

CO₂ Pipeline Update



Peoria County

Farm Bureau

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Sent to:

Peoria County Board Members

State and Federal Legislators

Governor Pritzker

The Peoria County Farm Bureau Board of Directors and our members have been engaged in discussions involving the proposed CO₂ Pipeline being proposed by Wolf Carbon Solutions. The proposed pipeline would run through a long stretch of Peoria County.

Currently, we would like to see a moratorium placed on the pipeline. At least, until the pipeline updates have been completed by the Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PMHSA). It is our understanding that these pipeline safety updates will occur in 2024.

Our Board and membership have many concerns and questions on the feasibility and need of the pipeline.

The purpose of the pipeline is to reduce global warming through a reduction of carbon dioxide emissions from two ethanol plants in Iowa with the possible addition of other CO₂ contributors along the route in the future. We question how much this pipeline will actually reduce carbon emissions as an overall percentage.

There are sincere safety concerns. CO₂ pipelines are under an extreme amount of pressure to keep the product in liquid form for transport. A release of the pressurized product would cause an **immediate, localized loss of oxygen** in the atmosphere. Proposed CO₂ pipelines are heavily subsidized by taxpayers. We feel this is not a wise use of our citizen's dollars...to allocate a significant amount of money for a project that will have such a small, minute impact on global warming...if any.

We are concerned about the use of Eminent Domain in this project. We, as a Farm Bureau, oppose the use of eminent domain in the taking of private property for the purpose of economic development by private parties.

Technology is moving at a rapid pace. With research, a means of utilizing a majority of the CO₂ as a renewable product is feasible. A small percentage of the CO₂ released by ethanol facilities is being used, such as the carbonization of beverages, just not in the volume that it's being created. Let's find a renewable, environmentally friendly use for this excess CO₂ instead of relocating it out of sight and not knowing the long-term consequences.

If...the pipeline is constructed, we question whether jobs will be created for **local** residents. Often, pipeline employees will follow the construction of the pipeline. The pipeline would run an estimated 40 miles through Peoria County. The pipeline easement zone will eliminate any future construction of homes, buildings,

and other structures that could consistently contribute to our county's economy via utilities, purchases, and repairs.

Once again, our Board of Directors would like to see a moratorium placed on the construction of the pipeline. Thank you, as an elected official, for your consideration of the Peoria County Farm Bureau's thoughts and concerns on this proposed pipeline.

Sincerely,
Robert Janssen, President
Peoria County Farm Bureau