

TOWNSHIP OF KINGWOOD

Committee Meeting:
First Thursday of Each Month – 7pm
Municipal Building:
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Dear sir,

Kingwood Township Office of Emergency Management is concerned about the safety and the proper cleanup of the pipeline. The PennEast Pipeline is proposing a 36-inch-high pressure pipeline through Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. There are several questions in regard to safety and pollution control that need to be answered.

The intersection of the PennEast Pipeline and the two Buckeye Partners petrol chemical pipelines are major concern. How quickly can Buckeye Pipeline shut down and bleed their pressure of petrol chemical products? What antipollution plans are in effect for an explosion or leak? Where will the cleanup equipment be warehoused? Will an independent environmental company be used? What is their estimated time to respond? What is the projected time of response of PennEast Personnel to the incident/explosion site within Kingwood Township? What type of containment booms or coverings will be in stock? The initial plan to bore the pipeline under Lockatong Creek and Cooper Creek may compromise the integrity of the clean water. What safe guards and pollution booms will be used? Any disruption or violate vibration of the projected PennEast Pipeline where petrol chemical and the high pressure gas are intermingled could cause long lasting pollution and environmental damages. What plans are in effect to combat this problem?

The PennEast projected path of its pipeline crosses the Jersey Central Power and Light high voltage power lines within Kingwood Township. The township has already had a power line fail because a tree had fallen and caused the ground to burn. This caused the ground to burn into the top of the Elizabeth Town Gas line on County Route 519. The Kingwood Township Elementary School had to be evacuated. The natural gas pipeline had been buried 48 inches deep. This is a low pressure natural gas pipe that caused the evacuation of the school children and staff. What happens when a high pressure pipe line is burned into? What safeguards are in place to prevent the PennEast pipeline from being burnt into by a broken arching high voltage transmission line?

The location of the PennEast high pressure gas valve is located within the township. How long will it take to bleed off the high pressure in the section of effected pipe line? How quickly does the gas from the PennEast Pipeline take to dissipate and clear the pipe of its pressure? What environmental issues do we have to be concerned due to a discharge? What rate of discharge is the valve manufactured for? How will the gas form if the pipeline leaks? Will a ground cloud of gas be spread on a windless high humid day or will it dissipate into the air? What will happen if ignition occurs with the high pressure gas into the atmosphere? What type of firefighting equipment has been warehoused or bought? Does the township need a specialized piece of firefighting equipment for fire suppression of a

pipeline fire? Will it be similar to an airport type of fire engine with chemicals and 5,000 gallon of water?

Kingwood Township has heavy truck and farm equipment traffic on our roadways. How will the PennEast Pipeline implement anti-vibration crossings of our roadways? If the pipeline is located under a field that is used for agricultural purposes what safe guards will be in place to eliminate any accidental breakage? Will there be an annual educational program established for the residents and land use persons who farm the land? Will annual inspection be made by an internal pipeline inspection pig? Will those records be available to Kingwood Township Office of Emergency Management? Will any problems whether small or major be noted to the Office of Emergency Management? Kingwood Township is on notice to have these records available from PennEast pipeline. Kingwood Township Office of Emergency Management has strict confidentiality rules in place for certain information within this township. Any violation of these rules means arrest, jail and fines.

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Kingwood Township

Emergency Management Coordinator

Office of Emergency Management