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ENERGY EAST - New Date for REAL's Pipeline Discussion

REAL's Energy East Pipeline discussion postponed last week has been rescheduled for Wednesday, April 2.

TransCanada is seeking approval to convert its existing natural gas pipeline, built in the 1970s, to transport bitumen and other forms of crude oil from the Alberta tar sands to the east coast. The proposed pipeline crosses the municipalities of Mississippi Mills, Ottawa and North Grenville.

The Rideau Environmental Action League (REAL) is hosting an information session featuring speakers who are raising concerns about the proposal. "Why Should We Care About Energy East?" will be held on Wed. April 2 at the Station Theatre, 53 Victoria Avenue, Smiths Falls with speakers Andrea Harden, from the Council of Canadians, Ian Angus, of Sustainable North Grenville, and Ben Powless, of Ecology Ottawa. Doors open at 6:30, videos will be shown starting at 6:30 p.m., and presentations will start at 7 p.m., followed by a question period. If you have particular questions you would like answered, you are invited to submit them to REAL at info@REALaction.ca in advance of the evening.

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is beginning a public consultation process on the Energy East proposal, and REAL is hoping that citizens will be encouraged to submit their comments, or attend one of the OEB meetings in the region.

REAL has posted related information and links on its website, www.REALaction.ca.