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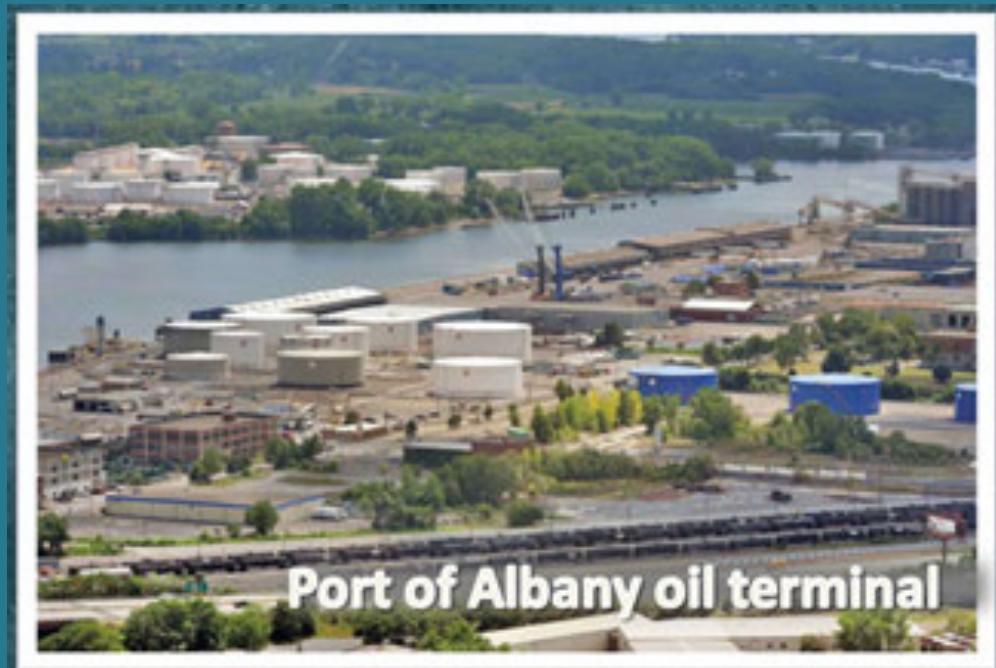
SEQRA as a tool to review utility projects

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Project Description

- Two 178-mile pipelines between Albany & Linden, NJ (79% of mainline is along thruway)
- Bakken crude oil flows south & refined products flow north (up to 400K barrels a day)
- Would cut through 31 towns, cities and villages in 6 counties in NY
- Proposed route is subject to change as a result of SEQR



What's at Risk?

Regulatory Process & ways to Get Involved (Andy/Jerem



Approvals Required:

Federal — U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers... (no federal agency with siting authority)

State — Department of State, Department of Environmental Conservation, New York State Thruway Authority...

Local — 38 county, town and village governments in New York would be involved in the permitting process

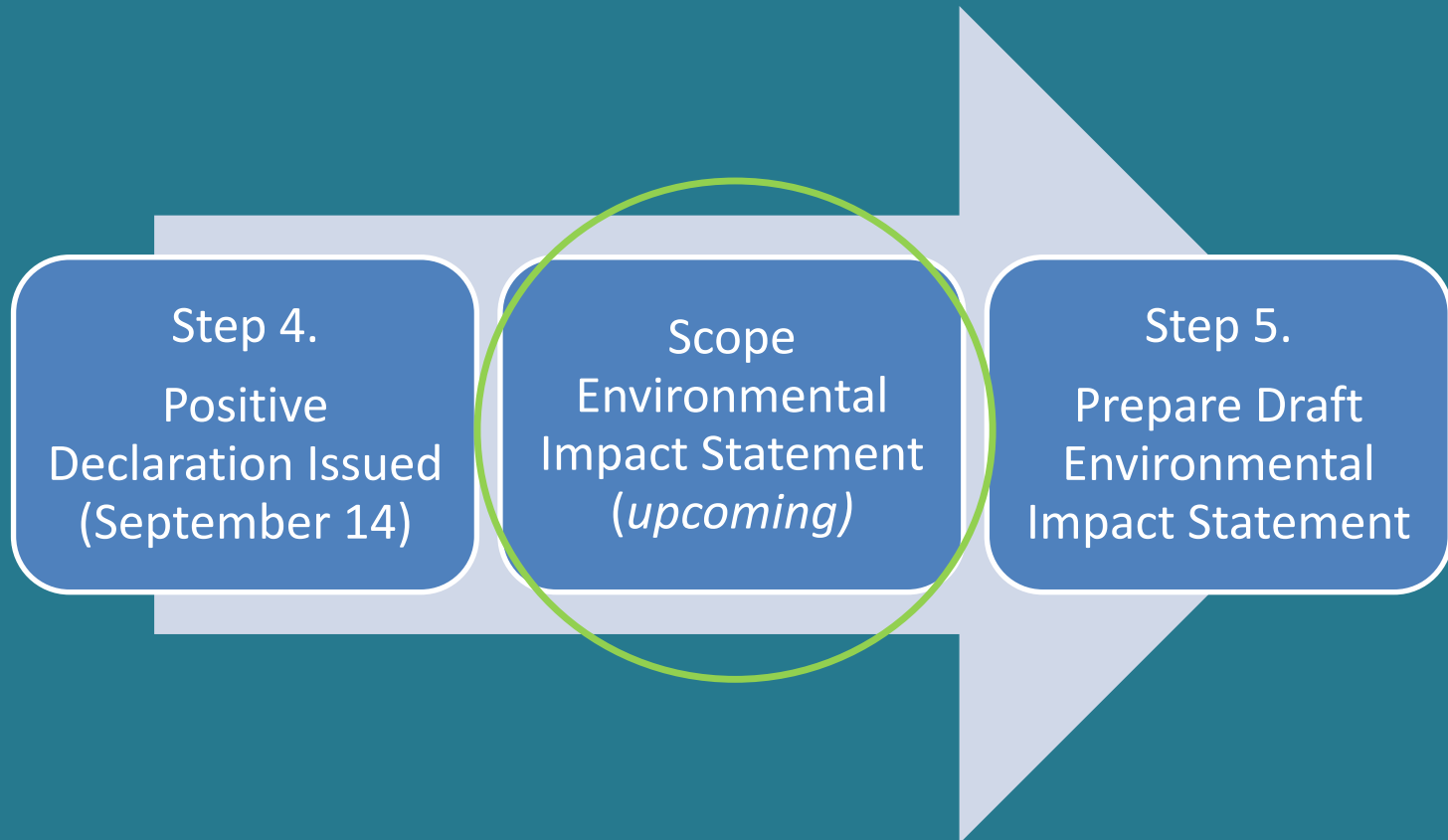
Pilgrim Pipelines:

