Subject: **Stop the millennium pipeline!**
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 15:46:37 -0500
From: Birchwood Center <info@birchwoodcenter.com>
To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov

Gentlemen,

As a resident of Valley Cottage and a business owner in Nyack, Lower Rockland County, I am urgently requesting that you scrap any new plans to change the routing of the Millennium Pipeline to pass through any part of Lower Rockland County. The idea that this pipeline would go along the Palisades Parkway, bulldozing through Tallman Mountain State Park and the Piermont Marsh, or alternately through Hook Mountain State Park and Nyack Beach State Park is environmentally disastrous, and will ruin two of the last beautiful waterside state parks in Rockland County.

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We cannot and will not accept this alternative.

Betsy Ceva
291 Brookway
Valley Cottage, NY 10989

Subject: **[Fwd: Stop the millenium pipeline!]**
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 15:48:52 -0500
From: "Karl Gleaves" <Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov>
Organization: GCOS
To: _NOS OCRM GCOS Millennium Comments <Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov>

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Stop the millenium pipeline!
Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 14:35:08 -0500
From: Betsy Ceva <betsy@birchwoodcenter.com>
To: Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov, gov.patake@chamber.state.ny.us,vanderhs@co.rockland.ny.us, morahan@senate.state.ny.us,gromaca@assembly.state.ny.us, senator@schumer.senate.gov,millenium.comments@noaa.gov

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Subject: **[Fwd: Act before Jan. 8th!!!!! Say NO to the Millennium Pipeline!]**
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 15:49:24 -0500
From: "Karl Gleaves" <Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov>
Organization: GCOS
To: _NOS OCRM GCOS Millennium Comments <Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov>

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Act before Jan. 8th!!!!! Say NO to the Millennium Pipeline!
Date: Mon, 6 Jan 2003 14:21:07 EST
From: <Kzruby2@aol.com>
To: Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov, gov.patake@chamber.state.ny.us,vanderhs@co.rockland.ny.us, morahan@senate.state.ny.us,gromaca@assembly.state.ny.us, senator@schumer.senate.gov,millennium.comments@noaa.gov

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Kristi Zea
345 North Midland Avenue
Upper Nyack, NY 10960

Subject: **[Fwd: Say No!]**
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 15:18:34 -0500
From: "Karl Gleaves" <Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov>
Organization: GCOS
To: _NOS OCRM GCOS Millennium Comments <Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov>

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Say No!
Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 14:35:37 -0500
From: Lisa Levart <Lisa@LushDesign.com>
To: Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov, vanderhs@co.rockland.ny.us,gov.patake@chamber.state.ny.us

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Lisa Levart
187 North Franklin Street
Nyack, New York 10960

Subject: from Julie Lifton
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 6 Jan 2003 22:23:08 EST
From: <JDL133@aol.com>
To: Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov, gov.patake@chamber.state.ny.us, vanderhs@co.rockland.ny.us, morahan@senate.state.ny.us, gromaca@assembly.state.ny.us, senator@schumer.senate.gov, millennium.comments@noaa.gov

Follows is a letter that is self-explanatory. I copied and sent it to: Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov, gov.patake@chamber.state.ny.us, vanderhs@co.rockland.ny.us, morahan@senate.state.ny.us, gromaca@assembly.state.ny.us, senator@schumer.senate.gov, millennium.comments@noaa.gov

Please feel free to use this one or write your own if you agree with it.

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Julie Lifton
133 Highmount Ave
Upper Nyack, NY 10960

Subject: **Millennium Pipeline**
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Sun, 5 Jan 2003 20:35:52 -0500
From: "Clinton Smith" <clinton.smith3@verizon.net>
Organization: The Smith Family
To: <millennium.comments@noaa.gov>

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January 5, 2003

Secretary Donald L. Evans

Office of the Secretary

Room 5854

U.S. Department of Commerce

14th & Constitution Ave. NW

Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Evans,

I am writing as a friend and neighbor of Teatown Lake Reservation, a 759-acre nature preserve and education center located in the Croton Watershed and in the path of the proposed Millennium Pipeline, to express my belief that you should not overturn a correct and properly made decision by New York State regarding the Millennium Gas Pipeline crossing of the Hudson River as proposed.

