



Statement re Kinder Morgan Suspending Northeast Energy Direct (NED) Project

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[Boston, MA] This is great news for Massachusetts and our climate future. The Northeast Energy Direct (NED) pipeline was slated to pass through pristine conservation land and private property. Despite denials from the fossil-fuel industry, Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey's November 2015 report's findings are proven: New England does not need these fracked gas pipelines. As the chief consumer advocate for Massachusetts, she stated that energy conservation, energy efficiency, energy demand management, and clean, renewable energy can produce the reliable, cost-effective energy Massachusetts will thrive on.

This also proves that political activism works. From the east coast to the Berkshires, Massachusetts rose up with one voice and said no to unneeded, dangerous pipelines. And we will not let up until we have overcome the specter of Spectra Energy's Access Northeast pipeline, and Governor Baker's plan to levy a pipeline tax on all electricity customers. Even the already-approved West Roxbury Lateral Pipeline remains on our "not-to-be built" list.

Massachusetts need more renewables, more efficiency, more homegrown clean energy to foster local jobs and keeps energy dollars here at home.

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