MEDIA ADVISORY: Following dramatic shutdowns of construction, elected officials will rally with community at North Brooklyn Pipeline site Monday morning

WHO: No North Brooklyn Pipeline Coalition, Brownsville Residents Green Committee, Representative Nydia Velazquez, Senator Julia Salazar, Assemblymember Maritza Davila, Comptroller Scott Stringer, Councilmember Antonio Reynoso and District Leader Samy Nemir Olivares

WHAT: Rally and press conference. North Brooklyn and citywide elected officials will stand with community members from along the pipeline route to demand that the Mayor and Governor use their power to halt the construction of the NBK Pipeline and respond with urgency to the "Climate Emergency" as declared by the City of New York and recognized by New York State climate law.

WHERE: Active pipeline construction site at Manhattan Avenue and Montrose Avenue in Williamsburg.

WHEN: Monday October 19th, 2020 at 10:30am

WHY: Despite massive community opposition, right now, corporate utility National Grid is expanding a massive fracked gas transmission pipeline in North Brooklyn. The pipeline is being built predominantly through Black, Brown, and working-class neighborhoods without community consent. For decades, these communities have borne the brunt of dirty industries and suffered from environmental racism and injustice’s health impacts.

This project is not a replacement of leaking pipelines, it is an expansion to charge the rate-payers, millions of dollars in rate hikes to fill shareholders pockets, and keep the economy locked into fossil fuels when the rate payers want to move onto affordable and clean renewable energy like geothermal, solar, wind and energy efficient buildings. The Mayor’s office has the power to stop this project through revoking key construction permits needed by the company and Governor Cuomo and the Public Service Commission can reject National Grid’s egregious rate hike to pay for the pipeline.

On Thursday and Friday community members shut down construction of the pipeline site and 7 people were arrested.

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