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Subject: NED Pipeline threatens critically endangered species.

Hello,

Our 501c3 non-profit sanctuary for a critically endangered landrace pony breed is located one mile from the proposed Kinder Morgan compressor station in New Ipswich, NH. This pony is the last indigenous pony on this continent that remains as nature created it, an unimproved landrace, through and through. There are only 250 breeding age ponies left in the world, 34 in the USA, and we provide permanent safe haven for 10 of those ponies. We also have almost one entire critically important bloodline here.

We have done due diligence to stop this, to find protection for these provincially protected ponies but our concerns are NOT being addressed. In the event of an evacuation is it physically impossible for us to evacuate the herd, including a very very rare stallion who has a broken femur and needs special transportation.

It has been scientifically proven that compressor stations emit pollutants the cause infertility, sterility and DEATH to livestock within a 5 mile radius, predominantly in the 1 to 2 mile range, in which our "safe haven" sits.

This is completely unacceptable and we are appealing to you to please take notice and step forth to protect our herd, that numbers 5% of the ponies left on this planet.

We have spoken to Kinder Morgan face to face. They initially presented total mistruths which we corrected with facts. We asked if they could guarantee that these precious animals would be safe from their pipeline. They admitted they could not. Their written response to our concerns was to blatantly lie that the pipeline is safe. I'm sorry but we cannot risk this. No amount of money can repair or purchase genetics. To lose ANY of these animals will deal a devastating blow to the breeds future and in turn to the future of equines themselves, to lose such a genetically important landrace.

On top of that, we are a public charity. This abomination will utterly destroy us, our efforts and our progress.

We are appealing to you, who represent environmental concerns for this state and all the living things who dwell here, to step forward and help us right a VERY grave wrong.

FERC has said our concerns will be included in the environmental study but we all know that FERC is nothing but a rubber stamp agency. We see the writing on the wall quite clearly. This is a total outrage.

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