

I am Geri Ann Siwulec from Lambertville, NJ and I am opposed to the billion dollar, 118 mile PennEast natural gas pipeline from Pa to NJ.

On September 2, 2016, Dr. TC Onstadt, his colleague, and myself were in the back of my 55 acre property collecting water and soil samples when we detected an ominous noise coming from the existing five 20" pipelines that cross one another on my property. I have attached a timeline that outlines the calls that were made concerning this noise. This situation is still ongoing.

To make matters worse, Penneast is proposing to put a pipeline less than a ¼ of a mile from the existing five pipes that cross one another, and would have to go under three of the already compromised lines. In the wake of all the explosions that have happened recently, why would Ferc allow Penneast to risk the safety of myself and others around these weakened, damaged lines?

When I notified PHMSA of the noise coming from the pipeline on my property, I was promptly told that *it was the weekend* and I should call my local fire department. The DOT, local police and fire departments, congressmen, senators, and Spectra have all been notified of this hazard and not one of these agencies knows how to handle the situation.

I have received two letters from Spectra, the first stating that they will inspect the pipe making the aforementioned noise, and upon inspection a section of pipe will either be recoated or a short segment of new pipe will be installed and coated. The second came two months later, after no action had been taken, stating that land surveyors would be walking the right of way of the two existing 20" pipes, merely noting any structures in the vicinity.

US DOT is the agency responsible for overseeing these pipelines, and the response I received from them is a very disconcerting. US DOT repeats what Spectra tells them it's doing, and Spectra's word is accepted without further investigation. The DOT is also not privy to the PSI going through these lines. In the wake of all the explosions happening, this is in no way acceptable. I have transcribed the message from Karen Gentile of the DOT and have enclosed it.

The site of this noise is 2 miles east of the Lambertville compressor. Normally, the direction of flow is to the east, but after the TEAM 2014 updates The TETCO is bidirectional. I was advised that this is very dangerous in older pipes, and that 71% of all major accidents occur within 5 miles down stream of a compressor.

No one is over-seeing the safety of older pipelines, yet they are developing unneeded new infrastructures.

My husband and I have worked our entire lives to be able to live here, only to have Ferc and Spectra tarnish what should be our golden years. My days are spent listening to low flying helicopters and planes, while having trespassers invade my privacy, peace, and safety. I am now more afraid of FERC, Spectra, and our government compromising my safety than I am of ISIS. I Love my country....but am ashamed of my government!