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Ohio Power Sitting Board:

I am a ten year resident of Pleasant Ridge, a neighborhood in Cincinnati, OH. I am writing in opposition to the proposed gas pipeline that Duke Energy wishes to lay in our neighborhood. I also think that it is a bad idea to run this pipeline in any densely populated area.

After viewing the maps, I can see that one of the proposed routes is planned to run just a few hundred feet from my home, and then continue to run near the school that I send my children, Pleasant Ridge Montessori. I understand that the risk of a rupture is low, but I also know that the potential damage of a rupture would harm a large number of citizens and their property.

I remember just a few years ago when a gas line rupture outside of my employer's facility (<http://www.fox19.com/story/10501121/road-reopen-after-gas-line-rupture>). This was only a 20-inch line and it did not ignite, but the noise was deafening and it took a number of hours before the gas company/emergency services was able to shut off the flow. That kind of response time would be unacceptable in the case of a rupture of a larger high pressure line in a residential area.

I understand the need for infrastructure, but a high pressure line through a populated area seems a rather poor idea.

Thank you for your time,

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