

For the last five years, we've been working hard to hold Adelpia Gateway (aka New Jersey Resources) accountable, and although our legal challenges to the newly constructed Quakertown Compressor Station are ongoing, this facility has now been built, and has already impacted our community in many negative ways. We are currently waiting for the PA Supreme Court to rule on our case challenging the PA DEP's Air Quality Permit for the compressor station, in the hopes our legal challenges to this project will be allowed to move forward.

We've made a record of our concerns about this project since the beginning – we've intervened and commented on the FERC docket, we've engaged in ongoing outreach to our local, county, state and federal representatives and officials, we've contacted the DEP, we've made official complaints with the FERC, local conservation agencies and the PA DEP, and yet, the compressor station was not only constructed, it now plagues our rural residential community with its frequent blowdowns, noise impacts, and light impacts.

Since this is a federally regulated project, Adelpia Gateway has been allowed to build the Quakertown Compressor Station in an area zoned as residential conservation, ultimately disregarding local zoning ordinances while building their project.

We asked Adelpia to use electric compressors since the beginning, and we made similar appeals to the FERC and other agencies as well, but our appeals were never given due consideration, this project was built according to Adelpia's plans, and we are now feeling the brunt of the detrimental impacts. To mitigate blowback from some of the closest (and more vocal) residents, Adelpia quietly purchased their properties outright, while leaving residents (only slightly farther away) to reside with the burden of this hazardous facility.

Releases along the pipeline have vented tons of methane directly into the atmosphere and the climate impacts of this project were never adequately

considered from the outset of Adelphia's application. An EIS was never done, the FERC is well aware that this pipeline was originally built decades ago (to transport oil) and the project, at that time, in the seventies, underwent extensive legal challenges because EVEN DECADES AGO the parties contesting the project felt that the pipeline was not being constructed in a manner that adequately protected the environment and the welfare of the residents of Bucks County. Flash forward to 2023 and our attempts to establish an open line of communication with Adelphia's agents have only left us feeling disenfranchised, misled and in all honesty, downright dissed.

We are still unclear about Adelphia's emergency response plans and it has been an ongoing challenge to get any straight answers from representatives of the company. Only a few months ago, Adelphia's Emergency Response line was not working - and the burden of responding to resident's concerns of odors in the area again fell to our volunteer first responders. Where is the accountability?

We must mandate that our elected officials and the agencies that regulate fracking and pipeline infrastructure prioritize the health and safety of our communities over profiteering corporations that don't seem to give a damn.

From the fracking fields of the Marcellus Shale region to the backyards of Bucks County, we are ALL feeling the environmental, health and climate impacts of these fossil foolish projects that continue to harm OUR communities IN SO MANY ENDURING WAYS. We must find another way forward.

Our legal challenges to this project are not over – and we know we are not alone in our efforts to create a healthier and more livable climate for future generations – so to all of you – we say – THANK YOU – THANK YOU FOR YOUR VIGILANCE, THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMRADERY AND THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO TO MAKE OUR WORLD A BETTER PLACE EACH AND EVERY DAY.

In solidarity, Cliff Cole of Concerned Citizens for Clean Air

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