

# Spectra Job Fairs

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Sabal Trail Contractor Job Fairs begin this week in Florida then Georgia. Here's some things we need potential employees to this fossil fuel pipeline to know.

Here is information just released from Spectrabusters:

Live Oak, FL, April 18, 2016 – Local residents and half a dozen environmental organizations want applicants at Sabal Trail pipeline job fairs to know a job for a few weeks isn't worth risking drinking water for all our families and children and grandchildren. Opponents of the Sabal Trail fracked methane pipeline and supporters of solar power include the Suwannee-St Johns Sierra Club Group, St Johns Riverkeeper, WWALS Watershed Coalition, Our Santa Fe River, Earth Ethics, Gulf Restoration Network, and SpectraBusters.

Sabal Trail is holding what it calls Contractor Fairs 11AM to

2PM on two days this week, not for people to actually install the pipeline, rather for incidental jobs.

- Tuesday, 19 April 2016, Hilton Garden Inn, Saratoga Room, 3600 SW 36th Avenue, Ocala. FL 34474
- Wednesday, 20 April 2016, RiverOak Technical College, 415 Pinewood Drive SW, Live Oak, FL 32064

In Ocala, at the 9AM Marion County Board of Commissioners meeting that same morning,, Whitey Markle, Conservation Chair of the Suwannee-St Johns Sierra Club, will speak about [Sabal Trail Pipeline and Proposals for Solutions](#).

At the contractor fairs, opponents will be distributing a flyer (attached) to remind everyone that Sabal Trail is NOT a done deal. There are six requests for re-hearing to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), which has not issued a construction go-head. Meanwhile, the Georgia legislature in a historic 34 aye to 128 nay vote denied river-drilling easements to Sabal Trail, and Hamilton and Suwannee Counties, Florida asked the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to investigate numerous springs, sinkholes, and underground caverns reported by independent Practicing Geologists that Sabal Trail didn't mention to regulatory agencies.

The continually growing opposition says risks to our Floridan Aquifer and eminent domain taking easements from local neighbors to profit a company from somewhere else are reasons for jobs seekers to read up on the problems or go see for themselves Lime Run Spring or the other springs, sinkholes, and caverns Sabal Trail says aren't as close as they are to its proposed pipeline path. Opponents say job seekers should not sign a contract with Sabal Trail before independent investigation of its route, and they should report any safety or environmental incidents.

Many pipelines are being delayed or cancelled: fossil fuels are a dying 20th century industry. Already there are more jobs in solar power than in all of oil and gas extraction. Solar needs no eminent domain, no drilling, no water, and produces no exhaust.

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The following from Debra Johnson:

\*\*\*Meet up Weds. at 10:30 in Publix parking lot side of building next to where old Radio Shack was located – this would be the North side off street running between Publix and Paint store – SW Pinewood Drive. Bring your signs please.

Non-violent, non-confrontational protest with signs or handout vital info to job seekers about Sabal Trail/Spectra Energy at the Sabal Trail Job Fair Weds. April 20 2016 @11am to 2 pm @ 415 SW Pinewood Drive Live Oak, FL- River Oak Technical College. Some are planning to protest and we have flyers to give to contractors explaining the fallacy of a very temporary job with Sabal Trail at a permanent threat to our water, waterways and very lives.

Those who do not wish to hold signs can give flyers to the people who show up to hire on with this threat to our lives and waterways. As well as the unlucky individuals in O'Brien that will suffer the dangers of a compressor station. More info to be coming so watch this post please or call me @ 386-209-5886

Following is the flyer:

## Short-term jobs are not worth long-term Sabal Trail risk

We're all familiar with need for work and unemployment, but a job for a few weeks isn't worth risking drinking water for all our families and children and grandchildren.

The Sabal Trail Pipeline project is NOT a done deal. More citizens and groups join the opposition all the time because of risks to our Floridan Aquifer and eminent domain taking easements from your neighbors to profit a company from somewhere else.



We ask you:

1. Look for yourselves. Read up, or go see Lime Run Spring or the other springs, sinkholes, and caverns Sabal Trail says aren't as close as they are to its proposed pipeline path.
2. **Do not sign a contract with Sabal Trail before independent investigation of its route.**
3. If you see any safety or environmental incidents, please let us know; see contacts on next page.

Is this the kind of company you want to work for?

