

June 1, 2017

Subject: Important Notice of Public Hearing & Preparatory Town Hall

Dear Neighbor,

Duke Energy wants to build a massive, high-pressure, natural gas pipeline in the Cincinnati area, which could run within 1020 feet of your facility. This presents the potential for major safety hazards, unlike a standard distribution line. The 2010 San Bruno pipeline explosion and the explosion near Pittsburgh last year are examples of high-pressure lines that have led to serious injury and death.

Further, construction alone is a huge undertaking, requiring at least a 30-foot clearing on either side of the 20-inch diameter pipeline. No pipeline of this size or pressure currently exists where Duke intends to build.

We wanted to make sure that you were aware of the required public hearing, and NOPE's plans to host a Town Hall to prepare stakeholders with critical information regarding the pipeline and the hearing.

NOPE Town Hall

**Wednesday, June 7th at 7 p.m.
Evendale Community Center
10500 Reading Road (45241)**

On June 15th, the Ohio Power Siting Board will hold a public meeting before they determine whether to approve Duke Energy's proposal. *It is URGENT that you attend this meeting and share your concerns with the OPSB.* This will be your only opportunity to speak face-to-face with OPSB members.

**Open Public Hearing w Ohio
Power Siting Board**

**Thursday, June 15th from 3 – 8 P.M.
University of Cincinnati Blue Ash, Muntz Hall, Room 119
9555 Plainfield Rd (45236)**

Why should I represent my facility at the June 15th public hearing in Blue Ash?

- ***Frequency of pipeline incidents:*** Pipeline incidents happen two times a day on average in the United States, and more than 11,000 such incidents have occurred over the past 20 years, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation. Backhoes, weld failures and even Mother Nature can compromise pipelines. While significant damage is rare, so too are high-pressure, large-diameter lines in densely-populated areas such as this proposed line. Why should residents and businesses bear the risk?
- ***If an ignition occurs, the damage can be catastrophic:*** The heat of an explosion, called the thermal flux, is incredibly intense. Anyone within a quarter-mile could be severely burned within a matter of seconds according to the Pipeline Association for Public Awareness.
- ***Evacuation procedures and communication protocol would be severely hampered:*** In the event of a natural gas emergency, Duke's own guidelines discourage the use of any communication device that has an electrical charge including cell phones, two-way radios, pagers, PA systems and fire alarms due to the potential to spark an ignition. **Your facility would be responsible for creating an evacuation plan that avoids these communication methods.**
- ***If I have written to the OPSB then why should I also attend?*** Face-to-face discussions have a powerful, humanizing impact. The OPSB is comprised of state-level appointed officials who are unfamiliar with our communities. This is your opportunity to explain the impact on your location and those you serve.

For more information, please visit our website at www.nopecincy.org or our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/nopecincy.org/>. We look forward to seeing you at both events. Questions? Contact us at nopecincy.org@gmail.com or call Elizabeth Rueve-Miller (513-910-4309).

Please share this information with your colleagues, friends and neighbors.