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Dear Ms. Bose or whom it may concern,

I would like to add an addendum to the document that I posted via e-link on 1-29-08 (this will be my fourth posting).

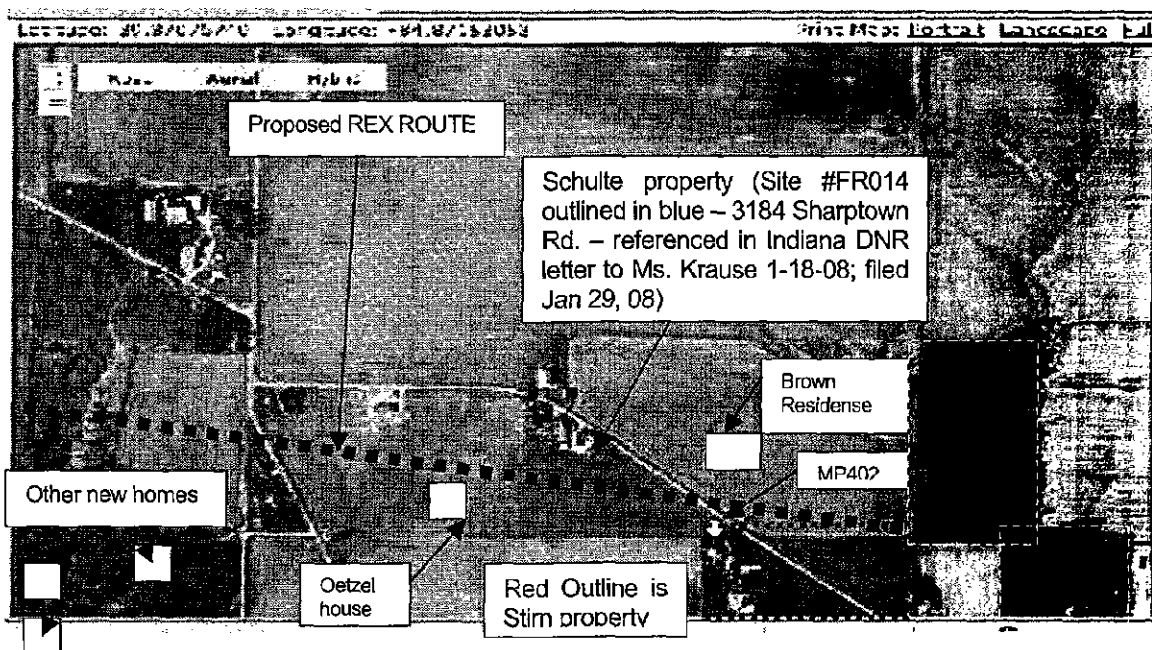
Many things have happened since the last posting.

First, I applaud FERC requesting more detailed information about the Well Head Protection area along the Whitewater River where Hoosier Hills Water draws it's water for 37,000 + residents from the aquifer in the Whitewater Valley. This seems like a critical over-site by REX.

Secondly, I am curious to see the results of the schedule for more cultural resource studies (architecturally as well as the archaeological). As you have noticed, Franklin County is rich in both; with lots of history including the Whitewater Canal, the large showing of Indian artifacts that have been found as well as the unique older homes in the area. For example, the Whitewater Valley Archaeological Society meets this weekend in New Trenton, Indiana to allow locals to exhibit their new "finds". My son is a junior member of this fine group and is an avid and successful arrowhead hunter.

I also am interested in REX's response to FERC's request to identify "constructability" issues specifically in the MP 401.5 to 402 area (Schulte and Oetzel property – ref item 23 in Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 letter to Ms Weekly from Ms. Alisa Lykens in Gas Branch 2). As identified in my prior docket postings on 1-14-08, 1-21-08 and 1-29-08, our property is adjacent to this area. See Figure One below in RED:

FIGURE ONE

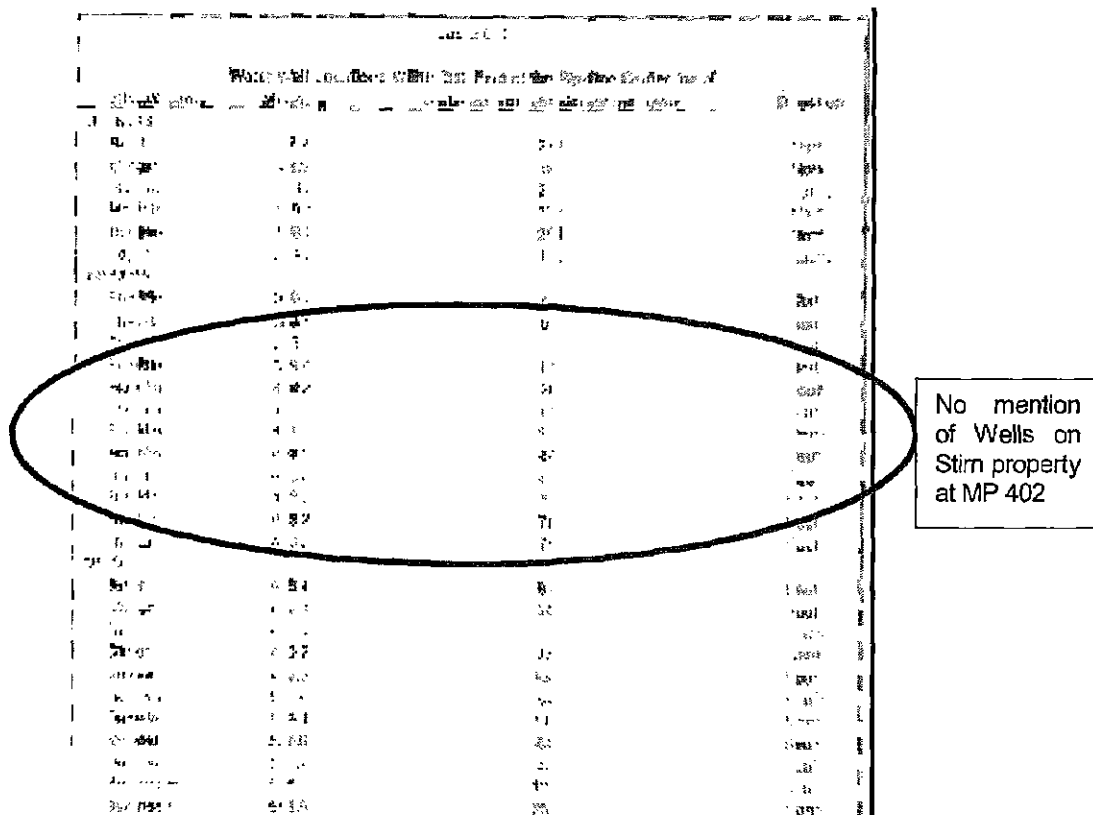


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To this point, the "construction issues" that I have presented are as follows:

- 1) Why should residents with existing homes have to bear the burden to have a 42" pipeline between approximately 13 houses (EXISTING) when an uninhabited 100 acre field less than ¼ to the north be utilized?
- 2) Issues of REX going through well head protection areas of an aquifer that ranges through 3 separate water utilities in the Whitewater Valley area south of Brookville/North of Cedar Grove. An additional area of concern is Franklin County Water's well in the Big Cedar and Cedar Grove areas.
- 3) Avoidance of REX going through MP 386 to 400.0 for concerns of Migratory Birds and Indiana Bat. It should also be noted that my previous route recommendations routes the REX Line around the area of woods shown in Figure One above (and in \_\_\_\_\_). This area of woods is also the starting point to the Sater Run Creek (just east of MP402). Going just to the north of this patch of woods would save more wooded area and impact one less water body! I also suspect that by the volume of bats that we see at home in the evening, that this woods is also very likely inhabited with the Indiana bat. I would hate to see the bats leave our area as they do a wonderful job of keeping the insects in check. Again, going just barely to the north a couple hundred feet, all of this could be avoided.
- 4) Avoidance of the Stirn property (MP 402) where two active wells are within the 350' guideline that is mentioned in Appendix G, Table G-1 in the EIS draft (see FIGURE TWO). Somehow, these wells were not mentioned in the report when they were specifically mentioned several times to REX field representatives way before the draft EIS was complete. The one well is approximately 165' from the proposed pipeline. We are very concerned that this well, which feeds our home and herd of 50 registered cattle, will be contaminated during and after construction. The grade from the pipeline to the well will provide an easy path for this contamination. This should be a major part of the "construction issues" in the Shulte/Oetzel analysis. The pipeline going through this area should be avoided. During future field visits from REX and FERC, I should also be directly involved and copied on any responses to validate REX's side of the story. It is well documented, that REX has a reputation for stating what they see "to get the job done" but not in the best interest of the local landowner and his/her own good.

