



Panel Discussion, Sabal Trail Pipeline, Valdosta State University

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Valdosta, 28 March 2014 -- Come to the SpectraBusters community panel about the Sabal Trail methane Pipeline Saturday at Valdosta State University, to learn how the pipeline could affect you, your property, and our community. Discussion will be followed by a question and answer session, in this free event, to which elected and appointed officials and candidates and the public are invited.

Saturday 29 March 2014 3PM to 5PM Lowndes County Georgia SpectraBusters Community Panel Student Union Theater Valdosta State University 1500 N. Patterson Street Valdosta, GA 31698

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Elected officials and candidates for public office are invited to a SpectraBusters panel discussion in Lowndes County, Georgia. Topics will include potential pipeline routes, property rights (eminent domain, property values), water issues (aquifer, sinkholes, springs), whether Florida even needs more power, better power sources (solar, wind, conservation, and efficiency), noise, health, and hazards. SpectraBusters and allies from all states are invited to attend, and are encouraged to hold panels elsewhere.

The pipeline company was invited but declined. We'll hold a chair in case they change their mind.

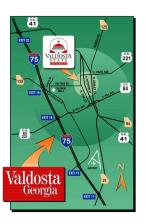
The Student Union is on the east side of Oak Street, across from Baytree Road. The Theater is on your left as you go in the front door. There is a large parking lot on the west side of Oak Street, south of Baytree.

Why: Spectra Energy, which had compressor station leaks in Maine in January and in Pennsylvania last year, plus multiple fines by Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) for corrosion and leaks, and a record \$15 million EPA fine for PCB contamination, proposes a hundred-foot-wide gash through our lands for their huge 36 inch Sabal Trail gas pipeline from Alabama through Georgia to feed Florida Power and Light (FPL) and Duke Energy for no benefit to local citizens and rate hikes for FPL customers. A one-time payment is not enough for decreased property values, permanent destruction, and hazards of leaks and explosions, when FPL and Spectra and Duke would profit forever. The gas comes from fracking in Pennsylvania and Texas, destroying watersheds, farmlands, and drinking water.

Conservation, efficiency, and solar power are cheaper and bring jobs and energy here where we need them.







In Conjunction with:

Environmental Awareness Organization of Auburn University (EAOAU).

https://auburn.collegiatelink.net/organization/eao

Food and Water Watch works to ensure the food, water and fish we consume is safe, accessible and sustainably produced. https://www.foodandwaterwatch.org

Greenlaw protects clean air and water. http://greenlaw.org/

New York Climate Action Group (NYCAG) the Spectra struggle (and Williams Transco Rockaway Lateral Pipeline in the Rockaways of Queens, NY and the LNG port resistance in Long Beach, NY).

No Fracked Gas in Mass. Exchange fossil fuels for renewable energy. http://www.nofrackedgasinmass.org/

Occupy the Pipeline, who fought the NYC extension on the Spectra Pipeline. http://occupythepipeline.blogspot.com

Our Santa Fe River, protecting our most vital and vulnerable natural resource...water. http://www.oursantaferiver.org/wp/

Sane Energy Project: to fight fossil fuel and nuclear infrastructure, and encourage renewable infrastructure. http://www.SaneEnergyProject.org

Shale Property Rights, formerly Spectra Energy Watch. http://www.shalepropertyrights.com/blog/

Sierra Club, America's largest and oldest grassroots environmental group, exploring, enjoying, and protecting the environment since 1892. http://www.sierraclub.org http://spectrabusters.org/?p=1901

Stop the Pipeline: No eminent domain, preserve local character and environment, and pipelines == fracking. http://www.StopThePipeline.org

Students Against Violating the Environment (S.A.V.E.) Valdosta State University, increase environmental awareness and engage students with the community.

http://ww2.valdosta.edu/vsu/stuorg/save/

Wiregrass Activists for Clean Energy (WACE): clean and sustainable energy sources. http://www.wiregrass-ace.org/

WWALS Watershed Coalition, Willacoochee, Withlacoochee, Alapaha, and Little River Systems in south Georgia and north Florida. http://www.wwals.net/

SpectraBusters: We ain't afraid a no pipeline!

Landowners and others opposed to the Sabal Trail gas pipeline through Alabama, Georgia, and Florida.

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