

Tar Sands Pipeline in Maine: What You Need to Know



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You might throw up your hands hearing all the competing claims about tar sands oil. However, with a looming proposal to pipe Alberta tar sands oil through Maine, we have to figure out what's true, and what is our role. Is tar sands oil more corrosive than the oil now running in the Portland to Montreal pipeline? Proponents say no, opponents say yes. Can the existing pipeline carry tar sands oil without unacceptable risk to the reservoirs, lakes, wetlands, and rivers it passes? Are the Androscoggin River, Sebago Lake, and Casco Bay at risk? Is a tar sands oil spill harder to clean up than a conventional oil spill? What can the state, towns, and citizens do about tar sands? Stepping back, is developing tar sands a necessary solution to world energy demand, or would unlocking the carbon in the extensive Alberta deposits guarantee that we will warm the climate irredeemably? What are the alternatives?

Dylan Voorhees, Clean Energy Project Director for the Natural Resources Council of Maine, will address these questions and respond to questions from the floor at an evening presentation on May 30, at Maine Audubon's Gilsland Farm in Falmouth, at 7 p.m. Potluck dinner at 6 (bring a plate, utensils, and a food to share). Driving directions at www.amcmaine.org under meetings and education committee.

This event is jointly sponsored by the AMC Maine Chapter and Maine Audubon. FMI email AMC Education Chair John Mullens at education@amcmaine.org or Karen Herold at herold.k@gmail.com

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Thursday, May 30, 6pm potluck, 7pm talk
Gilsland Farm Audubon Center, Falmouth, 04105