

Subject: Oppose

Resent-From: Islandereast.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Thu, 06 Nov 2003 10:25:17 -0500

From: Yanew001@aol.com

To: IslanderEast.comments@noaa.gov

I am strongly opposed to the Islander East Pipeline project because of the extreme negative impacts on our environment, safety and economy.

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.

Suzanne Budwitz
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Subject: Islander East Appeal

Resent-From: Islandereast.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Thu, 6 Nov 2003 08:36:24 -0800 (PST)

From: linda hoza <lindahoza@yahoo.com>

To: IslanderEast.comments@noaa.gov

Please support our CT DEP and deny Islander East's appeal. This is a state's right issue and I support the decision of the CT DEP to deny Islander East a "coastal consistency determination". Please deny Islander East's appeal.

Thank you, Linda Hoza

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Subject: Stop Islander East

Resent-From: Islandereast.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Thu, 6 Nov 2003 13:33:27 -0500

From: "Jon Wilson" <jonwilson@snet.net>

To: <IslanderEast.comments@noaa.gov>

Please support our CT DEP and deny Islander East's appeal. I oppose the Islander East pipeline through Branford for the following reasons:

First: There is a shorter route for the pipeline.

Second: There is a safer route for the pipeline.

It is **unconscionable** to even consider placing a high-pressure natural gas pipeline adjacent to a school. The route of the proposed pipeline is past Wightwood School and takes no measures to protect the children. This route was chosen because it is more profitable than the existing route in Milford.

Recently, in Jeffersonville, Kentucky, a natural gas pipeline similar to the one proposed through Branford exploded. In that fire, acres were scorched and because of the pressure in the pipeline, it took several hours before the flames were brought under control. I would like you to try to imagine just what would happen to schoolchildren seventy feet away from a ball of fire hot enough to melt sand.

In my opinion, building a high-pressure gas pipeline next to a school cannot be morally justified.

Third: There is a less environmentally damaging route for the pipeline.

In conclusion: to date there has been no proof that the pipeline is either "indispensable or necessary." The proposed pipeline is not about eminent domain - it is about greed.

This pipeline is a safety and environmental disaster waiting to happen, and it needs to be stopped now.

Sincerely,

Andrea V. Wilson, Stony Creek CT.

Subject: Stop Islander East

Resent-From: Islandereast.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Thu, 6 Nov 2003 13:34:02 -0500

From: "Jon Wilson" <jonwilson@snet.net>

To: <IslanderEast.comments@noaa.gov>

am asking that you deny Islander East's appeal.

The proposed Islander East pipeline is neither "indispensable or necessary," as there is an alternate route that is shorter, safer, and less environmentally damaging.

The elephant in the room is that eminent domain should not be used to create terrorist targets. A natural gas pipeline buried in three feet of dirt is a vulnerable terrorist target. How is the current administration and its "War on Terrorism" going to stop a terrorist with a small shovel and a radio controlled detonating devise? Morally, I believe that building this pipeline next to a school should be a criminal offense.

In addition, the national, and international message that approval of this pipeline would send is that the Bush Administration's "War on Terrorism" takes a backseat to corporate profits. This message challenges the sincerity of the "War on Terror" and is a dangerous blow to the security of all Americans. Denying this pipeline is a national issue.

If this pipeline is truly safe, then why is the parent company, which made a gross profit of 8.7 billion dollars last year, hiding their assets behind a "Limited Liability Company?" If they are not willing to risk their money - you should not be willing to let them risk our children.

I hope that the nation will be watching, and that your committee will send a clear message. And, I hope that message will be that even though Islander East's parent company was a member of the secret Cheney Energy task force, and is a major political contributor, they cannot buy the right to put our children at fatal risk.

