

South Jersey Gas Pipeline: A danger to land, water and natural habitats in the Pinelands.

Gas utility company South Jersey Gas (SJG) has proposed a **new 22-mile gas pipeline through the Pinelands**. This project threatens the Pinelands National Reserve and violates the rules that govern and protect it.

*The Pinelands National Reserve was established in 1978 by federal and state legislation to protect the Pine Barrens, a **globally rare ecosystem that is home to plants and animals found nowhere else in the world**. The Pine Barrens also holds one of the largest freshwater aquifers in the U.S., which **provides drinking water to more than one million residents**.*

- **SJG pipeline is a violation!** The proposed SJG pipeline (formal name “Cape Atlantic Reliability Pipeline”) violates the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP). The CMP only permits infrastructure like gas pipelines in the Forest Management Area that is “intended to primarily serve the needs of the Pinelands” – that is, only if needed for the towns within the Pinelands¹.
 - **The SJG pipeline would cut through sensitive forest areas in Cumberland, Atlantic and Cape May counties in order to serve customers outside of the Pinelands**, via the B.L. England gas-fired plant in Upper Twp., NJ.
- **SJG pipeline is a threat to our environment!**
 - The CMP protects against the immediate harms that pipeline construction brings to forests and wetlands, as well as future development that follow in the wake of pipeline projects.
 - Pipelines that run along or underneath roads, like SJG pipeline would, are not exempt from the CMP’s regulations.
 - Any accidents during or after the pipeline’s construction would directly impact residents and natural resources near SJG’s the proposed route. This would include populated roads, the town of Tuckahoe, as well as Mill Creek, the Tuckahoe River and Cumberland Pond.

If the Pinelands Commission doesn’t follow its own rules, then who will protect the Pinelands?

New Jersey’s Pinelands are dependent on the rules that protect it. The Pinelands Commission would have to break these rules in order to approve the SJG pipeline. If that happens, they will be unable to deny future applications for pipelines in protected areas.

SJG Pipeline is a serious threat to the Pinelands!

**Help stop the SJG Pipeline. Learn how by visiting
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¹ N.J.A.C. 7:50-5.23.