

As a resident of Croton-on-Hudson concerned with my family's safety and health, I feel that the Millennium pipeline should not be built.

The pipeline will result in severe and irreversible degradation of the wetlands and other natural resources of the Croton Arboretum. Tree removal will disrupt runoff and stream flow, increase erosion, change downstream hydrologic conditions, and subject the wetlands to increased sunlight and wind. Such damage could permanently impair nearly a quarter of the Arboretum's land, harm the sensitive wetland, vegetation, and wildlife in the area, and destroy the scenic and recreational value of the Arboretum.

The Pipeline greatly exacerbates the terrorism and evacuation concerns converging around Indian Point. The Pipeline would run adjacent to and cross several roads and two major arteries - the Taconic State Parkway and Route 9 - comprising part of the Indian Point evacuation-road system. An accident or attack during the Pipeline's construction, or intentional sabotage thereafter, could cripple these vital components of the REPP and thereby isolate thousands of coastal-zone residents from their only escape during a nuclear emergency.

Millennium has undertaken no site-specific studies of the Croton Wellfield area. After construction, the continued presence of the pipeline in the Wellfield would present an ongoing risk to the Village's water quality. A pipeline leak would introduce contaminants into the ground water. Natural gas can dissolve in and be transported by ground water.

Gerard Hawkins
90 Hastings Ave.
Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520

Subject: Comments
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 18:12:18 EST
From: <Helsos@aol.com>
To: Millennium.comments@noaa.gov

I do not wish the Millenium pipeline to go through Rockland county, paralleling the Palisades Insterstate Parkway. travel that route several times every day and a major pipeline there is just too dangerous!!

Subject: [Fwd: Millennium Pipeline in Rockland County]
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 02 Dec 2002 18:25:04 -0500
From: "Karl Gleaves" <Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov>
Organization: GCOS
To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Millennium Pipeline in Rockland County
Date: Mon, 02 Dec 2002 18:03:36 -0500
From: Bill Hodgson and Arthur Auer <billart@att.net>
To: Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov
CC: John Gromada <gromada@alumni.duke.edu>

Karl Gleaves.
Office of the Assistant Counsel for Ocean Services.
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
Dear Mr. Gleaves:
I discovered only yesterday that the deadline for public comment on proposals for routing the Millennium Pipeline through Rockland County is today. I am incredulous at this discovery since there has to my knowledge been no widely disseminated information or public outreach concerning any proposals. As a Land use Board member in one Rockland village I am assiduous in keeping up with local news stories and so I am outraged that information has not been made readily available to citizens of the county. A minimum need is that the comment period must be extended and public awareness vastly increased. Obviously with so little information I am not in a position to critique the proposals. Reported plans to route the pipeline along the Palisades Parkway and/or through Tallman Mountain State Park and Piermont Marsh would be unacceptable.
I suspect that something is being hidden or a proposal bulldozed through. My fellow citizens of the county and I demand more information.
William G. Hodgson.
13 Central Avenue
Nyack, NY 10960
Telephone: 945-353-1307
e-mail: billart@att.net

Subject: Letter Regarding Millenium Pipeline

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 18:02:50 -0600

From: <Deborah.Chomiw@rrd.com>

To: Millennium.comments@noaa.gov

Dear NOAA

PLEASE DONT PUT A PIPELINE IN TEATOWN LAKE. IT WILL BE UNFAIR TO
ME AND THE ANIMALS AND THE FISH EVEN MY MOMMY AND MY
DADDY AND MY NATURE FRIENDS. LOVE ADRIAN CHOMIW

246 WATCH HILL RD
CORTLANDT MANOR, NY 10567

Subject: Stop the Pipeline!!

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 23:37:45 EST

From: <PStopera@aol.com>

To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov

To the Department of Commerce;

I am a resident of Briarcliff Manor, N. Y. and I have a 5 year old son in Kindergarten at the Todd Elementary School just 75 feet away from the proposed Millenium Pipeline route. Each day, my son and his classmates play in a playground just feet from that proposed location. I just don't understand how anyone could agree to compromise the safety of my child and every child in Briarcliff and be comfortable with it. I think about all of our kindergartners innocently enjoying their playground while right next to them such a dangerous situation.

After the events of September 11, we all learned how vulnerable we are today and how we need to protect all of our citizens, especially our children. How can you put our kids in further jeopardy by running this pipeline so close to where they spend a good part of every day? We're already so close to Indian Point which may be a terrorist target and this is putting us in even more danger. Would you want the Pipeline so close to where your children go to school?

Please consider an alternate route to the Pipeline for the sake of my child's life, and the lives of all the children in our area.