Sincerely,

Jon R. Wilson

Subject: Islander East proposal

Resent-From: Islandereast.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Thu, 6 Nov 2003 13:42:14 -0500

From: "Maria Storm" <mstorm31@comcast.net>

To: <IslanderEast.comments@noaa.gov>

To Whom it May Concern:

I am the Chairman of the Branford River Project, a citizens group whose goal is to preserve the beautiful river that runs through our town and serves as a tributary to Long Island Sound. My 30+ members are all staunchly opposed to the implementation of the Islander East pipeline and have asked me to inform you of their opposition as members of an organization dedicated to protecting our local environment.

In addition I would like to convey my opposition to the Islander East project simply as a citizen of a small town and a parent of a teenage son who is full of strongly held political opinions. It is clear to everyone here that few if any residents of Branford support the Islander East proposal. In addition, no concerned government representative in <?xml:namespace prefix = st1 ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:smarts" />Connecticut from our First Selectman to our delegates in state and local government to the state's Attorney General and the Commissioner of Connecticut's DEP supports the Islander East project. Local and state opposition is loud and unmistakable.

Should you rule in favor of Islander East, how will I justify to my son the value of democracy or the importance of voting or of participating in a political process when what he sees is that the clearly stated and unequivocal wishes of the governed can be so easily sacrificed for the financial gain of a few with powerful political connections. It would be a betrayal of the citizens of Branford who love their town and their country and the democratic principles on which it is supposedly built. Please support our right to choose our own future.

Thank you for your concern

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Maria Storm

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Subject: Commerce Department Public Hearing

Resent-From: Islandereast.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Thu, 6 Nov 2003 14:03:40 EST

From: BDavidia@aol.com

To: IslanderEast.comments@NOAA.gov

Please deny the appeal of Islander East. Long Island Sound is a unique and irreplaceable treasure that should be preserved and protected for the citizens of CT. and NY.

There is an alternative route that doesn't destroy shellfish beds or damage the health of the sound. I prefer no pipeline under the Sound at all, but certainly not one that will impact the health of this unique treasure.

President Bush has been encouraging states to have more power over their communities. Then let the decision of CT's DEP stand. They turned this permit down TWICE for good and sound reason.

Please do not allow the Islander East Pipeline decision to be appealed. The pipeline should not be built in the proposed location. Thank-you, Barbara David

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Subject: Support DEP's denial of permit
Resent-From: Islandereast.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Fri, 07 Nov 2003 02:19:30 +0000
From: ainsleyh@att.net
To: IslanderEast.comments@noaa.gov

The gas pipeline proposed by Islander East will threaten a fragile ecosystem and valuable recreation area: the Thimble Islands area off Branford, Connecticut. A less damaging alternative is available. Please uphold the Connecticut DEP's denial of permit to Islander East.

Ainsley Highman
Chairman, Branford Parks and Open Space Authority
One Northford Road
Branford, CT 06405

Subject: Comment

Resent-From: Islandereast.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Fri, 7 Nov 2003 05:48:01 -0800 (PST)

From: Dick Hart <ihike@sbcglobal.net>

To: IslanderEast.Comments@noaa.gov

I urge you and the Department of Commerce OPPOSE Islander East's current request to build a gas pipeline through Connecticut and under Long Island Sound.

urge your continued opposition UNLESS and UNTIL they:

- meet and satisfy all federal, state and local environmental regulations, and
- comply with all Connecticut laws and regulations, especially regards siting.

Richard Hart,
211 White Hollow Road,
Northford, CT 06472

Subject: Long Island Cable

Resent-From: Islandereast.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Fri, 7 Nov 2003 09:21:10 -0500

From: memfem2@juno.com

To: IslanderEast.comments@noaa.gov

Sirs:

Please support our Connecticut DEP and deny the Islander East appeal.
Thank you.

Mary McCarthy
Branford, CT.

Subject: Long Island Sound

Resent-From: Islandereast.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Fri, 7 Nov 2003 09:39:40 EST

From: PLMGM@aol.com

To: IslanderEast.comments@noaa.gov

To: Office of the General Council

From: Patricia McGlashan

I support the Connecticut DEP in their rulings to protect Long Island Sound and its estuaries by denying Islander East the right to build a pipeline.

Thank you