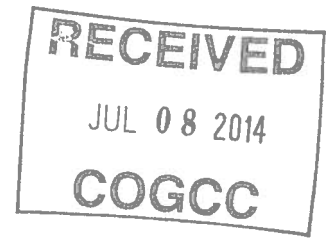


Mr. Matt Lepore
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Dear Mr. Lepore,

I am writing to express my concerns and objections to the proposed wells to be drilled near my residence. The first person I spoke with told me there were to be 3-4 tanks. That in and of itself was a lot to digest but then we are told that there will be 8 wells drilled horizontally and that 20 large gas/oil storage tanks will be above ground permanently right off the road a mere 600 feet from our home. They tell us there will be significant truck traffic day and night coming to the site on a permanent basis.

Having a large industrial gas/oil site thrust upon us is not fair. We live in a quiet rural/residential area. We have long enjoyed mountain views which now I am told I can see by looking over 20 tanks. This will have an enormous impact on our property values. The aesthetic appeal of this giant tank battery does not fit with the area.

Our county road 80 is one mile long and it dead ends into County Rd 45 at a 90 degree angle. The road is actually 17 feet wide at the intersection. The road is 20 feet wide at it's widest parts. The borrow pits are steep and unforgiving if you hit the edge. Just normal traffic has resulted in accidents and significant dust Trucks slam on their brakes because they are going so fast and don't realize the roads end at a 90 degree angle. I have actually been run off the road by oilfield traffic. The road is not wide enough nor is it built for the anticipated traffic. My fences and mailbox have been hit. I have even had trucks miss their way and they pull into my yard to get turned around - they don't care they are driving over my property damaging my things and being reckless with the lives of my family. This road was never built to accommodate heavy truck traffic.

The only safe way for trucks to travel this road is to access it from Co. Rd 43. I was told I have no right to tell them how they can get to the drilling sites, that they can access it from any direction they want. This is not reasonable.

The last well that was drilled down the road was significantly off the road which helps visually but they literally tore up our county road. The rutts were so bad, I was unable to drive my own car down the county road. The county told us that because we have less than 200 cars on the road each day they will not be doing anything about the dust. We do have the option of paying for that ourselves if we feel it is a problem.. The dust was so bad, I could not work outside and had respiratory problems with the truck traffic from a single well last year.

The site is directly beside Owl Creek and located in a flood plain. When I asked how safe that would be I am patronized and told not to worry about it, they are the experts. That is not a real answer. What is going to be done to insure safety in regards to the water? What happens to the muskrat that lives in the creek, the mating ducks and the deer that travel the creek? Our quality of life is heavily impacted by this drilling in the area on such a large scale.

I was told by the drilling company that they will plant trees to help with the visual. I have never seen a tank battery that is treed. Is there some actual plan that exists that we can see? Aesthetics is a reasonable concern.

Noise is really an issue. Currently there is at least one well about a mile south east of us. The loud engine noise and high pitched whine goes on 24/7. It isn't hard to imagine what the noise level will be when they drill right by my home.

We are reasonable people who are not in the gas and oil business who feel we are being forced to accept something very unfairly. We do not know who will listen to us, how to get someone's attention and stop having private industrial enterprise destroy us. I believe there is difference between healthy commerce and greed. 20 tanks isn't reasonable in an area such as ours.

Our neighborhood would like the opportunity to have a meeting with real information as to what is proposed and have some real communication. We have questions and concerns that need to be addressed. Please contact us.

Sincerely,



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