

## ***What Kinder Morgan Doesn't Want You to Know...***

**10. Pipelines don't bring tax-revenue windfalls.** Kinder Morgan claims that the NED pipeline would generate approximately \$64 million in tax revenues annually to the states, counties and towns it would cross. In fact, the company's existing Tennessee Gas Pipeline has waged a ten-year-long lawsuit in Schoharie County to have their taxes reduced. The county recently settled by giving the out-of-state corporation a significant PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) tax break. Counties will need to expend substantial revenue to repair local roads and bridges that are damaged by the pipeline company's machinery and trucks. Kinder Morgan will do everything in its power to get out of paying the money they tempt our lawmakers with right now. In the end, there will be no net benefit to communities. The profit will be theirs. The damage left behind will be ours.



Williams pipeline installation, Dallas Township, PA, 2012. Courtesy of J. Trallo



Kinder Morgan's NED pipeline is being proposed at a critical time in America. We can either allow giant gas companies to take our land and take advantage of us so they can send fracked gas overseas. Or we can focus our efforts and investments on the kind of safe, clean, renewable energy that helps rather than hurts us and our families.

Find out more about fracked-gas pipelines and how to stop them at:  
[StopThePipeline.org](http://StopThePipeline.org)

## ***10 Reasons to Say NO to a Pipeline or Two in Your Backyard***

**1. Your land will be worth less.** Kinder Morgan claims they will pay you a fair price for your land. In fact, the small amount of money that gas companies offer for a pipeline easement is insignificant when compared to the overall property devaluation you as a landowner will see if your land has a fracked-gas pipeline on it. Any money offered will be based on the low end of current property values in your area, and will only be for the permanent 50-foot-wide strip of land the pipeline occupies, not your entire property. It will be a one-time payment, and you will continue to pay taxes on land that Kinder Morgan will profit from for years to come.

**2. A fracked-gas pipeline on your property will make it nearly impossible for you to sell your home and land in the future.** Some banks are refusing to grant mortgages for homes near pipelines, and few people will want to buy a home near a massive, high-pressure pipeline.

**3. More pipelines are not the solution to high energy costs.** Kinder Morgan claims this pipeline is needed to reduce high energy prices in New England. The truth is, last year's high energy prices in the northeast (which occurred during just a brief ten-day period) were not due to a lack of existing pipeline capacity. A 2015 Department of Energy study concluded that 46% of US pipeline capacity is unused and recommended making better use of existing pipelines.

**4. This gas is not for America.** Kinder Morgan claims they will be providing us with cheap gas. In direct contradiction of this assertion, however, the company states that only a fraction of the NED pipeline's gas (0.5 Bcf/day) will be used in the United States. The pipeline's remaining 1.7 Bcf/day (over 75% of the gas) would be shipped north to Canada for export to European and Asian markets, where gas sells for two to five times the price in the US. Exporting America's gas will dramatically raise gas prices in this country.

**5. Pipelines are dangerous, even deadly.** Kinder Morgan claims their pipelines are "built to regulations." Unfortunately federal regulations are weak and don't go nearly far enough to protect people and their property. Rural communities are categorized as "low consequence areas." As such, cheap, thin-gauge metal pipe is allowed, even for massive, high-pressure gas lines such as the NED. Shut-off valves are often as far as 10 miles apart. And there are NO minimum distances from homes, barns or other structures required by federal regulations.



Gas Pipeline Explosion, Cleburne, Texas—June 7, 2010—3 fatalities, 5 injured.



10-inch gas pipeline explosion, Milford, TX, November 2013. Entire town forced to evacuate for over 24 hours.

**6. Pipeline accidents are inevitable.** Kinder Morgan claims, "We've never had pipeline accidents in this state." The truth is, they've had many pipeline accidents and explosions all over the US, resulting in injuries, irreversible damage to private property and even death. Many of the accidents were caused by bad welds, poor maintenance and corrosion of the pipelines themselves.

**7. Fracked gas is unsafe and toxic.** Kinder Morgan claims that fracked gas is "clean." In fact, when measured from extraction to combustion, using fracked gas (aka methane) is more dangerous and climate altering than coal. It also contains radon and radioactive polonium. When leaked or vented directly into the atmosphere, methane is 86 times more powerful a greenhouse gas than CO<sub>2</sub>. Fracked gas is not at all a clean or safe "bridge fuel."

**8. Fracked gas pipelines shackle Americans to dirty fuel sources.** Kinder Morgan wants you to believe that fracked gas supports renewable energy. In fact, the opposite is true: Investing billions in fracked-gas pipelines and compressor stations commits our region to use of an unhealthy, unsafe fuel for decades to come. It also makes it more costly and difficult to transition to safe, renewable energy. Fracked-gas infrastructure is a step backwards. An economy based on clean, safe energy is the answer.

**9. Pipelines do enormous long-term damage in exchange for very few jobs.** Kinder Morgan claims they will "bring lots of jobs to the region." This claim is overblown. "Constitution" pipeline has made the same promise, yet, according to their own report to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), their 124-mile-long line would create a maximum of 7 (seven) full-time jobs in New York.