

April 2018 Legislative Issues and Local Concerns Update

Trivia Question:

AMMONIA, FORMALDEHYDE, BENZENE, ETHYLBENZENE, ACETALDEHYDE, NAPHTHALENE, TOLUENE, XYLENE... what do they all have in common and what do they have to do with Franklin Township?

Answer: THEY ARE CHEMICALS THAT WILL BE RELEASED INTO THE AIR DURING BLOWDOWNS WHEN THE GAS COMPRESSOR STATION IS OPERATING!!!

For detailed information about the health risks caused by these chemicals please visit this link: <https://www.scrap-nese.org/2018/03/22/nese-proposed-compressor-station-206-chemicalemissions>

Among the findings from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in the recently released Draft Environmental Impact Statement, they commented that along with no impact to air, water safety, physical safety in event of explosions, there will be NO IMPACT ON PROPERTY VALUES if your home is near the gas compressor station. How great is that? They also found that there isn't any need for a full Health Impact study.

This ignores the significant range of concerns raised by elected officials, scientists and thousands of nearby residents, who argue that important details are missing about how the project will adversely affect air quality. The groups also note that a recent study shows that New York state will not meet its 2030 emissions goals if proposed pipelines like NESE are approved. Our local and area legislators have publicly remarked about FERC's DEIS results:

"We are going to continue to press the current administration in Trenton and the DEP to really analyze and review all the draft studies, and to show that this is not the best idea and there are still many concerns remaining," Wayne Dibofsky, Danielsen's Chief of Staff, said during a phone call to TAPinto Franklin Township.

"I'm very concerned about the detrimental effects that this pipeline and compressor station would have on our air, the Raritan Bay, and the health of the people of New Jersey. It would have unacceptable and irreparable impacts on our communities." Bateman said in a statement.

NOW IS THE TIME TO STEP UP AND SPEAK OUT! If you are in favor of the pipeline & gas compressor station, or opposed to it, there will be public hearings soon, and individuals are needed to make official comments to FERC.

Upcoming Events and Ways to Help

- Community Compressor Action Session Location: Franklin Middle School 415 Francis St. Somerset, NJ

Date: Wednesday - April 18, 2018 Time: From 5:30 to 8:30 PM

Come at any time and plan to stay for about 30 minutes. You'll get an overview and guidance to make your concerns have an impact. We'll supply you with talking points for the FERC **Public Comment Meeting on May 2**. FERC's Public Comment Meetings Go any time between 5PM & 9PM at the following NJ locations:

April 25, 2018 George Bush Senior Center (One Old Bridge Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ) Individual verbal comments will be taken on a one-to-one basis

May 2, 2018 Franklin Twp. Community/Senior Center (505 DeMott Lane – Somerset, NJ)

Become an Intervenor and submit comments to FERC until May 14, 2018 - Relevant concerns must be expressed by many people to have an impact! Get friends & neighbors to register as Intervenor if they are not yet Intervenor. FERC pays attention to numbers.

(Directions found on www.scrap-NESE.org)

Submit comments to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) & send copies to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Megan.brunatti@dep.nj.gov, Ruth.Foster@dep.nj.gov (Samples are on our website, www.scrap-NESE.org .

- Please copy key points, reword or rearrange points, and add personal reasons why these are important concerns/requests of yours in your comments.
- Share your concerns with fellow intervenors and encourage them to also submit comments.
- Send Letters to the Editor about your concerns.
- Contact elected officials about concerns & request their increased engagement. (See list of legislators on separate tab on this webpage.)
- Organize friends & neighbors to attend hearings of FERC and/or NJDEP. We need to show that many of us have grave concerns about this project. Williams/Transco will likely have union people and other supporters gathered to attend the hearings and speak.
- Schedule small neighborhood group meetings to discuss NESE and the actions folks can take. We are available to attend meetings to share information and guide increased engagement.