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**NYPIRG STATEMENT ON NEW YORK DECISION TO REJECT THE WILLIAMS PIPELINE**

*(Albany, N.Y.)* Today, New York’s Department of Environmental Conservation, again, denied the water quality certification for the Northeast Supply Enhancement Project (NESE, or Williams) pipeline.

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

“Governor Cuomo and the Department of Environmental Conservation made the courageous and smart call to protect public health, the precious Hudson River estuary, and fight climate change by denying permits for the Williams pipeline. The current public health crisis has underscored the need to act and adopt protective policies before disasters strike. Rejecting the Williams pipeline takes New York a crucial step forward in meeting climate goals and protecting the future of New Yorkers. NYPIRG applauds the Governor and DEC for this move and urges rapid action to transition to electrification of buildings and renewable heat.”

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