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My name is Dean Marshall, and I live in Benton, Pa.

My home is along Fishing Creek just downstream from the tripple Williams Transco Pipeline "Leidy Loop" crossing.

On the evening of June 9th, 2015, one of three parallel TRANSCO Pipelines ruptured along a 30 foot Logitudinal seam near Unityville, Pa. and spewed high pressure gas for over an hour AFTER the nearest valves were closed.

Thankfully, there was no explosion, and evacuated residents were allowed to return home after a few hours.

As WILLIAMS proceded to investigate the cause, (which they later reported as corrosion), and Hydro-test the repairs, other leaks occurred in nearby locations. These were not promptly reported, if at all, until inquires were made to the Press Enterprise by myself and other concerned area residents.

The lines in question are 40-50+ years old and cross several wetlands and High Value streams in the Fishingcreek watershed. One must wonder if, aside from risk of accidents during construction of this much larger and higher pressure line, will there be ongoing risks of watershed damage for it's service life ?

Will those risks increase as the line ages? Will storms, erosion, settling and shifting earth increase the risks? Are these factors taken seriously in the permitting process?

I also think back to Labor Day weekend, 2012, when my partner and I were alerted about a flow of green drilling or cutting mud, flowing down Loyalsock Creek from a Marc 1 pipeline construction site upstream from Worlds End State Park. We drove there, took stil photos and video of the creekbed choked with green slime, and called DEP to report it. Several others made calls as well.

The releases continued sporadically over the long Holiday weekend. DEP assured us in a call back that it was "merely sediment from the streambed, stirred up by an open cut crossing near Ringdale, about 10 miles upstream".

I would like to know today, that if DEP grants WILLIAMS ATLANTIC SUNRISE LNG EXPORT PROJECT Water and Wetland crossing permits, and there are "accidents" in the construction phase OR ANYTIME during service, will DEP simply downplay or cover-up the impacts?

I ask you today to think carefully, and take into consideration that you, along with this company, which by the way has an abysmal safety record, will be held accountable.

This Project has no benefit in Columbia County, yet it contains generations of ongoing risks. Our watershed is a true source of property value, economic benefit, and scenic beauty enjoyed

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by both residents and visitors. Thank you.