

A Resolution to Protect the Health and Safety of Local Citizens, Water Bodies and other Natural Resources in Relation to the Possible Transport of Tar Sands Oil through Maine

We, the citizens of Otisfield, Maine, have come to understand that the Portland-Montreal Pipeline which runs through our town is being considered for the transport of tar sands oil from Montreal to South Portland, which would be a reversal of flow and change from its original use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that through the adoption of this resolution we oppose any change in either the flow direction or the type of product pumped for any of the current crude oil pipelines that flow through Otisfield and cross the Crooked River, its tributaries, wetlands and aquifers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that through the adoption of this resolution, the Town of Otisfield expresses its opposition to the transport of tar sands through our town via the existing Public Utility Easement. We feel that such transport is of no benefit to Otisfield, and entails unacceptable risks to our rivers, our public health and safety, property values, recreational resources, water quality, and the pristine natural resources upon which our community depends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that through the adoption of this resolution, the town of Otisfield calls upon the Maine State Legislature, United States Congress, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and State Department to require thorough environmental impact reviews of all tar sands pipeline proposals, including a complete evaluation of the health, safety and environmental risks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that through the adoption of this resolution, the town of Otisfield supports the creation of clear Federal and State guidelines for tracking the chemical composition of pipeline transported fuels so that local governments, citizens, and first responders can better understand, and plan for, the risks associated with the specific type of fuel flowing through or to their communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that through the adoption of this resolution, the town of Otisfield encourages the State of Maine and other states in the Northeast to support policies that help develop and shift fuel use away from high impact fossil fuels such as tar sands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that through the adoption of this resolution, the town of Otisfield will transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, U.S. Secretary of State, U.S. Secretary of Energy, U.S. Secretary of the Interior, Chair of the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee, Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Maine Congressional delegation, Governors of Delaware, Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont, CEO of Portland Montreal Pipeline Limited, CEO of Imperial Oil Incorporated, CEO of Exxon Mobile, CEO of Enbridge Inc., Prime Minister of Canada, the Prime Minister of Canada, the Provincial Premiers of Canada, Maine State Representative of Otisfield, the Maine State Senator representing Otisfield, and the U.S. EPA.

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