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Governor Hochul OK's fossil fuel expansion project, exposing Hudson Valley residents to increased air pollution and higher risks of gas line explosions

Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Approves Title V Air Permit for Proposed Iroquois ExC Compressor Stations in Athens and Dover

(Albany, NY) Today, Governor Hochul and the Department of Conservation (DEC) approved the Title V Air Permit application submitted by Iroquois ExC to expand the gas compressor stations in the Town of Athens and the Town of Dover, both communities in the Hudson Valley. The Iroquois Transmission System is jointly owned by Canadian company TC Energy, and American energy giant, Berkshire Hathaway Energy.

NYPIRG has been urging Governor Hochul and the DEC to deny the application since its submission.

The following statement is attributable to Eric Wood, Senior Environmental Program Coordinator for NYPIRG.

“We are dismayed by the Governor’s decision today to approve the Title V Air Permit for the Iroquois ExC Compressor Station expansion project. This approval flies in the face of the Climate Act. By permitting a dramatic increase in the amount of fossil fuels that will flow through our state, our communities will experience more air and noise pollution, further accelerating climate damages. The people of Athens, Dover, and all New Yorkers, deserve much better.”