



30 inch high pressure natural gas pipeline explosion devastates residential community.

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**Duke Energy has made an extraordinary decision to construct an unprecedented natural gas transmission line through the neighborhoods of Blue Ash**

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Called the **Central Corridor Pipeline Extension Project**, this 12 mile long, 30 inch in diameter, high capacity high pressure transmission line poses a danger to the residents of our city, a hazard to our environment and a threat to our way of life.

***Where is the pipeline going to be located?***

All three routes being considered by Duke Energy pass through the city of Blue Ash. Duke is expected to recommend two of these options to the Ohio Siting Board, the governing body responsible for approving routes. (see map)

***Why should I be concerned?***

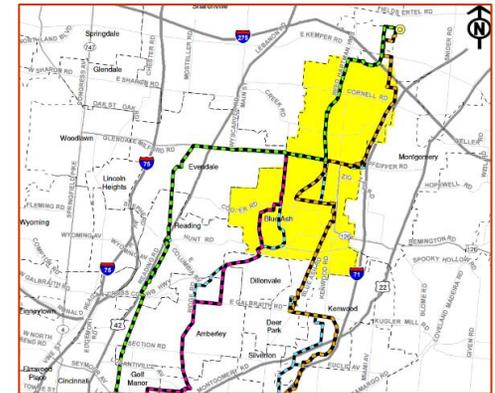
Natural gas is invisible to the eye, toxic, and highly flammable. Duke Energy has never installed a pipeline of this size along residential property before. This alone is a major safety concern for all potential routes, especially given the history of large pipeline accidents such as the San Bruno disaster. It is unclear why Duke is unable to restrict the pipeline to larger thoroughfares and non-residential areas, or use smaller pipelines with a proven track record for safety.

***Don't I already have natural gas lines going through my neighborhood to my house?***

The lines in your neighborhood are service lines, not transmission lines. While size varies, service lines typically range from ½ - 2 inches in diameter. The pressure in the service line when it reaches your house is *less than 1 PSI*. Duke's proposed 30 inch transmission pipe is a high pressure line containing 720 PSI.

***Why are some route options for the transmission line passing through neighborhoods and next to schools?***

We don't know and would like an answer to that question. According to a Duke representative they do typically avoid residential neighborhoods.



Central Corridor 30 inch high pressure natural gas pipeline route options all go through the City of Blue Ash.

***Won't there be safety measures in place?***

Yes, Duke will have many safety measures in place, in line with government regulations. However, historically, the industry safety measures and regulations that have been in place, and the level of government oversight have not been sufficient to keep very preventable natural gas disasters from occurring. As an example, residents of Porter Ranch, California were recently forced to evacuate their homes during a gas well leak that lasted four months, yet the energy provider, SoCal, technically did not violate any upkeep standards. We are skeptical about the number of safeguards and amount of oversight that will go into this unprecedented project by Duke Energy.

**Here's what you can do to show you are a NOPE! on the Pipeline Extension Project:**

**What are other risks associated with a natural gas transmission line?**

**Environmental damage:** Large swaths of land must be completely cleared of all trees, plants and vegetation and physical structures. Mature trees, animal habitats and public and residential enjoyment space are all in the pipeline's path.

**Health Risks:** Health impacts can be as severe as loss of life from pipeline failure. Common side effects caused by natural gas leaks include headaches, dizziness, nausea, weakness, fatigue, mood disorders and mucous membrane irritation. It is unclear whether there is a lasting impact from long term exposure.

**Air/Water Contamination:** Other pipeline projects around the country have used chemicals to facilitate construction, and herbicides to keep the area clear for ongoing inspection and maintenance. Questions remain about Duke's use of contaminants in residential areas, and potential risks to our waterways.

**Reduced Financial Security:** Most people would prefer not to live near a known hazard, such as a natural gas line. Homes become more difficult to sell, insurance and mortgages more difficult/costly to obtain, and property values decline.

**Spread the word:** call, text, use Facebook or Twitter, just make sure our community knows what is happening and has an opportunity to become educated and be heard.

**Join NOPE:** (*Neighbors Opposed to Pipeline Extension*) by contacting Glenn Rosen ([grosen@cinci.rr.com/513-227-3543](mailto:grosen@cinci.rr.com/513-227-3543)) or Elizabeth Rueve-Miller ([elizabeth\\_ruevemiller@hotmail.com/513-910-4309](mailto:elizabeth_ruevemiller@hotmail.com/513-910-4309)) to be added to our pipeline information sharing and planning network.

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**In March 2016, Duke Energy quietly announced plans to carve up Blue Ash.**

**Is it ok to build a high pressure natural gas transmission pipeline in our neighborhoods?**

**We say....**

**NOPE!**

*(Neighbors Opposed to Pipeline Extension)*

**Be a NOPE!**

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