On May 9, 2002, the New York Department of State issued its determination:

> *The Department of State's decision found that the proposal was inconsistent with the provisions of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act and violated its policies in several ways by:*
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> - *Adversely affecting the State-designated Haverstraw Bay Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitat.*
>
> *Not adequately addressing concerns regarding the drinking water supply for New York City and some Westchester Communities.*
>
> - *Being inconsistent with the Village of Croton-on-Hudson's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program.*

Teatown's preserve would be severely impacted by this pipeline route, as would the watershed in which it plays a major role. Teatown's wetlands, lake and streams are currently providing vital protection to the Croton Reservoir by filtering pollution through wetland plants and preventing flooding through the many systems available in the natural environment. Construction of the Millennium Pipeline through Teatown would destroy these natural systems so important for the protection of public drinking water, not to mention the impact it would have on Teatown's operation as a regional environment education center serving over 40,000 citizens each year.

I respectfully request a decision that upholds New York's right to protect its coastline, environment, and citizens.

Sincerely,

Clinton B. Smith

25 Elizabeth Street

Chappaqua, New York 10514

Subject: **Millennium Pipeline**
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Sun, 5 Jan 2003 15:38:27 EST
From: <CRMarzolla@aol.com>
To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov

To whom It may concern,

It has scome to my attention that you wish to place the pipeline through my county. What I would like to know is that have all aspects and alternate routes been discussed and reviewed by your commitee. Placing the pipline through Rockland will upset the lifestyles of over 200 households directly and the residence of the county who travel through the area. On my behalf, I do protest placing this pipeline through Rockland and plea that an alternate route be used NOT in Rockland.

Sincerely,
Christopher Marzolla

Subject: **Millennium Pipeline**
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Sun, 5 Jan 2003 15:36:23 EST
From: <JMJBCAD@aol.com>
To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov

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Sincerely,
Ella Marzolla

Subject: **Millennium Pipeline**
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Sun, 5 Jan 2003 15:30:53 EST
From: <CRM3035@aol.com>
To: Millennium.comments@noaa.gov

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Sincerely,
Ronald Marzolla

Subject: **Millennium Pipeline**
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Sun, 5 Jan 2003 15:33:40 EST
From: <Twigs51315@aol.com>
To: Millennium.comments@noaa.gov

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Sincerely,
Elizabeth Marzolla

Subject: **millennium pipeline in protected areas**
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Fri, 3 Jan 2003 11:05:25 -0500
From: "Joseph Giardina" <offworldtheatre@msn.com>
To: <millennium.comments@noaa.gov>

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To the Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Ocean Services,

I am writing to express my shock and dismay regarding your plan to consider routing a gas pipeline through Rockland County Protected Areas.

I am shocked that you would even consider such a plan, that you announced it just before the holidays, and are closing public comment after a ridiculously short interval. Shame on you.

Can it be that the radical, oil-rich, anti-environment madmen and women currently occupying the White House have inspired a frenzy of destruction of our natural resources?

Are you insane?

Be assured, if you persist in this assault, we will fight you with every means at our disposal.

Sincerely,

Elyse Knight
President
Concerned Residents of the River Road
772 Piermont Avenue
Piermont, New York 10968
845-359-9466

Subject: **Millennium Pipeline Consistency Appeal**
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Sun, 5 Jan 2003 08:17:49 -0500
From: "Glaser" <d.l.glaser@worldnet.att.net>
To: <millennium.comments@noaa.gov>

Dear NOAA,

Below is a copy of a letter sent to Colonel John O'Dowd of the New York District Corps of Engineers from United Communities of Westchester.

The comments sent to you by the Department of the Army, U.S. Fish and Wildlife and National Marine Fisheries Service all indicate strong opposition to the Haverstraw Bay Crossing. These concerns and expert opinions make it clear that the Millennium Pipeline cannot cross Haverstraw Bay without severely threatening and destroying this precious estuary, and must be avoided.