Thank you

Perri Stopera

Subject: Millennium Pipeline Comments

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Mon, 2 Dec 2002 11:28:12 -0500

From: John Hare <JohnEHare@compuserve.com>

To: Honorable Donald Evans <Millennium.comments@NOAA.gov>

CC: mike ferguson <mferguson@indeck-energy.com>

The Honorable Donald Evans
Secretary, US Department of Commerce
14th and Constitution NW
Washington, DC 20230

Sir:

I am writing to encourage your support in upholding the FERC's finding that the Millennium Pipeline Project is in the Public Interest

I manage power plants in rural upstate New York. The Indeck-Olean facility is located in Cattaraugus County, Olean, New York; one of the Counties that the proposed line is scheduled to be constructed through. The construction of this line is important to the future viability of Indeck's Olean Plant, and to the Southern Tier Region of Western, NY generally. Indeck-Olean is a state-of-the-art design with very low NOx and CO emissions.

FERC has been studying the proposed project for over four years; including the sensitive Hudson River crossing. I believe that it has been demonstrated that the project can be built in an environmentally responsible way, and will help in addressing New York's critical energy needs. Natural Gas is the life blood of many of the power projects already built (such as Indeck-Olean), and those proposed to be built to help alleviate New York State's current electric shortage.

This project will improve our national energy security, create thousands of jobs and economic development opportunities; and will help New York meet Clean Air Act requirements. Those economic development opportunities are valuable to New York State in general, but are particularly important to Upstate areas such as Cattaraugus County, New York which have languished for many years.

Please review the Millennium Pipeline project on its merits. It certainly appears that the legitimate concerns of all interested parties have been heard, and every attempt has been made to try to mitigate those concerns. The project offers benefits that will help many, and should not be delayed any further.

Sincerely,

John E. Hare

John E Hare
Plant Manager, Indeck-Olean

Subject: [Fwd: Millineum Pipeline]
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 02 Dec 2002 10:29:55 -0500
From: "Karl Gleaves" <Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov>
Organization: GCOS
To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov

----- Original Message -----
Subject: Millennium Pipeline
Date: Fri, 29 Nov 2002 15:43:46 EST
From: <Sufferncivic@aol.com>
To: Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov
CC: banjolady.susan@verizon.net

Dear Mr. Gleaves and folks at the EPA,
I have recently been informed that a proposal is currently being considered to re-route the Millineum Pipeline through parks or alongside the Palisades Parkway in Rockland County. I was also informed that we in Rockland County have until Dec. 2, 2002 to comment. CAN THIS BE TRUE?

If so, it seems unfair that residents of Rockland are learning of this alternate proposal now, and that we have till the Monday after Thanksgiving to comment!!!!????? With such a large-scale project and potentially far-reaching environmental consequences, I believe that this should not be seriously considered before:

- a) The consequences of using these alternate routes through Rockland County is thoroughly studied
- b) Rockland residents are fully appraised of this project and given the time and information they need to comment intelligently
- c) Their comments are fully weighed along with the potential impact of these alternate routes in Rockland

Perhaps I was misinformed, but I am writing just in case.
Thanks for taking my comments into consideration.

Sarah Mondale
Co-chair
Suffern Civic Association
PO Box 471
Suffern, NY 10901
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Fax: 845-368-8781

Subject: Millennium pipeline

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Sun, 1 Dec 2002 09:38:34 -0500 (EST)

From: smarkim@webtv.net (sondra markim)

To: Millennium.comments@noaa.gov

To whom it may concern:

We wish to voice our strongest objections to the plan to route the pipeline through the Piermont Marsh and Tallman Park.

These natural preserves are a significant part of the lifestyle in our community, and any adverse effects to the environment would be catastrophic.

Surely you can find an alternate route that doesn't take these drastic risks.

Sondra and Al Markim

Subject: Comments

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Sun, 1 Dec 2002 13:34:31 -0500

From: "Larry Provost" <larryprovost@earthlink.net>

To: <millennium.comments@noaa.gov>

December 1, 2002

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

U.S. Department of Commerce

1305 East-West Highway

Silver Spring, MD 20910

By email; millennium.comments@noaa.gov.

Re: Millennium Pipeline Company appeal of NY Dept. of State Refusal to Certify Route

Dear NOAA:

As a resident of Westchester County, I oppose the Millennium Pipeline project. I would like to have my comments on record, as I was not able to speak in person at the November 13, 2002 hearing in Tarrytown NY.

