

To the Iowa Utilities Board of Directors:

As landowners potentially affected by the Navigator CO2 pipeline, here are the reasons we feel the IUB should deny the pipeline:

1. Lack of research on the long term effects on human health is concerning. In addition, lack of research on how this will effect the impacted land is very concerning.
2. Land in Iowa, especially in Linn County, is highly sought after and expensive. Those of us who have worked hard to purchase land at this increased price should not have to deal with our land decreasing in value because of a pipeline that we do not want or approve of. Despite claims that the land will not be devalued, all landowners know better, especially those of us who have experienced these types of things before.
3. Anytime land is disturbed, it takes decades to replenish and restore the original quality and production status of the land. 3 years of minimal payment to the landowners and producers will not fix the destruction of the land - land that is prime farm ground for production of food and other necessities for human life.
4. Not only does this pass through farm ground, it passes through residential and populated areas and near communities. There is not a solid or protective enough safety plan should something go wrong with the pipeline. Unfortunately, we all know there is a possibility something will go wrong, as the situation with the burst CO2 pipeline in Mississippi has shown us.
5. The idea that Navigator, a for-profit company, will be making excessively large amounts of money off of this project for decades, using land that does not belong to them, while the landowner is paid in easements and minimal payments for only 3 years is frighteningly unfair. Remember that the farmers who own the land affected by this project are responsible for feeding America. Also note that Navigator was unwilling to share their profit margin with the general public at the informational meeting.
6. It is incredibly frustrating that Navigator and the Iowa Utilities Board will not tell us exactly where the pipeline will be located on our land. If Navigator is expecting to make any headway with landowners agreeing with their idea, keeping the landowners in the dark about specific details, like exact placement, is not the way to do it. How could a landowner make an informed decision about allowing a company destroy their land without knowing exactly where their land will be affected?
7. Eminent Domain is designed to be used only on projects that are for the greater good of the local community or the State of Iowa as a whole. Eminent Domain should not be allowed to be used as a way for for-profit companies to force landowners to give rights to companies to use land that they did not pay for.

We strongly urge the Iowa Utilities Board to do the right thing for Iowa landowners, farmers, residents, and communities who will be affected by this hazardous pipeline. Do not allow Navigator to put this pipeline through our land.