1. Pipeline drilling and installation, especially under rivers and streams, risks contaminating our drinking water, the Floridan Aquifer, which is contained in karst, porous limestone, like Swiss cheese. Springs and sinkholes are interconnected by underground caverns which may be damaged during drilling. This could leak river water, drilling fluids, or more toxic contaminants into our aquifer and our wells.
2. Sabal Trail wants to gouge through the most vulnerable aquifer recharge area,<sup>1</sup> the worst possible place for this massive 36-inch diameter pipeline on a hundred-foot right of way.
3. **Independent geologists<sup>2</sup> have proven<sup>3</sup> that there are numerous sinkholes and water systems along the proposed route that are not in the documents Sabal Trail sent to regulators.**
4. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) faces six separate legal challenges<sup>4</sup> to its initial approval, and even FERC has not given a construction go-ahead for Sabal Trail.
5. The Georgia legislature on March 22nd **denied river-drilling easements to Sabal Trail in a historic vote of 34 ayes to 128 nays.** Can Sabal Trail even get to Florida?
6. Multiple groups just asked the Land and Water Conservation Fund to review Sabal Trail's likely effects on parks and other public lands.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> "Florida portion of the Southeast Markets Pipeline Project superimposed on Floridan Aquifer Vulnerability Assessment Map", FDEP to FERC, 27 March 2014, <http://spectrabusters.org/?p=3514>

<sup>2</sup> Hydrogeology Report: Sabal Trail methane pipeline crossing of Withlacoochee River, by David Brown, P.G., 22 August 2014, <http://www.wwals.net/wp-content/themes/pianoblack/img/2014/08/HydrogeologyXreport.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> "Geological determinations about Sabal Trail and Suwannee River," by Dennis Price P.G., 25 October 2015, <http://www.wwals.net/?p=18117>

<sup>4</sup> "Six rehearing requests to FERC", SpectraBusters, <http://spectrabusters.org/?p=7150>

<sup>5</sup> "Conservation groups call for public parks to be put ahead of corporate polluters' pipeline plans", Jonathon Berman, Sierra Club Georgia Chapter, 12 April 2016., <http://www.wwals.net/?p=19619>

7. The Florida Water Management Districts and the US Army Corps of Engineers have yet to approve the project. Both **Hamilton<sup>6</sup> and Suwannee<sup>7</sup> Counties, Gulf Restoration Network,<sup>8</sup> and WWALS Watershed Coalition<sup>9</sup> have requested additional study from the Army Corps** that could stop the Corps from issuing a permit.
8. Suwannee County passed a resolution asking Sabal Trail to move its proposed Hildreth Compressor Station.<sup>10</sup> Cancer, nosebleeds, and cardiovascular problems have been linked to “fugitive methane” close to compressor stations.
9. Many pipelines are being delayed or cancelled:<sup>11</sup> fossil fuels are a dying 20th century industry.
10. Already there are more jobs in solar power than in all of oil and gas extraction.<sup>12</sup> Solar needs no eminent domain, no drilling, no water, and produces no exhaust.
11. Sabal Trail is suing local landowners for eminent domain to force them to give up pipeline easements.<sup>13</sup> Why should your neighbors have to cut down trees and put up with pipeline encroachment forever in exchange for a paltry one-time payment?
12. Spectra Energy, the pipeline company that wants to build the Sabal Trail pipeline, has a thirty-year rap sheet of safety and environmental incidents, including a pipeline blowing up under the Arkansas River in Little Rock last May.<sup>14</sup>



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<sup>6</sup> “Correspondence from Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton, FL to U.S. Army Corp of Engineers re the Environmental Geology report under CP15-17,” Hamilton, FL BOCC, FERC 20160328-0091, 28 March 2016, [http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/file\\_list.asp?accession\\_num=20160328-0091](http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/file_list.asp?accession_num=20160328-0091), legible copy: <http://www.wwals.net/?p=18433>

<sup>7</sup> “[A] formal request that the Army Corps of Engineers makes a site visit inspection...” Suwannee BOCC, 7 April 2016, <http://www.wwals.net/?p=19518>

<sup>8</sup> “Re: Proposed Southeast Market Pipelines Project,” Gulf Restoration Network to USACE, 10 March 2016, <http://goo.gl/7k1fCY>

<sup>9</sup> “WWALS invites Army Corps of Engineers to inspect and investigate Sabal Trail,” 5 April 2016, <http://www.wwals.net/?p=19392>

<sup>10</sup> “A RESOLUTION... SUPPORTING THE MOVEMENT OF THE SABAL TRAIL “HILDRETH” COMPRESSION STATION”, Suwannee BOCC, 17 November 2015, <http://www.wwals.net/?p=13954>

<sup>11</sup> “WWALS asks Lowndes County to invite Army Corps...”, 12 April 2016, <http://www.wwals.net/?p=19550>

<sup>12</sup> “There Are Now More Solar Jobs In America Than Oil Extraction Jobs”, by Shane Ferro, Huffington Post, 14 January 2016, [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/solar-jobs-rising\\_us\\_569409e5e4b0cad15e65bc87](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/solar-jobs-rising_us_569409e5e4b0cad15e65bc87)

<sup>13</sup> “Sabal Pipeline project files 160 eminent domain lawsuits,” Paul Brinkmann, Orlando Sentinel, 22 March 2016, <http://goo.gl/W8HXgGj>

<sup>14</sup> Spectra Safety Violations, SpectraBusters, from PHMSA, NTSB, FERC, NEB, etc., <http://goo.gl/8rv7Sn>