

# WHY WE SAY “NO PIPELINE”

## A 42-inch Interstate Gas Pipeline is a BIG Pipe and a BIG Deal

### 3 BIG REASONS

#### Why Monroe County Landowners Are Saying “NO”

##### 1 - Threats to Our Water Supply

- **This is a huge excavation project**, crossing numerous creeks and streams, farms, wells and springs. It is a threat to Monroe County’s public and private drinking water.
- **The Red Sulphur PSD opposes the pipeline because of the dangers it will create in maintaining safe public water.** Red Sulphur provides water to 4,000 residents, nearly one-third of Monroe County. In response to this proposed pipeline they have submitted a proposal for a water protection ordinance to the Monroe County Commissioners.
- **Monroe County is located on one of the world’s most concentrated sinkhole plains.** Chemical, fuel and oil spills during construction will go unfiltered into caves, underground streams and drinking water due to our karst limestone geology. This water is a critical resource not only for families, but for our livestock and wildlife.

##### 2 - Dangers to Our Families and Community

- **Huge pipelines like this can and do leak and explode.** (A 20-inch gas line explosion and resulting fire destroyed houses and melted part of nearby Interstate 77 in Sissonville WV in December 2012.) When you are moving 2 billion cubic feet of gas a day, with gas pressure at 1500 psi, **any** leak is potentially deadly.
- **Heavy pipeline-related truck traffic** has led to fatal accidents in other WV counties.
- **Monroe County does not, and will not, have the infrastructure needed** (roads, police, emergency responders, medical facilities). We won’t be able to respond to the kind of catastrophic incidents that can happen during the construction and operation of such a large pipeline.

##### 3 - Reduced Property Values / Loss of Landowner Rights

- This project will likely **reduce both the market price and the ability to sell all properties affected** by the pipeline, including neighboring properties.
- **Landowners will continue to pay all real estate tax on the property**, even though the gas company will control 75 feet of permanent easement through your property.

- **New pipes can be added along the same easement in the future.** Gas companies can get official permission (without needing yours) once they have an easement.
- Monroe County landowners along the Columbia line (a much smaller 8-inch pipeline) say there were **broken promises by the company and ongoing problems** due to **poor oversight of the subcontractors and their crews.**
- Landowners will be **restricted in how they can use the right-of-way after it is “restored.”**
- The pipeline will require periodic **surveys and inspections**, both by air and on-site, as well as **herbicidal spraying.**
- Companies can construct **above-ground facilities on the right-of-way**, such as valves, pig launchers and pig receivers.

### **It’s Pain, No Gain for Monroe County**

- **Landowners won’t likely be able to receive gas service** from the pipeline because the pressure is too high.
- The project will create **few jobs for local residents**, and those mostly temporary.
- Monroe County would get **only \$8,000-\$9,000 in annual tax revenue** from MVP on the completed pipeline, and that amount will decrease over 30 years.
- **What we will gain:** noise, pollution, trucks and heavy equipment traffic, erosion and fragmentation of farms and forestland, industrialization, and a long-term threat of explosion. **All the ills of an extraction industry**, including potential fracking and additional pipelines crisscrossing the county.
- **What we will lose:** Property value, our unspoiled views, safe water, clean air and our agricultural heritage. **All the qualities of life that people here cherish.**

**Protect the water and safety of Monroe County ...**

**Protect the value and beauty of your land ...**

**Please Join Us in Saying “NO PIPELINE!”**