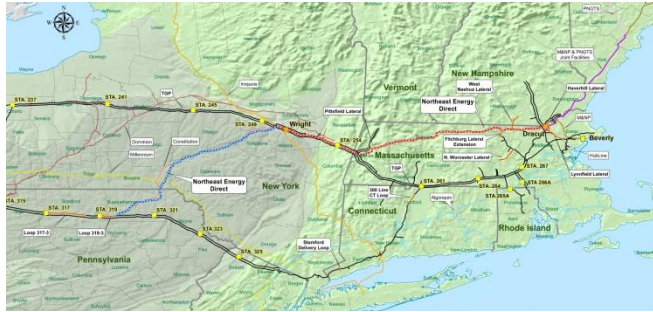


Gas Pipeline Educational Workshop

on the proposed
Kinder Morgan/TGP "Northeast Energy Direct"
Pipeline & Related Environmental Permitting Process



May 26, 2015
6:00-8:00 p.m.

*Greenfield Community College
Cohn Family Dining Commons
One College Drive, Greenfield, MA*

The Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, in coordination with the Franklin Regional Council of Governments, is sponsoring this workshop funded by a Technical Assistance Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration for local officials on the proposed Kinder Morgan/Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company "Northeast Energy Direct" Pipeline and the related environmental and permitting review process. The presentation will provide a brief overview of the Northeast Energy Direct pipeline proposal, including its status before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC" or the "Commission"), which is the federal agency authorized to grant certificates to interstate pipeline projects. Counsel from BCK Law, P.C., will explain the approval required by FERC for the pipeline to proceed with construction, as well as the overall FERC process, including timing and public participation in that process. That discussion will include how FERC approval interacts with state and local permitting as well as the eminent domain authority that a successful applicant gains after FERC approval. An environmental engineer from Boscardin Consulting Engineers, Inc. will discuss construction and environmental concerns and potential impacts on towns from the pipeline and its construction. The presentation will outline how towns may participate in the process through, among other things, intervention at FERC and consideration of host community agreements. Please RSVP to Registrations@frcog.org by providing your name, town and/or municipal board or regional organization affiliation and reference Pipeline Workshop in the Subject Line. For more information contact psloan@frcog.org.

