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RE: Docket No. TO-000712  
WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING BOTH HAZARDOUS LIQUID AND  
NATURAL GAS PIPELINE SAFETY

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for this input opportunity for your important review. Attached is my list of siting considerations.

Generally overlooked are the impacts of changing land uses and densities, geological conditions, massive nearby development and repair excavations, etc. along pipeline corridors over time. Monitoring these changes, keeping adjacent land owners and users regularly informed, increasing development setbacks, recording notices on property deeds, preventing or restricting inappropriate or unacceptable developments which present unacceptable hazard levels (such as public schools and other public gathering places) or which impose unacceptable impacts on pipelines (such as rock quarry blasting, destabilizing construction operations, etc.) all are necessary to make adjustments as pipelines age or new lines installed or are replaced, safety precautions, emergency procedures and evacuation plans are developed, etc.

These are important aspects of a comprehensive pipeline siting and safety program to ensure a safe and harmonious relationship.

Also important are characteristics of sites that may disqualify them as unsuitable for pipelines such as:

- Landslides (existing or potential)
- Flood zones
- Structurally incompetent soil types
- High groundwater levels
- Seismic and blasting zones (rock quarries, earthquake epicenters, etc.)

Please review the attached and include these features in your program.

Sincerely,

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