

Ohio Power Siting Board,

I am writing in opposition to the proposal by Duke Energy to run a high-pressure gas pipeline through a heavily populated area of northeast Hamilton County. The pink route being proposed which is close to me poses a significant risk to an area which includes a branch of the University of Cincinnati with over 5,000 students, an elementary school with nearly 500 hundred students, a day care center, several synagogues, recreation centers, golf courses and hundreds of residences. Both of the other routes pass by similar places and all routes are heavily residential.

Although we are told that the line will be safe, we know that explosions have occurred. On April 29, 2016, a 30-inch Texas Eastern/Spectra Energy pipeline exploded, injuring one man, destroying his home and damaging several others. And this pipeline was in a rural area! People 5 miles away felt the blast. Imagine what damage of life and property would happen if the line through any of the three routes exploded!!

There have been many other incidents in the last year. Here are a few:

- On January 9, 2016, a 30-inch Atmos Energy gas transmission pipeline exploded and burned in Robertson County, Texas.
- On June 13, 2015, a 42-inch gas gathering pipeline exploded and burned near Cuero, Texas.
- On June 10, 2015, a 24-inch natural gas pipeline ruptured in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.

I babysit my one-year-old granddaughter and want her to be safe. All three routes are too densely populated to be used. I urge you to send Duke Energy back to the drawing boards to find a route that goes around the heavily populated communities of Hamilton County. Such a route will no doubt be more costly, but what price do we put on human life?

Thank you,

Linda Miltner

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