

Energy East Pipeline: All Risk, No Reward for New Brunswick

Energy East is a risk to all of New Brunswick

- The pipeline would pump 1.1 million barrels of bitumen a day through 1,400 kms of pipeline from Alberta to Saint John, New Brunswick. It would put the drinking water for 5 million Canadians at risk, and create greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to another 7 million cars on the road per year.
- Energy East is an export pipeline. It would carry more bitumen than we can refine, meaning that most of the crude would leave Canada and be exported to other countries. We would carry all the risks of the pipeline without any rewards.
- The number of crude oil tankers in the Bay of Fundy every year would triple, and these tankers are already a serious threat to the endangered North Atlantic Right whale, according to the Natural Resource Defence Council.
- New Brunswick's economy would be increasingly tied to the oil industry which is in decline, putting us at huge economic risk.

Energy East is a risk to the Bay of Fundy

- Oil spills at the terminal site or from a tanker would threaten fisheries and local economies that depend on them. According to Environmental Defense, huge tidal ranges in the Bay would cause oil spills to spread quickly and would be very difficult to contain.
- In 2014, 93 crude oil tankers came through our bay, which had a negative impact on North Atlantic right whales and other species. Energy East would add 281 crude oil tankers per year and would dramatically increase risks to the already-endangered right whale population.
- Energy East would cross waterways in New Brunswick 281 times, threatening the drinking water of more than 130,000 people. Bitumen sinks in freshwater, making spills very difficult to clean up.

Energy East is a risk to our safety and livelihoods

- There are huge risks to our lands and waters. River crossing plans for the project are unclear. Private land is being expropriated while farmland and Indigenous lands are at risk of suffering a pipeline spill.
- There has been no assessment or emergency planning for the potential human health impacts of a catastrophic spill or accident around the pipeline's tank farm or in the Bay of Fundy.

Energy East is a risk to our democracy

- TransCanada, the company proposing the pipeline, and the National Energy Board have not disclosed full information about the project to the broader public and local landowners. Without this information, we cannot properly participate in the discussion about the pipeline.
- None of TransCanada's application documents for Energy East have been translated into French, and the maps provided are indecipherable to the average person. Without information in French, many New Brunswickers are kept out of this discussion.
- The process for reviewing Energy East's climate impacts will be separate from the National Energy Board hearings and will only include direct emissions (like those from construction), but will not look at downstream impacts (like the emissions from the oil that will flow through the pipeline). By not accounting for those downstream emissions, the federal government will not be able to uphold its Paris climate commitments.

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