The New York State Department of State has assessed the consistency requirements of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) as it relates to the Millennium Pipeline project. DOS has ruled the project to be inconsistent with the State's CZMA. New York State has designated the Haverstraw Bay, which the proposed pipeline would cross, a "Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitat." Numerous scientific studies have documented the unique nature of the Bay and the critical role it plays in the Atlantic coast's ecosystem. The Bay is home to the federally-listed endangered short nose sturgeon, and has been designated by the National Marine Fisheries Service as Essential Fish Habitat for numerous other species. While the Bay is a valuable ecological resource, it is not in pristine condition. Over the years, factories have dumped substantial amounts of carcinogenic and toxic chemicals in the Hudson River. This issue is important due to the presence of hazardous chemicals including PCBs that have accumulated on the bed of the Haverstraw Bay --chemicals that are likely to be stirred up by the dredging or blasting and stay suspended in the water as a result of the proposed construction.

The proposed Millennium route is within a few thousand yards of Indian Point, adjacent to Con Edison transmission towers, and goes directly through the NYC Watershed. Con Edison has admitted spraying the chemical compound, 2-4-5-T along the right-of-way and within the Coastal Zone. A by-product of this compound is Dioxin, a known carcinogen. The Village of Croton-on-Hudson tested for Dioxin on village property and concluded that the concentrations of Dioxins within the right of way are likely to exceed public health standards. Testing for Dioxin is possible and has been requested by residents and municipal authorities within the Coastal Zone. However testing has never been conducted along the pipeline route, construction areas, and areas that will be impacted by blasting. Moreover, the Town of Cortlandt and the Village of Croton have repeatedly commented that Millennium has ignored the impacts from the acknowledged use of Dioxin-containing pesticides within the right of way. While Millennium sampled for residual pesticides on the right of way, it did not sample for Dioxin. And while the Village sampled for Dioxin near the right of way, ConEd denied the Town and the Village permission to sample for Dioxin on the right of way. As a result, the Record does not contain a single empirical sample to indicate the level or location of Dioxin on the right of way. This omission is particularly egregious considering the impacts to people in the coastal zone who might inhale this known-human carcinogen. The levels of Dioxin which would trigger regulatory mandated cleanup do not address the primary concern identified by the Town of Croton: the inhalation by coastal-zone residents of Dioxin carried by clouds of soil and rock dust from blasting which will spread this contaminant for hundreds or thousands of feet. Thus, even if the calculation based on incomplete testing as performed by Millennium's consultant are to be believed, and the "levels" of toxins are "below regulatory levels for cleanup," there still may be significant inhalation impacts that have not been addressed or mitigated. Because these impacts may injure coastal zone residents and properties, the blasting on the right of way is inconsistent with CMP Policy 18.

Additionally, no analysis has been made for the possibility of terrorists using the gas from the pipeline to cause an explosion with the yield of a small nuclear weapon. And no provision has been made for special training and equipment for fire, police and other workers who would need respond to any emergency involving the high pressure gas line.

Further, there have been no compelling arguments that the proposed project furthers the national interest in a significant and substantial manner, nor that the national interest furthered by the proposed pipeline outweighs its adverse effects on the costal zone.

The route proposed in Westchester for the Millennium Pipeline has met with county-wide opposition and is inherently flawed. The proposed pipeline would require a 75-foot wide clear-cut path, and would cause irreversible damage to homes, schools, businesses, roadways and environmentally sensitive areas. In addition, residences, schools, hospitals, parks and businesses will *permanently* be at risk of a catastrophic explosion due to the proximity of the pipeline. According to Attorney General Spitzer, the Millennium project would have serious negative impacts on the New York water supply. Running the Pipeline so close to critical infrastructure could have devastating adverse coastal management zone effects as a result of either terrorism, natural disaster or accident that far outweigh any conceivable national interest.

As an alternative, I understand that there is a proposal that stops the Millennium Pipeline at the Bowline Facility in Rockland County. Under this proposal, Millennium would replace old pipelines to this point while allowing time to analyze the region's energy needs. County Executive Spano has called for FERC to establish a process for developing joint pipeline projects as an alternative to stand-alone routes. This analysis must now include the real threat of terrorism. The *existing* infrastructure of stand-alone pipelines in Westchester County could likely meet energy transmission needs with far less environmental disruption if they were required to work together rather than in competition. There are 11 natural gas projects, including Millennium, that are currently proposed to serve the New York metropolitan region. Since not all of the natural gas from all of the projects is necessarily needed, competition will result in some projects not being built. Thus, the Millennium project is of no greater consequence to the promotion of economic development in the region than any other pipeline.

I believe that existing pipelines should be upgraded for safety and capacity and pipelines and right of ways should be shared by competing companies. It is not efficient to develop yet another stand-alone pipeline route. This cooperative strategy increases the safety of the older pipelines, allows gas to be delivered to destinations other than Mount Vernon, avoids the NYC Watershed, and provides greater energy reliability by not placing a new high pressure gas pipeline within dangerous proximity to the Indian Point Nuclear Plant and the Con Edison high voltage transmission equipment.

