

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE, Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Ms. Bose,

Let me start by stating that the fire company is neither for or against the pipeline and will remain neutral.

I am sure that you have plenty of feedback regarding the environmental concerns as well as other safety issues.

My response from the fire company will address one major concern. Like in Edison years ago pipelines can and do rupture, leak, and catch fire. No it does not happen very often relative to the amount of pipelines out there and the amount of product being moved. That being said the proposed area for this pipeline has both wild land, residential, and commercial concerns in regards to fire. When product from a pipeline under pressure does catch fire it is recommended not to extinguish the fire unless life safety is in imminent danger. As you know our rural area is without fire hydrants so the water supply needed to protect exposures in this operation would be very difficult to keep up with. We rely on water tenders to bring water to our scenes. The sustained burning that could occur from the pipeline until it is shut down could be a very long and exhausting process. The impact if the fire had to be extinguished due to life safety would be very manpower intensive and wide spread and comes with other concerns about evacuations and product spread. I would also be concerned about the depth of the pipeline in regards to farmland. The more the land is dug up and farmed the less soil that will remain over top of the pipeline increasing the potential for a possible leak or spark. There are many more opinions on this matter both good and bad but again I am sure you have gotten most of them.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Jim Drake
Chief
Kingwood Township Vol. Fire Co.