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Myersville Citizens for a
Rural Community

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**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT: AIR PERMIT
Informational Meeting for DTI'S Application
September 17, 7 p.m.**

A meeting concerning DTI's application for an air permit for the natural gas compressor station will be held at the **Myersville Volunteer Fire Company's Banquet Hall, 301 Main Street, Myersville, MD.** Please note: There will be a **poster session at 6PM.**

This meeting is being held as part of the Air Quality permitting process for MDE. DTI will present the proposed project, including how they will comply with Air Quality regulations and requirements. After their presentation, citizens may ask questions of either the applicant or the Department. This concerns the State Air Quality permit only.

The poster session, which will be held at 6:00 PM, will be presented by DTI to allow citizens to talk directly with the company. MDE is not participating in the poster session.

This is an informational meeting only; not a public hearing. No formal testimony will be taken at this time. Once the permit writer has completed a technical review of the application, a formal Public Hearing will be scheduled and interested parties will be notified through individual notices and newspaper publication, as well as on the MDE website. MCRC will also post notifications on its website and Facebook page.

We urge everyone to actively participate in the Maryland State Air Quality Application process. The recent US Circuit Court of Appeals clarified that the Maryland State Implementation Plan of the federal Clean Air Act is backed by federal law and cannot be preempted by FERC. The MDE permit process is independent of FERC.



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MDE Air Quality Permit
Important Information Meeting
regarding DTI's application for
a permit.



MCRC v. FERC
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MCRC, et al v. FERC

US Court of Appeals, District of Columbia

Carolyn Elefant, our wonderful counsel, has filed our Basis for Standing and a statement of the issues before the US Court of Appeals in D.C. As a brief summary, we believe that FERC erred in issuing a permit conditioned on DTI's future receipt of an air quality permit, which it may not receive. We also believe they erred in concluding that the project will not have adverse impacts on air quality because of inaccurate assumptions of how DTI will operate the project. We contend that the FERC certificate violates the Gas Act and Certificate Policy Statement and is unsupported by evidence because the contracts that purport to show a need for Myersville Compressor Station are more than five years out of date and do not support the need for a 16,000 horsepower compressor station. We also contend that the Commission violated the Natural

Gas Act and the National Environmental Policy Act by failing to prepare a full environmental impact statement (EIS) and failing to take a hard look at project alternatives, including a no-build option; failing to consider or mitigate the extent of the project's adverse impacts; basing the EA on inaccurate information and unlawfully segmenting a review of the project and closely related projects including the Sabinsville Storage Project, Docket No. CP12-59 and the Dominion Cove Point Liquefaction Project CP13-113.

Why We Keep Fighting



Minisink Compressor, angle 1of 4 with FLIR GasFindIR

See that building? It's the new Minisink Compressor Station. Doesn't look too bad? Well, this is what happens when you look at the same compressor station through a FLIR GasFindIR, a thermal imaging camera ...



Minisink Compressor, angle 1of 4 with FLIR GasFindIR

Watch the entire video online at

<http://bit.ly/14eL4xM>

While we have filed the appeal with the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia against the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission with regard to their certification and denial for rehearing for Docket No. CP12-72, we are continuing to raise funds for our legal defense.

If you have not already done so, please, consider even a small donation to:

MCRC
P.O. Box 158
Myersville, MD 21773

****We are now accepting donations on our website via PayPal™**

Marcellus Shale Safe Drilling Initiative

Cove Point

Maryland has released its draft Best Practices Management Reports for Public Comment.

While the State contends that no decision has been made about whether to allow hydraulic fracturing in Maryland, they have proposed regulations for 'fracking'. The report can be found on MDE's website: <http://bit.ly/12MddeG>

Although it is a lengthy report, we suggest you consider looking over it and submitting comments prior to the **September 10, 2013**, deadline. Increased drilling will only lead to increased need for infrastructure, including pipelines and compressor stations. This is not just a 'Western Maryland' issue but has broader implications.

Comments may be submitted to Marcellus.Advisory@Maryland.gov or by mail to: Brigid E. Kenney, Senior Policy Advisor, Maryland Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21230.

Comments must be received by September 10, 2013.

Also, please consider participating in the Western Maryland Public Opinion Survey being conducted by the Regional Economic Studies Institute of Towson University as part of the Maryland Marcellus Shale Safe Drilling Initiative on behalf of the Maryland Department of the Environment. Participation is completely voluntary and confidential. The responses will be made available to the public in summary form only. No individuals or their responses will be identified.

<http://bit.ly/1coJEGw>

MCRC is joining a coalition of other organizations who are raising concerns about the proposed Cove Point LNG Export Terminal. We continue to believe that the oversized compressor station contemplated for Myersville is really in preparation of exporting natural gas to overseas markets.

Approving export facilities at Cove Point would drive demand for 'fracked' gas, including in Western Maryland. It would also require increased infrastructure, such as the proposed Myersville Compressor Station.

Fact: Dominion's Cove Point export facility would be Maryland's fourth largest climate polluter, emitting more heat-trapping carbon dioxide than all but three of the state's existing coal plants.

Please, visit Chesapeake Climate Action Network for more information.

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