



# TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL

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Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20426

**RE: Comments on Draft Environmental Impact Statement  
Docket CP15-558-000  
Proposed Gas Pipeline  
PennEast Pipeline Company LLC  
Hopewell Township, Mercer County**

Dear Ms. Bose,

On November 23, 2016 the PennEast Pipeline Company LLC submitted narrative responses to the November 7, 2016 Data Request. Hopewell Township offers the following comments with specific regard to Supplemental Response 31 for Hopewell Township Public Works Site. Hopewell Township is a registered intervenor on the PennEast docket, CP15-558-000, and we would like to see a formal response to these comments.

PennEast states that it has been unable to complete full geotechnical evaluations in this area as Hopewell Township has denied survey access to this site. As stated in Hopewell Township's September 8, 2016 comments, PennEast has asserted its need to use "desktop" information. However, Hopewell Township also indicated in those comments there has been no Open Public Records Act request filed by PennEast or its consultants for any information related to this site. Additionally, there does not appear to have been any research by PennEast on environmental remediation on the site, which is also publicly-available information and should be included in PennEast's DEIS. PennEast's failure to seek out existing high quality information regarding Hopewell Township's Public Works site contravenes the NEPA process, and is further evidence that the current DEIS is fundamentally flawed and incomplete.

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PennEast's failure to access the site does not preclude it from performing an appropriate level of due diligence in the absence of such access. PennEast must adequately address the impacts to this site as it serves as a 24/7 hub of support for Hopewell Township and is a critical public resource. The current DEIS should be withdrawn and refiled at such time when PennEast has fully complied with the NEPA process. At such time, we call upon FERC to provide a new 90-day public comment period on PennEast's revised DEIS.

Sincerely,



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