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Secretary of the Commission,

We are one of the affected landowners in the Rockies Express Project, Eastern Phase. Our property is located in Butler and Metamora TWP, Franklin County, Indiana near Mile Post Marker #375. The land around this part of the county has very steep rocky hills. The Pipeline plans to dig a trench big enough for their pipeline across Walnut Fork Creek, which drains nearly 3 miles of hills, just before it drains into Pipe Creek. Both are known to flood regularly. Our concerns are that if the soil is disturbed, there will be no way to control the erosion. Walnut Fork has taken out (2) side-by-side 6-foot culverts along with the road during one rainstorm. The pipeline could very well be exposed in one rainstorm. Erosion can take most of our tillable ground.

Why is the pipeline starting north in Parke County, IN and then dipping down to hit Decatur and Franklin County, IN and then going back north when it goes through Ohio? Is it because they think property will be cheaper? Land is cheaper there because the soil is hilly and rocky with sediment along the waterways, which will be washed away if disturbed.

Our neighbors rely on wells for their water supply and worry this line will ruin their wells.

We are all worried about the safety of any line that will carry that much pressure. Who will police this line against possible terrorist? It would be an easy way to do a lot of damage. How swiftly can the line be turned off in the event of a leak? After the line is in, will it be checked on a regular basis or will it be like the Alaskan Pipeline? This could be a very dangerous situation for everyone in the area if a leak occurs.

The more we hear about REX, the more we have come to distrust what they tell us. At the first meeting, we were told the pipe would be 1 inch thick and later told it could be ½ to ¾ inch thick, depending on soil conditions. Nothing has been written on paper, and each speaker tells the audience what they think REX will do, that seems to change every meeting we attend.

Please consider carefully, because after our soil washes away we can't get it back.

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