

October 24, 2003

NOAA
re:Islander East Pipeline

To Whom this may Concern:

Several times at past public hearings I have expressed the following viewpoint: I am a resident of North Branford residing within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of the proposed Islander East Pipeline and I am an Employee of Tilcon CT. owners of the right of way the pipeline will follow.

In my opinion we should not be siphoning off sorely needed natural resources of any kind from this area.

It is also my contention that accidents can and do happen. Another pipeline in this area would subject us to considerable risk. Iriquois already has a pipeline a few hundred yards from here.

Every other licensing agency has chosen to ignore the requests for denial from our CT. DEP and I'm reasonably certain that they are competent. Please don't dismiss them too. Support our CT. DEP.

Yours very Truly:
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Gentlemen:

I address you with reference to the Public Hearing scheduled for November 5, 2003 in New Haven, CT, in response to an appeal to the decision of CT DEP to deny ISlander East their "coastal Consistency determination".

In September 2001 I was appointed by the Selectmen of Branford along with six others to serve on the Blue Ribbon Committee to study and report on the application of ISlander East to construct a pipe line within our boundaries. We found this application would result in harm to our environment and so reported to the Town. I have continued to follow the events regarding the pipe line since, the subsequent public hearings, and wish to confirm to you my position that the proposed pipe line would adversely affect the quality of the environment.

I ask you to uphold the DEP ruling.

Sincerely,

Joan J. Berdick