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16-0253-GA-BTX

To the OPSB:

REF: Duke Energy Central Corridor Pipeline Project – Case #16-0253-GA-BTX

I am writing with reference to the "Pink" alternative of the Central Corridor project Case # 16-0253-GA-BTX named above. This path (Pink) runs directly in front of my house.

This path will bring the pipe line within 50 feet of the residential structures located either side of the path down Cortelyou Avenue in the neighborhood of Pleasant Ridge. Mechanical systems designed by men occasionally fail. Meticulous maintenance and inspection mitigate these failures but systems failures will and do occur.

What requirement is there in Ohio for bonding pipelines against future failure? Failure of the pipeline in this closely developed neighborhood would be disastrous. Regardless of the trench being within the "set back" distance, this distance seems very close to houses in this area.

Is mercaptan added to the natural gas in a high pressure transmission line? Methane is generally odorless until some other substance is mixed with it. It can be detected with instruments designed to do so but most home owners do not have this sort of instrumentation.

Is Duke required to supply some leak detection equipment to home owners within 50 feet of the pipeline path?

What pressure relief equipment is used to remove pressure quickly from a ruptured transmission line? Are fast acting gate valves installed along the length of the pipeline in short increments?

Please understand from this writing that it is very disconcerting to me that Duke Energy would consider building a structure such as this through this neighborhood.

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