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COMMENTS: The Duke Energy pipeline poses a potentially deadly hazard to everyone that lives near it, drives near it, works near it, use services near it, shops near it, eats at restaurants near it, sends their children to school or a day care center near it, attends a place of worship near it, or gets medical attention near it. The history of these pipelines exploding causing as much as 44 acres of carnage instantly should be enough to scrap this idea. According to the 2014 Report by the US Office of Inspector General state pipeline safety programs lack effective management and oversight. High transmission gas pipelines are usually built in rural areas, but Duke Energy proposes to put one in the middle of our highly populated communities.

Gas companies reported 35 explosions and 32 ignitions at their transmission pipelines since 2010, according to federal records. During that same time period, 17 people died and 86 were injured in incidents involving pipelines, including a September 2010 explosion in San Bruno, Calif., that killed eight, injured 51, and destroyed 38 homes. Last month a high transmission pipeline exploded in a rural farm area south of Pittsburgh, creating a crater 1500 square feet, 12 feet deep and burned 44 acres. A man was burned from the intense heat as he ran out of his house to get away from the inferno a quarter mile away from the explosion

I oppose Duke Energy constructing any natural gas high transmission pipeline.

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