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**NYPIRG STATEMENT ON REJECTION OF WATER PERMIT FOR WILLIAMS  
NORTHEAST SUPPLY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

*(Albany, N.Y.)* Today the Governor and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation announced they would not be approving a water quality permit for the Williams Northeast Supply Enhancement Project.

**The following statement is attributable to Liz Moran, Environmental Policy Director for NYPIRG:**

“The Governor and DEC made a historic decision today to reject the water quality permit for the Williams pipeline that will ensure the planet, the climate, water quality, and future generations of New Yorkers are safe and healthy. A debt of gratitude is owed to advocates who fought tirelessly to make this victory possible. Scientists agree that fossil fuels have to stay in the ground if the catastrophic impacts of climate change are to be avoided, and New Yorkers know that expanding fossil fuel infrastructure is the very opposite of needed leadership. Now DEC and the Governor must remain firm in their decision to reject this permit and focus on rapidly expanding renewable energy and cutting greenhouse gas emissions.”

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