

# Stop the Pilgrim Oil Pipelines!

**We strongly urge Governor Cuomo; NYS DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos, NYS Thruway Authority Director Robert Megna, and the Albany City Common Council:**

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Reject any proposal by Pilgrim Transportation Inc. or other entities to construct oil pipelines in the NYS Thruway right-of-way. The proposed pipelines would carry fracked volatile Bakken crude oil and/or Tar Sands oil and flammable refined products between Albany, NY and Linden, NJ, posing unnecessary and unacceptable risks to the health, safety, and welfare of communities along the proposed pipeline path, and to our waterways and climate. At a capacity of 200,000 barrels per day, the proposed crude pipeline would also significantly increase the number of explosive oil trains entering Albany on a daily basis, and the transfer of oil into the pipelines would pollute the air we breathe with harmful chemicals and volatile organic compounds.

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## **STOP THE PILGRIM OIL PIPELINES! PETITION BACKGROUND**

These proposed pipelines, plus 5 laterals, 4 pump stations, 35 new permanent roads, many temporary roads, and 7 construction zones, would threaten the health and safety of New York residents, put drinking water for millions at risk, and harm climate, land and water. Rivers impacted include the Hudson River, Rondout, Wallkill, Moodna, Esopus, Ramapo, and 232 other stream and creek crossings. Pilgrim pipelines should be strongly rejected.

*Between 2004 and 2012, pipelines spilled three times as much oil as oil trains, according to the International Energy Agency. New pipelines are failing at a higher rate than old pipelines.*

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) issued a safety alert on Jan. 2, 2014, regarding the volatility of Bakken crude oil. According to PHMSA data, pipeline operators reported 1,880 crude oil pipeline incidents nationwide between 2003 and 2013 resulting in **over 44 million gallons of oil being spilled**, fouling groundwater, surface water bodies, farmland and woodland, and resulting in over \$2.5 billion in property damage. Only 5% of all cases were spills detected by leak detection equipment.

**These pipelines would not replace rail and barge transport of crude oil in New York.** Instead, they would increase the flow of crude oil in the State to refineries and export terminals in New Jersey for production and export. Supporting long-term investment in fossil fuel infrastructure directly conflicts with New York State's goal of reducing carbon emissions by 80% by 2050 to reduce the threat of the climate crisis to present and future generations.

**In Albany, these pipelines would DOUBLE the number of explosive "bomb" trains coming into our downtown area compared to the number of trains that came through at the height of the crude craze in 2014.** Bomb trains are the only way to deliver Bakken fracked oil to the pipeline. Three years ago, 47 people were incinerated and a downtown area burned and polluted in Lac Megantic, Canada by a fracked oil train. The oil transport company declared bankruptcy and the taxpayers are still footing the clean up bill. On June 3, 2016, sixteen train cars derailed and several caught fire in Mosier, Oregon, spilling oil into the river. After this near-disaster, the City Fire Chief called rail oil shipments "insane".

**Protect Albany air quality:** Harmful chemicals and volatile organic compounds are released into the air when the fracked oil is transferred into the pipeline.

**Protect the Hudson River:** The proposed pipelines will pass under the Hudson River TWICE in the Albany area.

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