

Customer Objection Form Submission

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

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Iowa Utilities Board
1375 E. Court Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Board Members,

Re: Docket No. HLP-2021-0003, Navigator Heartland Greenway, LLC

The Bremer County Board of Health, Bremer County Health Department (Public Health), and Bremer County Environmental Health submit this letter in opposition to the use of eminent domain by Navigator Heartland, LLC, Greenway CO₂ pipeline project.

The Bremer County Board of Health has jurisdiction over public health matters within Bremer County (Iowa Code Section, Â§137.103, 2022). While CO₂ is naturally present in the air we breathe, it is at low concentrations that are not harmful to our health. The proposed CO₂ pipeline project, however, will have liquefied CO₂, which is dense and tends to stay near the ground in a leakage, making it more dangerous than chemicals that may disperse quickly in higher elevations. Depending on the concentration of a CO₂ leak, symptoms ranging from headaches, nausea, confusion, increased blood pressure, and suffocation could occur within minutes. It is also important that we promote public health by protecting our groundwater from contamination which can occur during pipeline construction, while in-service, or as a result of a pipeline rupture or leak.

We believe one of our most important responsibilities as public officials is to ensure the health and safety of Bremer County citizens. Due to the limited evidence on the long-term safety and benefits of CO₂ pipelines, we request that you deny the use of the eminent domain for the Navigator Heartland Greenway, LLC CO₂ pipeline

project. We appreciate your attention and consideration of our positions.

Sincerely,

Sally Yungtum
Bremer County Board of Health Chair

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Bremer County Environmental Health Administrator

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Bremer County Health Department Administrator