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As this ill-conceived project in Nantucket continues with the seemingly thoughtless or at least inattentive MMS blessing, I urge you, as a longtime sailor and fisherman in the Sound, to give careful thought to the environmental issues that are inherent in the proposed construction of the project.

Construction crews will throw loads of stuff in the water: hamburger wrapper, beverage cans, cigarette butts, condoms, all kinds of wrappers from construction materials, Styrofoam coffee cups, to say nothing of construction detritus such as boxes for parts, insulation, spilled oil and other products will wash ashore on our pristine beaches. Can you assure us this won't happen?

What precautions are being taken to guarantee that havoc will not occur if we have a hurricane during construction? Or will we have barges and the like all over our shores?

Decommissioning must come from a funded reserve secured by a first lien on the project. Otherwise the debtholders who finance the project will have a priority financial position if the project fails for any reason, and we will be left at best with an eyesore and ten years of litigation before anything comes down. The Trans-Alaska Pipeline included a funded, secured decommissioning reserve and we should ask for no less!

What provision is being made to assure us that the 40,000 gallons of oil to be stored on the heli-pad will not sully our beaches? Is MMS protecting us (great comfort!!).

Night safety is a major issue. Many of us fish south of the Vineyard and run home at night. Poorly lit, unmarked barges, nearly invisible cables and construction equipment present very serious safety hazards to all of us who use the Sound. Or is it true that the Coast Guard will just declare 28 square miles of our Sound off limits to all but construction crews. I really would appreciate an answer to this question which I have asked endlessly.

I hope you all will pay careful attention!

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