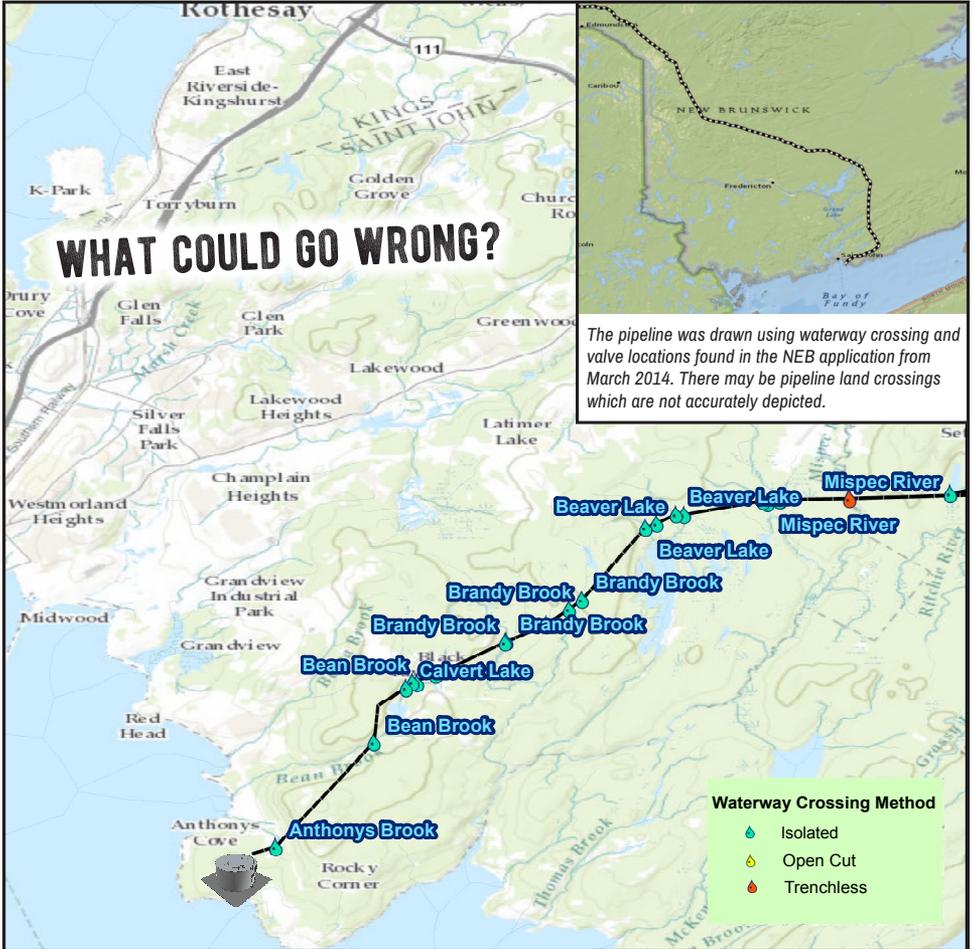


Energy East Pipeline, Saint John, Red Head and the Bay of Fundy

TransCanada's Energy East project, the largest tar sands pipeline proposed yet, crosses more than 280 rivers and streams in New Brunswick, and would add up to 290 supertankers to the Bay of Fundy every year.



TransCanada's proposed Energy East pipeline would span 4,600 kilometres from Alberta to Saint John, New Brunswick and would have the capacity to transport 1.1 million barrels of oil every day. There would be six pump stations in this province.

This pipeline has not yet been approved. TransCanada has already been forced to push back the construction timeline for this pipeline after cancelling the proposed Cacouna port because of strong opposition in Quebec. Construction is slated to begin in 2017. Expected federal government changes to pipeline reviews are expected to cause further delays.

What does Energy East mean for Saint John, Red Head and the Bay of Fundy?

The Energy East project calls for 18 oil storage tanks, holding close to 8 million barrels of oil, to be located in the middle of the residential community of Red Head. A new marine terminal for up to 290 supertankers would be built nearby to export oil every year to international markets.

Red Head residents are concerned about the health, air quality, environmental and property value impacts of the oil storage facility and new export port. A 2009 peer-reviewed study found Saint John had cancer rates 50 per cent higher than in Fredericton. This raises serious concerns about projects like this that introduce new sources of air pollution. Irving will operate the new terminal, and has a questionable track record. Irving's vapor recover unit at the existing East Saint John terminal has been malfunctioning.

Energy East would ship oil, including diluted bitumen from the tar sand, which presents heightened risks when spilled in or near waterways. Heavy bitumen sinks more quickly in water, making it harder to cleanup. A recent federal report concluded that not enough is known about the toxicity of bitumen, or its effects.

The Energy East pipeline is facing a growing wall of opposition all along its route because of the serious risks it presents while offering few rewards.

- TransCanada's pipeline safety record in Canada is bad and is getting worse.
- Energy East will not mean less Atlantic oil imports. Up to 1 million of Energy East's 1.1 million barrels per day is destined for more lucrative international markets.
- Studies show that TransCanada has a track record of overestimating job promises. Meanwhile, a spill in a river or the Bay of Fundy could devastate thousands of good, local jobs in the tourism and fishing industry.
- Energy East would enable further tar sands expansion, making meaningful cuts to carbon pollution nearly impossible.

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