Haverstraw Bay is one example of the many grave environmental impacts of this pipeline that also threatens the Water Supply System in New York City and Westchester County.

As our country heads toward war, it would be easy to make a sweeping statement that pipelines are in the national interest, however this particular pipeline is not in the national interest. The current route of the Millennium Pipeline poses a dire threat to the citizens and environment of Westchester County and New York City.

Dani Glaser
14 Westminster Drive
Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520
914-736-1322

United Communities of Westchester

January 2, 2003

John B. O'Dowd
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
Department of the Army
New York District, Corps of Engineers
26 Federal Plaza
New York, NY 10278-0090

Dear Colonel O'Dowd,

I am writing on behalf of the United Communities of Westchester (UCW), a group that developed in response to the threat of the current route of the Millennium Pipeline project through the Hudson River and Westchester County. This project poses dire risks and disproportionate consequences to the Hudson River, Westchester County and to New York City's energy and drinking water infrastructure.

In accordance with your authority under Section 10 of the River & Harbors Act, and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, we urge you to deny the Millennium Pipeline Company a Department of the Army (DA) permit, irregardless of

the outcome of the Consistency Appeal under the Department of Commerce, because the project will severely compromise the public interest.

Your letter to Millennium dated August 13, 2002 regarding the status of their permits clearly indicates your concerns regarding the proposed Hudson River crossing, as it "might compromise the public interest". In addition, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) have recommended that the Corps permit be denied based on their objections to the Hudson River Crossing. You also indicated that implementation of alternatives as presented by the Department of State (DOS) would satisfy your concerns regarding the Hudson River.

The Army Corps of Engineers has also been involved with the New York City Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) in reviewing the security risk of the Catskill Aqueduct at the Bryn Mawr Siphon, calling it an inherent security risk based on a preliminary review.

The following issues further exemplify why the Section 10 and 404 permits should be denied since they threaten the Hudson River and public drinking water supply:

Hudson River at Haverstraw Bay

Dredging and blasting this previously undisturbed portion of Haverstraw Bay, an irreplaceable estuarine ecosystem, will result in habitat destruction, release of hazardous chemicals, and detrimental effects on endangered species such as the Short Nosed Sturgeon. As noted above, USFWS and NMFS oppose this crossing.

Bryn Mawr Siphon

DEP has contracted with the Army Corps of Engineers to analyze Millennium's proposed crossing. In a preliminary review, the Corps determined that building the pipeline within two feet of the Aqueduct poses an inherent security risk to the Catskill Aqueduct that cannot be completely eliminated through design modifications. A rupture would potentially deplete the drinking water resource of New York City by 40% and totally cut off 13 Westchester Communities.

New Croton Reservoir

Construction in the New Croton Watershed Basin that flows into the New Croton Reservoir, an unfiltered drinking water source for New York City and Westchester County, violates the Clean Water Act by adding phosphorous to this already stressed portion of the Watershed. The Croton Water Supply system provides approximately 1.3 billion gallons of high quality drinking water to almost 9 million New Yorkers every day plus the millions of tourists and commuters who visit the City throughout the year.

Croton Wellfields

The pipeline would be constructed through the Croton-on-Hudson Wellfields, the sole source of drinking water to 7,100 persons in the Village. There is a risk of contamination of the public water supply and it will limit the Village from expanding its water supply to meet future growth.

Arboretum

The pipeline would result in the destruction of portions of the Jane E Lytle Memorial Arboretum and of wetlands in the Croton River Gorge, immediately upstream of the Croton River and Bay Significant Habitat zone.

In spite of FERC's improper certification and the potential override by the Department of Commerce, the issues referenced above have not been adequately analyzed and studied as to the effects on the environment, the Hudson River and residents of Westchester County. Based on these arguments, we urge you to deny a DA permit to the Millennium Pipeline Company.

Sincerely,

Dani Glaser
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Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520
914-736-1322
d.l.glaser@att.net

Cc:
Dr. Mamie A. Parker - U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
William T. Hogarth – National Marine Fisheries Service
Governor George Pataki
Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton
Senator Charles Schumer
Westcheter County Executive Andrew Spano