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Delaware Riverkeeper Joins Albany Rally

the Delaware Riverkeeper tells Governor Cuomo to Stand with the People and Deny Pipeline Permits

Albany, NY - Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper, joined activists James Cromwell, Bill McKibben, Pramilla Malick and other environmental groups and activists at a rally in Albany on August 10 to tell Governor Cuomo to deny air and water permits for the Millennium Eastern System Upgrade Project, the Millennium Valley Lateral Pipeline and the CPV power plant. The event, attended by over 400 people, was organized by Protect Orange County and NYSCRAM. van Rossum's speech called on Governor Cuomo and New York State to stand for the environment and deny approval for the projects.

These projects have been misrepresented in scope and size to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) in order to secure permits. The oversized segment of pipe and the expansive number of compressors that are being proposed, along with the nearby proposed fracked gas power plant, makes it clear the scope of the project is far greater than what has been presented.

NYSDEC does not have full information. New York cannot rely on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to ensure Millennium is accurately representing its intentions. In Pennsylvania, FERC deliberately concealed information from the state on an alternative option to the Orion pipeline, which would have eliminated numerous environmental impacts.

"We are here to urge Governor Cuomo and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to stand with the people and for the environment and to deny all permits and approvals for the Millennium pipeline projects and the CPV power plant. The fact is that FERC is simply a rubber stamp and our elected leaders in Congress are not doing their job of protecting communities from the overwhelming harms of fracked gas and pipelines. There is no one on our side, the right side, unless Governor Cuomo and the NYSDEC stand with us to say no to these dirty fossil fuel projects," **said Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper and leader of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network** who spoke at the rally. van Rossum added, "New York has two battles happening right now, a battle against dirty energy versus a battle for clean water, clean air & a healthful environment; you can't be for both. Governor Cuomo needs to join with the people and stand against dirty fossil fuels, and for the clean energy future that will protect our communities and environment."

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Delaware Riverkeeper Network is a nonprofit membership organization working throughout the 4 states of the Delaware River Watershed including Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and New York. DRN provides effective environmental advocacy, volunteer monitoring programs, stream restoration projects, public education, and legal enforcement of environmental protection laws.