Regulatory Review – who's in charge?

- **No federal agency with overarching authority** to permit oil pipelines as FERC does with gas pipelines. There is no government agency involved in overseeing route selection, only Pilgrim. And there is no opportunity for public input until permit applications filed.
- **Multiple approvals and permits are required** from 5 Federal and 10 state agencies and 38 county, town and village governments in New York alone. Pilgrim has only applied for one: access to the NYS Thruway right-of-way. No other involved agency has an application to review.
- Pilgrim has incorporated as a NYS Transportation Corporation, putting it on a legal path to get **eminent domain authority to condemn property** if government and private landowners are unwilling to agree to lease the company an easement to construct and operate its pipeline.
- Before any permits can be granted, **a full environmental review of all of the project's environmental impacts is required**, pursuant to SEQRA/ NEPA. Thruway and DEC have been designated co-lead agencies responsible for directing this review which creates the record on which every permitting agencies' decisions must be based.

Where we are now

“[T]here is a potential for multiple significant adverse environmental impacts from the construction, operation and maintenance of the pipeline...”



Next Steps in the SEQR Process

- **Release of a draft Scope** (the table of contents for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement)
- Because the opportunity for public input on the scope may be limited, it is important to get ready to comment now. Identification of local impacts of concern to your town, its businesses and residents will be particularly important.

Opportunity for Your Input!

What is a “Positive Declaration” and why it is important!

1. Impacts on Land
2. Impacts on Geological Features
3. Impacts on Surface Waters
4. Impacts on Groundwater
5. Impacts on Flooding
6. Impacts on Air
7. Impacts on Plants and Animals
8. Impacts on Agricultural Resources
9. Impacts on Aesthetic Resources
10. Impacts on Archeological Resources
11. Impacts on Open Space and Recreation
12. Impacts on Critical Environmental Areas
13. Impacts on Transportation
14. Impacts on Energy
15. Impacts on Noise, Odor and Light
16. Impacts on Human Health
17. Consistency with Community Plans
18. Consistency with Community Character
19. Cumulative Impacts
20. Coastal Consistency

Scoping

***YOUR chance** to identify potential local impacts & community resources that the lead agencies may not be aware of.*

- **Identify** potential impacts of concern

Water/air quality, farmland, open space, recreational resources, climate change, fish and wildlife, culture, economics, and public health.

- **Describe** the significance

And define the breadth of study necessary to address the impact's significance in terms of time, geography and populations affected.

- **Identify alternative(s)** to the project

Include different locations, size or technologies and other courses of action.

Scoping Comments

Focus on Local Impacts That You Think Pilgrim Should Study

- **Potential impacts to local drinking water supplies from aquifers, municipal wells and other surface water resources**
- **Crossings of local streams and creeks. Construction through wetlands, floodplains and floodways. Destruction of forest, removal of soils, and blasting of bedrock**
- **Stormwater impacts** due to vegetation removal
- **Taking of local public and private property** through condemnation to allow construction of the Project
- **First responder** preparedness costs and **spill clean-up costs**
- **Negative impacts on existing businesses** and potential future economic development
- **Impact on property values**, future tax revenue

Where do we go from here?

The Environmental Review Process - SEQR:

- **Stay involved in the environmental review process.** Submit comments on the draft scope of that review, emphasizing what local, as well as regional and global, impacts must be considered and alternatives that should be evaluated.
- **Contact your municipal and county officials** and ask them to prepare for the environmental review process and submission of their own comments

Thruway Authority's Processing of Pilgrim's Application for Use and Occupancy Permit:

- Pass resolutions opposing Pilgrim Pipelines and their use of Thruway right of way. Write to the NYS Thruway Authority, NYSDOT and FHWA and urge them to deny Pilgrim the ability to use the Thruway right of way for their pipelines.

More ways to get involved...



Sign Up for Updates

Riverkeeper, Scenic Hudson & the Coalition Against Pilgrim Pipelines-NY

Attend Public Meetings

Submit Comments to NYSTA & DEC

Contact Governor Cuomo and State Legislators

Questions?

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