



What is that Sabal Trail gas pipeline and how to stop it: SpectraBusters Information Meeting

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Valdosta, November 11, 2013 --Find out Saturday morning about the huge pipeline proposed to run through our area. Who benefits (not Georgia citizens). What fines have been imposed on the pipeline company. What are the potential dangers of corrosion, leaks and more. Most importantly, find out what our community can do to stop this pipeline from being built.

When: 10 AM Saturday November 16th 2013

Where: Meeting Room B
Clarion Inn Conference Center
2101 W Hill Ave, Valdosta, GA 31601
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Agenda:

- In the path of the pipeline: landowners and others on why we oppose it
- Allies speak (fossil fuel divestment, clean energy, watershed conservation)
- Introduction of elected and appointed officials
- Slide presentation about the pipeline
- Discussion and opportunities to sign up to help

Spectra Energy proposes to run the Sabal Trail gas pipeline from Alabama through Georgia to feed a Florida Power and Light (FPL) power plant for no benefit to citizens of Alabama or Georgia. This huge 36 inch diameter pipeline would tear a 100 foot wide right of way through all three states. A one-time payment is nowhere near adequate for permanent damage, especially when FPL and Spectra would continue to profit forever.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) fined Spectra a record \$15 million for leaking PCBs at 89 sites along another pipeline. The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) fined Spectra \$134,500 in December 2012 for five violations of federal regulations and Spectra's own company procedures, involving not monitoring pipelines and letting them corrode and leak.

The source of this gas is fracking in the Marcellus Shale in Pennsylvania and the Barnett Shale in Texas, destroying whole watersheds and poisoning farmlands and drinking water. We do not want our land taken to support destroying someone else's land.

This pipeline is huge, bigger than the 30 inch gas pipeline that blew up in Oklahoma a few weeks ago, visible from Kansas and Texas. It is nowhere near safe enough to run anywhere near schools, churches, people's houses, or wildlife.

There's no excuse for another natural gas pipeline when solar power is cheaper and brings jobs and energy right here where we need them.

SpectraBusters: *We ain't afraid a no pipeline!*

We are a coalition of landowners and others opposed to the Sabal Trail Transmission gas pipeline through Alabama, Georgia, and north Florida. We invite everyone near the path of this pipeline to this informational meeting.

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