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Ohio Power Siting Board: I recently learned that Duke Energy is proposing to put a high pressure 30-inch natural gas transmission line through the middle of densely populated suburbs of Cincinnati, Ohio. I am adamantly opposed to that for several reasons:

1. These pipelines are prone to leak due to poor welding, corrosion and/or accidental breakage, and may cause explosions with loss of life and property. From 1994 through 2013 the U.S. had 855 serious incidents with gas lines, causing 319 fatalities and 1254 injuries.
2. The instillation of this pipeline will scar the landscape of our beautiful community and interfere with the ongoing development of a park and living area.
3. The property values will likely decrease.
4. The insurance rates will rise.
5. Businesses will not move to this area and may move out, causing taxes to rise.
6. Heavy construction in the area will disrupt traffic for more than a year.

I suggest going around the suburbs or not putting in a pipeline at all. Eventually with age the pipeline will probably leak. Please do not allow this highly hazardous pipeline in our community.

Thank you.

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