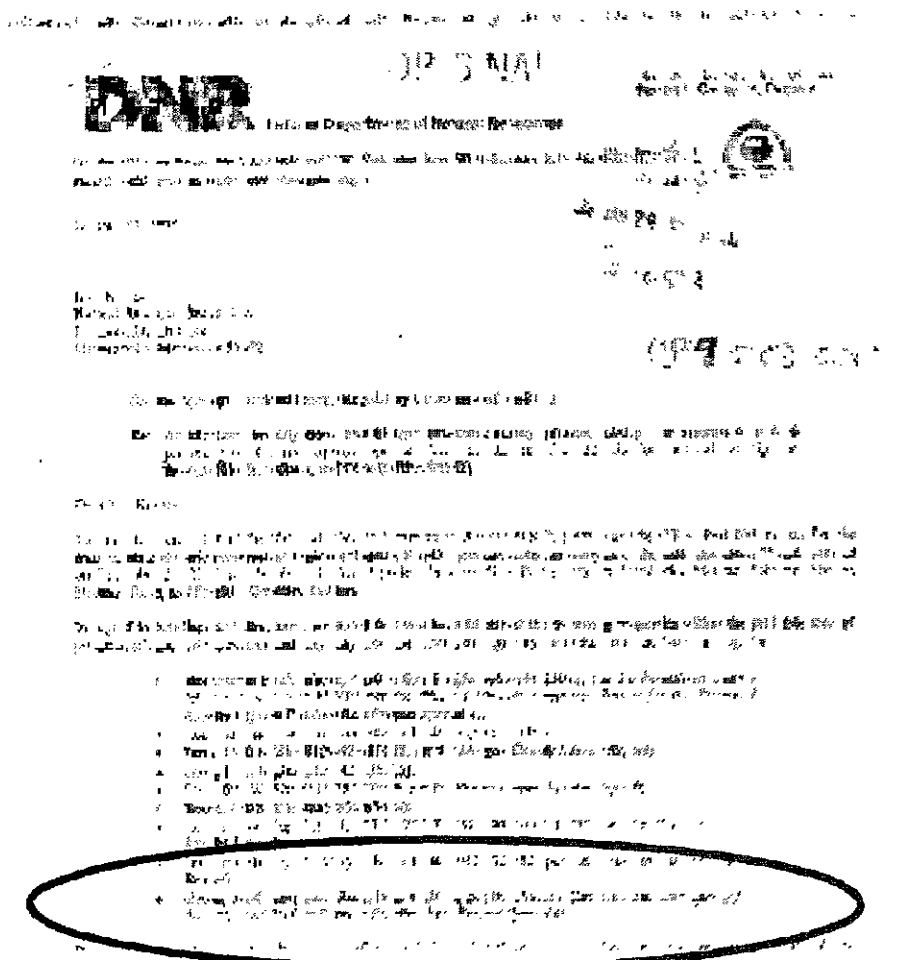
FIGURE TWO



Now the new items:

Since these postings were filed (last one 1-29-08), the letter from Indiana Department of Natural Resources Mr. James A. Glass, PhD, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer (dated 1-17-08 and filed 1-29-08 in FERC) has referenced a concern about House, 3184 Sharptown Road (Site #FR014, per the Phase I Historic Structures Survey for the Proposed Rockies Express Pipeline East Project-Spread 4-FIGURE THREE BELOW).

FIGURE THREE



As you can see, this is a new and significant reason to move the pipeline from this congested area.

In addition, the area to the south of the REX proposed line is an area that contains significant Karst terrain. As I'm sure you are aware, the Karst "pockets" can continuously change and "sink" causing erosion and continuous movement of dirt. This is another reason to keep the pipeline to the north of Sharptown Road as outlined in FIGURE ONE above. Karst information can be referenced in Table 4.1.3-2 in the DEIS located in the Geological Hazards area. Another interesting note is the significance of the landslide rating for FRANKLIN COUNTY as being HIGH for susceptibility for landslides (Table 4.1.3-1).

