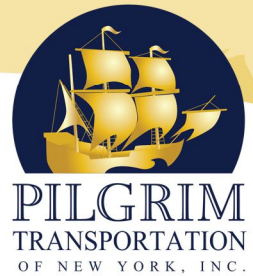


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## **Pilgrim Pipeline Statement on SEQRA Co-Lead Agencies**

*Canton, CT* – The following statement was issued by Pilgrim Transportation Company of New York, Inc. Vice President George Bochs on the announcement that the review of the proposed Pilgrim Pipeline under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) will be co-led by the New York State Thruway Authority (NYSTA) and the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC):

*We look forward to working with both the NYSTA and the DEC as the environmental review process of the pipeline begins under SEQRA. We are confident that this review will demonstrate that the Pilgrim Pipeline will transport essential energy products in a manner that is not only safer, but also more environmentally friendly and economically efficient, than current modes of transportation utilized in the State.*

*We also look forward to continuing to foster an open dialogue with municipal officials and citizens along the proposed route to provide information and answer questions.*

The proposed 178-mile pipeline project consists of two separate, parallel underground lines running between supply and distribution terminals in Albany and Linden, New Jersey. The pipeline would carry refined products like home heating oil, gasoline, diesel and kerosene to the north and crude oil southbound. The pipeline would handle an estimated 200,000 barrels in each direction each day (a total of 73 million barrels annually), roughly the amount of fuels currently transported along the Hudson by other modes of transportation. All the New York permit documents are posted on the Pilgrim website ([www.pilgrimpipeline.com](http://www.pilgrimpipeline.com)).

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