

Customer Objection Form Submission

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Objection to be filed in Docket Nos.:

- HLP-2021-0003 (*Navigator Heartland Greenway LLC*; Petition for Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Permit)

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Iowa Utilities Board
1375 E. Court Ave.
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Iowa Utilities Board:

On behalf of the citizens of Delaware County, we write today to register our concerns and unanimous opposition to the CO2 pipeline project proposed by Navigator Heartland Greenway LLC. As a County, we stand for the health, safety and wellbeing of our residents and businesses for the present and future.

Our landowners have many concerns about what happens during construction, and long lasting effects after construction. The 3 most obvious are long term compaction, drain tile damage(if they will be repaired properly) and future loss of crop yields. Historically, the pipeline that cut through Delaware County 20 plus years ago left many acres of land that will never return to its original state, crop loss of 50-70 bushels per acre over the pipeline easement, and the ground is not firm. The general safety of CO2 pipelines is an issue. A CO2 pipeline operates at a pressure of 1300 to 2100 PSI. That increases the risk for leaks. CO2 is odorless, colorless and heavier than air. Navigator representatives said they might consider adding an odorant so that nearby residents might be able to smell if there is a leak. That does not offer adequate protection for our citizens!

We feel the threats of personal safety from the proposed navigator Heartland Greenway would cause undue burdens on public safety. As of 8/22/22, no contact had been made with our Emergency Management Director and related emergency service providers. A CO2 pipeline through our county and adjoining counties would cause a need for additional emergency services, additional emergency training, and additional expense to prepare for an unfortunate event that could cause great harm. The safety concern is also adding an unnecessary mental and emotional tolls on landowners, neighbors, and all adjacent communities.

The threat of using eminent domain by this private company is wrong. Navigator is not a public utility, doesn't provide public purpose or public use. We strongly feel eminent domain should not be used for private companies to acquire property to construct, install, and operate the proposed Navigator Heartland Greenway CO2 pipeline.

We respectfully ask that you deny the permitting and construction of the Navigator pipeline.

Sincerely,

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Delaware County Board of Supervisors