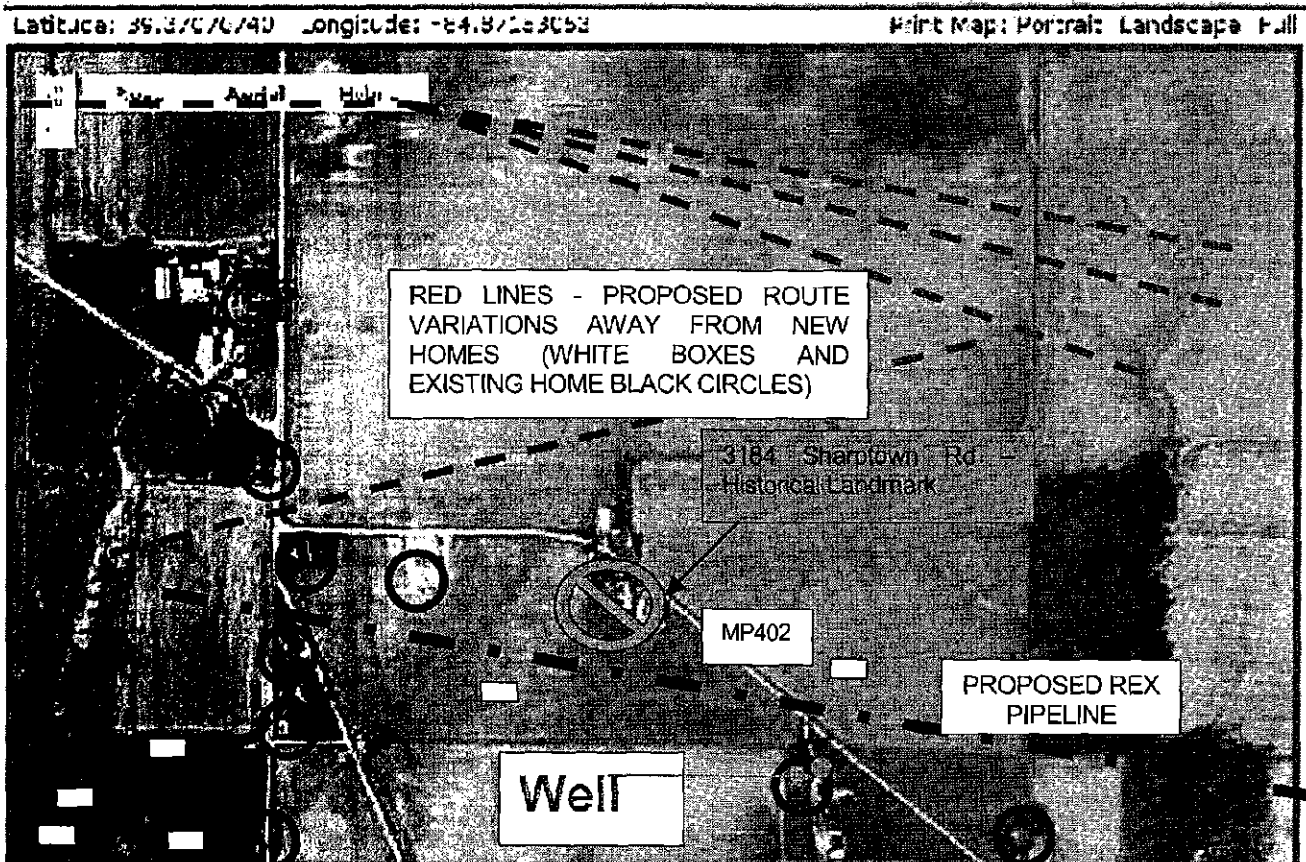
Archaeological finds in this area are also significant. I will post on a later date the finds of my 11 year old son in the area of the 3184 Sharptown Rd address as well as the land to the south (4165 Johnson Fork Road and 3150 Sharptown Road). Again another reason for moving the pipeline ¼ mile to the north and away from the historical referenced 3184 Sharptown Rd address as well as the Karst and archaeological finds to the south.

Again, we have proposed 4 alternate routes.

- 1) INDY NORTH ROUTE THROUGH EXISTING EASEMENT CORRIDOR. THIS IS MENTIONED IN DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY (DEIS).
- 2) ROUTE NORTH OF BROOKVILLE RESERVOIR. THE POPULATION NORTH OF BROOKVILLE IS MUCH LESS POPULATED AND TOPOGRAPHY IS MUCH FLATTER AND WOULD BE AN EASIER ROUTE FOR CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES. REX WOULD PROBABLY SAVE MONEY, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE WHITEWATER RIVER WOULDN'T HAVE TO BE CROSSED AND IT WOULD NOT BE NEAR 3 MAJOR LOCAL WATER SUPPLIERS/COMPANIES.
- 3) ROUTE NORTH OF SHARPTOWN ROAD. SEE FIGURE FOUR BELOW. THIS ROUTE ELEVATES THE CONGESTION IN THE AREA AND LESSENS THE IMPACT TO A FEWER NUMBER OF LANDOWNERS WITH **EXISTING HOMES** AND PROPERTY VALUES. CURRENTLY THE LAND NORTH OF SHARPTOWN ROAD AND SOUTH OF SPARKS ROAD HAS NO HOMES. IT ALSO IS FAR ENOUGH FROM OUR WELL TO ALLEVIATE ANY WATER QUALITY ISSUE.

FIGURE FOUR (NOTE WELL LOCATION IN GREEN and Historical Landmark)

Proposed route variation with aerial view (note new housing added since aerial photo taken)



I also urge FERC to let landowners counteract any responses REX has made in individual situations as they respond to things like stream crossing issues, Historical Landmark issues, Indiana Bat plans, Migratory Bird issues, and others. It seems that REX, with it's band of lawyers, is only maneuvering around the issues to get the job done on the "fast-track". Please, consider all local landowner issues as significant and give us the benefit of doubt as we are not the ones that are asking for this process to be thrust upon us or for it to be accelerated. Due diligence is the only proper way to facilitate this on individual basis whether or not this is really in the best interest and need of the public. I would rather leave my family and go to Iraq to serve my country than to supply our land for a "timebomb". Again my

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home, which has been in our family for generations, where I am raising my four sons, is 175' from this "public necessity". There is a better route.

Again, thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted.

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Submission Contents

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