

# Statement

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## TransCanada backing out of plans for oil port a victory for Quebec

**5 November 2015 – Montreal** - In reaction to TransCanada's announcement saying it isn't proceeding with plans to build an oil export port in Quebec as part of the proposed Energy East pipeline, Patrick Bonin, Climate and Energy campaigner at Greenpeace Canada, said:

"This is above all a great victory for the citizens and the environmental groups who made it clear to TransCanada that their plans to build an oil export terminal are not welcome in Quebec but the fight is far from over. TransCanada needs to realize that the people of Quebec are not just opposed to the terminal but to the pipeline itself. Every day the opposition to TransCanada's Energy East tar sands pipeline is growing.

"So far, more than 70 municipalities in Quebec have publicly rejected TransCanada's plans and the risks they pose to the health, security and ecosystems of the communities living along the proposed pipeline route. TransCanada and Prime Minister Trudeau need to get the message there is no future in a pipeline which fuels further carbon emissions. It's time they both listened to the science, kept the tar sands in the ground, and started building the clean, renewable energy future Quebec and Canada need to see. One hundred percent renewable is 100% possible and it's time we got it done. It is essential that the Energy East review processes be halted and that Trudeau's government immediately launch a public review of Canada's environmental assessment processes as promised in his platform.

"While this battle is won, the war is not over. The company still has plans to build a new oil terminal in Saint John, New Brunswick, putting the Bay of Fundy at risk with hundreds of massive oil tankers potentially travelling through the bay every year."

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