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Application ID:0-9999-00181/00009 – Water Quality Certification
Application ID:0-9999-00181/00010 – Freshwater Wetlands
Application ID:0-9999-00181/00011 – Water Withdrawal
Application ID:0-9999-00181/00012 – Excavation and Fill in Navigable Waters
Application ID:0-9999-00181/00013 – Stream Disturbance

Fossil fuels have reached the point where they can only be produced by using methods that are extreme, costly and dangerous to our rural communities.

For us rural residents who love and appreciate our land, forests and water bodies, and use best management practices to care for the land we appreciate and value, think about this: Nearly all of the pipeline route would cross fragile and difficult terrain including 36 miles of woods; 277 rivers, ponds and streams; 35.1 miles of steep and side slopes, which will contribute to additional flooding; 45.4 miles of shallow bedrock, which will require blasting; and over 10.7 miles of wetlands – critical to ecological processes. The proposed pipeline is slated to travel through 555.3 acres of PRIME farmland and 33.4 miles in agricultural districts.

There are plenty of irreversible impacts Cabot Williams can create with the pipeline infrastructure alone:

Starting with the clear-cutting of hundreds of thousand of trees, the use of herbicides to maintain the clear-cut areas, the restrictions to our land, the noise and structural damage from blasting and jackhammers, the contamination of our village and town water and personal wells and water bodies from the blasting, the degradation of our water quality, and the additional paths this project will create for storm runoff.

According to the NY State Governor’s Office on 1/9/13, “There is a 100 year flood every 2 years now.” Think of the increase in flooding should this project go through. Do not risk the forfeiture of our New York State clear waterways. The damage done by this pipeline cannot be mitigated. You must deny Constitution the 401 water quality certificate or hold Adjudicatory Hearings for this project.

Sincerely,

Signature

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