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Citizens Gather for November 15th Statewide Pipeline Summit

Fitchburg, MA - October 16, 2014: People from across Massachusetts will gather at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School in Fitchburg, MA on Saturday, November 15th for the Stop the Pipeline Statewide Summit.

Grassroots organizers from across the state created the program to bring together residents, local leaders, elected officials, and environmental and conservation groups in an educational forum to learn the most recent information about the proposed Kinder Morgan Tennessee Gas Pipeline Northeast Energy Direct (NED) project and to advocate for a clean energy future for MA.

On September 15, 2014, Kinder Morgan began a process with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to gain approval for a major new high pressure pipeline system stretching more than 400 miles across PA, NY, MA and portions of CT and NH. The proposed project has received widespread opposition due to its large size and the proposed path through some of the most pristine and wild areas in MA. More than 40 Massachusetts communities are affected by the project.

The Summit educational sessions include: *The Natural Gas Crisis: Dispelling the Myths*, *How to Participate in the FERC Process: Developing a Collective Strategy* and *Legislative and Municipal Energy Policy Roundtable*. Participants will have opportunities for local and statewide networking to help people more effectively share information and leverage resources.

The event is free. Participants can register at <https://statewidesummit.eventbrite.com>. For additional information visit <http://StopNED.org>.