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Since the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection - has set this hearing for public comment on the proposed Atlantic Sunrise pipeline, I feel compelled to offer my observations on this project.

This pipeline is part of a major national network for continued promotion and use of fossil fuels -- which are dramatically increasing our man-made contributions to climate change.

Many people don't realize the immense political and economic power that is concentrated in the hands of the people who control and run the fossil fuel industries.

And despite the significant attempts at public relations and "green-washing", the fact remains that natural gas is a significant contributor to the potential catastrophic effects of unchecked climate change.

If this multi-billion dollar fossil fuel infrastructure is successfully completed, it's going to mean more nails in the coffin of Mother Earth.

Unfortunately, our new president and the leadership in congress have their heads in the sand, foolishly cheerleading as the U.S. pulled out of the Paris climate accords.

The technology is here for green energy - clean and sustainable, with a zero-carbon footprint.

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The decisions we make now will determine whether or not our children and grand children will bless us for making the prudent, courageous and wise decisions to preserve the future of our planet, or will they curse us for ignoring the science, continuing our polluting ways, and letting the last great chance to save our earth -- slip right through our fingers.

The people who are profiting from a continued reliance on fossil fuels, including natural gas, will suffer as will their own children and grand children if we don't quickly transition to clean and sustainable energy, and the catastrophic effects of climate change will be our future.

This is the consensus of scientists all over the world, with the possible exception of some of those who are on the payroll of the fossil fuel industries.

We need to practice conservation, revitalize our railroads, and move to sustainable and renewable energy. Natural gas is not the answer.

- Jim Spak - 6-12-17

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I live in Ashley, PA.