

There is an issue want to identify for your consideration in the construction and integrity management of Duke's Central Corridor Pipeline project #16-0253-GA-BTX, through Reading, Ohio. Reading's underground infrastructure is very old and has many leaks and breaks. There have been 3 on the pipeline route in the past several months, that I am aware of. At the Dec. 4th Reading City Council Meeting the Mayor stated there were 5 water main breaks in the previous 2 weeks. Several of these leaks were not repaired for months after they were visible at ground level. The leak next door to my home on the proposed pipeline route, which leaked several months before repair, came to the surface 30 feet from the pipe break. The washed out and saturated material beneath a 20" pipeline would definitely impact the integrity of the system. There have also been several sewer pipe breaks, which erodes the soil in the adjacent area until the roadway collapses . The additional cost and dependability these issues present must be considered in protecting the interest of the ratepayers of Southwestern Ohio, who are paying for this pipeline.

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