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IN REPLY REFER TO

Regulatory Branch

11 Dec. 2001

SUBJECT: Permit Application Number 1999-00640-YN  
by Millennium Pipeline Company LP

Richard E. Hall, Jr.  
Millennium Pipeline Company LP  
2150 New York State Route 12  
Binghamton, New York 13901

Dear Mr. Hall:

On October 11, 2001, we received your submittal of the second draft of the Millennium Pipeline Environmental Compliance Management Program for review. In the transmittal sheet forwarding the plan to this office, you confirmed that in order to install the proposed pipeline you would now need to include blasting the eastern-most 400 feet of the Hudson River crossing. In light of this new project information, and because there is no information in the Final Environmental Impact Statement describing blasting in the Hudson River, we are requesting that the following information be provided within 30 days of the date of this letter:

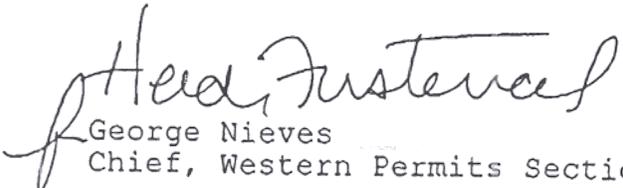
- 1) A complete description of the proposed blasting plan;
- 2) The need for the blasting;
- 3) The locations and results of any borings that were taken which confirm the need for blasting;
- 4) A detailed description of the possible alternatives to blasting;
- 5) An assessment of water quality impacts that may result from the blasting;
- 6) An assessment of potential impacts to fish and wildlife; and
- 7) The time of year when you propose to undertake this blasting.

Since this information affects the processing of your application we recommend that you provide a copy of this information to the following review agencies:

Margaret Crawford, Buffalo District Corps of Engineers  
Jennifer Kerrigan, FERC  
Jack Cooper, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
Diane Rusanowsky, National Marine Fisheries Service  
Steve Resler, New York State Department of State  
Alex Chmielewski, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Once the requested information has been submitted and reviewed, we will then be able to determine our next course of action. If any questions should arise concerning this matter, please contact Heidi Firstencel, of my staff, at (518) 273-8593.

Sincerely,

  
George Nieves  
Chief, Western Permits Section

cc: USACE-Buffalo District  
NYSDEC  
FERC  
NMFS  
NYSDOS  
USFWS