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## **Delaware Riverkeeper Network unveils Pipeline Lessons video series**

*Bristol, PA*, As the number of natural gas pipelines being proposed or installed increases the Delaware Riverkeeper Network is releasing a series of videos to engage and inform the public. The videos discuss the impacts of pipelines and expert information the public should be aware of as well as information on the public process.

According to Delaware Riverkeeper Maya van Rossum, "Our goal is to protect our communities, our River, our public and private lands, and our environment from the inevitable and permanent damage pipelines inflict. As we've seen with the proposed PennEast Pipeline project, residents are wary of promises made about safety and environmental safeguards. These videos will help residents ask pipeline companies the hard questions that need to be answered, learn more about the process that regulates pipeline construction and how to work together to fight these projects."

The first video in the series features Accufacts Incorporated President Rich Kuprewicz discusses pipeline safety issues such as monitoring and route selection in the first of the Pipeline Lessons videos. This video can be seen at: <u>http://youtu.be/L5ikPFK0vvo</u>

In the next set of videos to be released:

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- Michelle Adams, a civil engineer with Meliora Associates is featured discussing the weaker regulatory standards pipeline and shale gas operations face compared to other land developments with environmental impacts.
- Delaware Riverkeeper Maya van Rossum talks about how citizens can organize and strategies to fight proposed pipelines.
- ✓ Leslie Sauer, ecological restoration expert, discusses the construction impacts of pipelines.
  Among the upcoming segments that will be released:
- Environmental scientist Wilma Subra will shed light on the environmental health effects associated with shale gas extraction and pipelines.
- Delaware Riverkeeper Network staff attorney Aaron Stemplewicz will discuss the legal actions property owners can take whose land is targeted for pipeline installations.

You can watch the Pipeline Lesson video series on the Delaware Riverkeeper Network's YouTube channel at <u>http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3yV10q9sFIw3BMFnhQNiOX2Rej-XYqve</u>.

The Delaware Riverkeeper Network, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit environmental organization has been working since 1988 throughout the four states of the Delaware River watershed including New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware. With more than 14,000 members, the Delaware Riverkeeper Network is a vital force in the Watershed, working to ensure the rich and healthy future that can only exists with a clean, healthy and free flowing river system.

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