

Dear Public Utility Commission,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment about rulemaking regarding hazardous liquids safety.

I have recently moved to PA from NY (where fracking is not allowed), and I have been enjoying the beauty of this area, the many natural resources and beautiful parks and neighborhoods. However, I must say that I find it incomprehensible that these pipelines carrying highly volatile liquids, seem to be being build wherever it is convenient for the company.

As a newcomer, it is difficult to know where the pipeline runs exactly in relation to where I live. If it is safe it should be easy to find out. As I learn more, it is more and more shocking.

I believe that these HVL pipelines should never have been allowed to run near schools and a seniors residence. This exposes vulnerable populations to unnecessary risks of injury or death. They should also not be near high traffic areas like a mall and certainly not near hospitals. I believe that eminent domain is something that should be used if there is a clear and urgent need for the population to have the land. I see no need in the local population for these HVL pipelines which will bring these liquids to be shipped overseas in order to make plastics! Where is the need? The sink holes that have developed are a warning that something is clearly wrong with the process.

As a nurse, it is disconcerting to me to realize that there does not seem to be clear guidance about what to do in case of a leak or and explosion. First, what is being done to prevent such a thing. How often are the pipes inspected and are there shut of valves? How would an explosion be contained and who would do this? What should concern me if I see or hear something unusual? As in 'See something say something'. How would I report it and what would I do to protect myself and others. Apparently using a cell phone or starting a car might be dangerous, so what is the advice? Which way would we run? Have there been any practice drills?

I understand that there was a "backfire" recently which left nearby residents very confused as to their safety. Should they run, Use their cell phone? There would certainly need to be a clear warning signal - lights, siren, and an all clear, so that people are not falsely alarmed.

Although it is not my area of expertise, the use of old pipeline, and the placing of 2 pipelines in one casement, concerns me. Is safety really given priority? I urge you to consider the cost, to the environment, water, tourism, property values, and quality of life of the area and deny approval of this and any similar pipelines.

Sincerely,  
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