Westchester County and New York State and the many communities affected by the proposed route are united in opposition to the proposed Millennium Pipeline project. I urge NOAA to deny Millennium's appeal to the New York Department of State's decision that the proposed pipeline is not consistent with the Costal Zone Management Act.

Sincerely,

/s/ Larry Provost

Larry Provost, 116 Teatown Rd., Croton NY 10520

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Subject: Millennium Pipeling
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Sun, 1 Dec 2002 18:31:59 -0500
From: Elsie Lowell <lowellef@att.net>
To: Millennium.comments@noaa.gov

December 1, 2002

To whom it may concern:

We wish to voice our strongest objection to the plan to route the pipeline through Tallman State Park and the Piermont Marsh.

These preserves are of significant importance to both the natural ecology of the creatures that reside within them and the humans that use these special and unique areas for the enjoyment, recreation and appreciation of nature.

These small, special but very important pockets of nature have taken a very, very long time to develop. The installing of a pipeline through these preserves would be catastrophic to the surrounding environment, both human and natural.

Please consider an alternate route that doesn't take these drastic risks.

Fred and Elsie Lowell

Subject: Millenium Pipeline - Impact on Croton on Hudson, NY

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Sat, 30 Nov 2002 09:50:58 -0500

From: "wintermeier" <wintermeier@prodigy.net>

To: <Millennium.comments@noaa.gov>

It is inconceivable to hear that the Millennium Pipeline is planned to pass through Croton on Hudson or even alternative villages without any bond having been established to protect the citizens of these communities!!! Croton on Hudson derives it's entire water supply from wells. These wells could be damaged from explosions as the Millennium pipeline goes through our Village. The fools who are planning this project don't even have a backup plan to provide water if their explosions disrupt the aqueduct that feeds our wells.

If they're so sure that they won't cause damage, let them put up a SIZABLE BOND (\$500,000,000 or more should make them stop to think about the consequences) to assure the citizens of a continued supply of water. I'll bet they don't have the courage!!!!

If you want to see the result of a builder contaminating well water, visit Welland, Ontario where a well that was dug too deep allowed sulphur water to seep into the water supply of the entire town. They had to truck water for showers, cooking and sanitary purposes for years. Pots, pans and dishes were washed at the same time and toilets were only flushed if the smell got too bad. These folks even bathed in Lake Erie in the summer to conserve their household water. What a MESS!!!!

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<p><u>Diane & Bob Wintermeier</u> <wintermeier@prodigy.net> Agent LeMan's Collection</p>
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Subject: Support the NYS Department of State decision against the Millennium Pipeline
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Sat, 30 Nov 2002 22:30:03 -0500
From: "Elizabeth Keller" <lizzy@bestweb.net>
To: "NOAA" <millennium.comments@noaa.gov>

December 1, 2002

Dear Secretary Evans,

I am writing to ask you to support the wise and well-thought out decision by the New York State Department of State regarding the Millennium Pipeline project.

Haverstraw Bay -

In Robert Boyle's definitive work entitled "The Hudson River" he describes:

" The Haverstraw Bay reach of the Hudson River is my equivalent of Jordan's streams of Georgia. Although the Bay is some 30 miles north of the battery it is largely unknown. If I have a personal wish about The Hudson, it is to know the bay in its entirety - to know every fish, every crab and shrimp, every bird and every plant and to mark their shifts and movements with the ebb and flow of tide and change of seasons. The bay is an incredible place, and it is subject to so many variables, to so many unknowns and rhythms as yet unperceived that it exhausts the imagination. One would have to be God to see it all."

I have been a resident of Croton-on-Hudson for over 25 years. I am a sailor. I am also a former Commodore of the Croton Yacht Club which resides on the western shore of Haverstraw Bay. I am AT or ON Haverstraw Bay close to 365 days a year. I love this area, I use this area and I have a great respect for this area.

Several years ago Haverstraw Bay was dying. Old timers at the Croton Yacht Club who grew up on this river tell stories of malicious dumping & unchecked municipal sewerage piped directly into the Bay. During the past 25 years our local and statewide leadership got smart. They deliberately set out to save the Hudson River and to save Haverstraw Bay. Local and state laws were passed. Public education programs were designed to foster respect for the delicate ecosystems that are encased in this body of water. The public responded. Our political leadership has been effective. Each year the bay now heals itself and is more active than ever with wildlife and all sorts of incredible ecosystems.

I can't fathom how anyone could consider blasting the bottom and shore of this bay, this very