

# FRRACS

a community-based group that is actively fighting the construction of a toxic, fracked-gas compressor station on the South Shore

## WHAT

### What is a compressor station?

- Compressors help move fracked-gas along a pipeline. During normal operations, they emit air and noise pollution.
- This compressor would be built in the most densely populated coastal location ever in the US.
  - stations are usually built on 50+ acre parcels, this site is only 4 acres
- Enbridge, the largest fossil fuel company in North America, wants to build the compressor station to pump fracked-gas up to Canada for export to Europe.

## CONCERNS

### What are the concerns?

- Compressors pose serious health and safety risks, especially when in such close proximity to a dense residential area.
  - Normal operations will release 10 cancer-causing Chemicals into the air.
  - During a blowdown, millions of cubic feet of untreated fracked-gas is released into the air.
- There are more than 900 Homes within a 1/2-mile, while 3,100 kids live or go to school within 1 mile of the proposed site! There are more than 13,000 children who attend 33 different schools within 3 miles of the site.
- The proposed compressor site is adjacent to two Environmental Justice Communities already overburdened with pollution from existing toxic facilities.
- Existing levels of pollution in the area already exceed state guidelines, including benzene and formaldehyde, both of which are known carcinogens. Constructing yet another toxic facility will only exacerbate air pollution.
- There is a history of accidents at compressor stations across the country. If an accident happens in Weymouth, the impacts could be catastrophic, given the close proximity to homes, businesses, the new Fore River Bridge, and other industrial facilities.
- Emissions from the compressor and the fracked-gas running through it would further contribute to the growing climate crisis.

## WHAT'S BEEN DONE

### What has been done to stop this dangerous proposal?

- There is no public vote on this issue. Approval comes from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).
- FRRACS, The Town of Weymouth, and other cities and towns have been fighting for 5 years to stop this proposal. We have:
  - Filed appeals to stop Enbridge in the courts
  - Petitioned lawmakers and representatives to speak out and take action
  - Organized events and actions
  - Raised awareness about this issue through TV ads, billboards, speaking events, door-knocking, and social media.
- The Town of Weymouth has spent over \$1 million in legal fees and FRRACS has raised money to pay for a lawyer. The City of Quincy has also supported FRRACS with legal fees.
- We have gained support from all of our local politicians, state reps, and senators. **The only political official who hasn't opposed this project is Gov. Baker.**



# FORE RIVER RESIDENTS AGAINST THE COMPRESSOR STATION

## CURRENT STATUS

### Where are we now in the fight?

- As of Nov. 2019, Enbridge obtained all of their necessary permits (unjustly) to begin construction. They initiated the beginning phases of construction in December 2019.
  - Enbridge was instructed to cleanup toxic soil at the site before beginning construction. The work that Enbridge began in December 2019 was supposed to be a cleanup process, but it appears that Enbridge is bypassing that step to an extent. This cleanup process is being overseen by the Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup, a division of MassDEP. MassDEP officials have ignored nearly all of the public's questions and comments since December.
- FRRACS and the Town of Weymouth are still fighting in the courts. We have filed appeals to challenge the approval of Enbridge's permits. We are awaiting court dates. If a judge will hear our case and agrees with our argument, they can issue a stop work order.
- FRRACS has begun a direct action campaign to halt construction. Since December, we have had 3 actions at the site that have resulted in 19 arrests. We will continue to escalate and resist Enbridge's ill-conceived project.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

### What can you do to support the fight?

- Donate to our legal fund:
  - [NoCompressor.com/Donate](https://NoCompressor.com/Donate)
  - or mail a check to FRRACS, PO Box 485, South Weymouth, MA 02190
- Join us in resisting the compressor station.
  - Sign our Pledge to Take Action: [tinyurl.com/WeymouthActionPledge](https://tinyurl.com/WeymouthActionPledge)
- Spread the word
  - Want a "No Compressor" yard sign? Email us and we will deliver one to you!

## CONTACT INFO

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