
Lithuania raises Nord Stream concerns

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The Moscow Times reported that Lithuania raised concerns on Tuesday about potential environmental damage from a planned gas pipeline on the bed of the Baltic Sea that would connect Russia and Germany.

The Lithuanian environment ministry said an environmental impact assessment, or EIA, undertaken for the Nord Stream project lacked detail and did not accurately reflect the pollution and ecosystem damage the pipeline would cause.

It said in a statement on its web site that "There are grounds for doubt regarding the objectivity and independence of the EIA report, which said alternative routes that go across Lithuania and other Baltic states and Poland instead should be considered."

The Nord Stream project involves Russian gas export giant Gazprom, Germany's E.On Ruhrgas, BASF and Dutch Gasunie.

(Sourced from The Moscow Times)

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