

Aug. 11, 2023
Administrator Debra Shore
Director Tera L. Fong, Water Division
Marc Fisher
United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604-3590
Subject: Public comments on Class VI UIC injection well carbon storage draft permits Wabash Carbon Services, Class VI UIC injection wells Vermillion County, Indiana (IN-165-6A-0001) and Vigo County, Indiana (IN-167-6A-0001)

Dear Administrator Shore, Director Fong, & Marc Fisher EPA,

I am a Vigo County resident and lifelong businessman and 7th generation Vigo County Farm owner. I live and work within the carbon dioxide plume that will be created by the Wabash Valley Resources project. My children Charlotte (11) Caroline (9) & Finn (6) run, bike, swim & play near the southern injection site. They attend school at Fayette Elementary near the pipeline and in between the injection sites.

I am very concerned that a pipeline or injection site leak could lead to loss of life or serious injury to a large concentration of children. Will the EPA provide oxygen masks, training, and emergency resources to protect those most vulnerable to danger? Are our children expendable or considered acceptable risk? Why is this project (if so safe) not adjacent to the plant and under Terre Haute? Why is an expensive and dangerous pipeline needed if simply injecting next to the plant would be safer by removing the need for a pipeline? Was the disastrous Sartartia Mississippi project of similar scope? I have many concerns about all these issues.

I am concerned that not all drinking water wells have been noted as to their location. One example I believe is at 7045 N Holdaway Place there are deep wells not accounted for.

I am worried about the injection well casing leaking and ruining water for wells.

I am concerned about agriculture infrastructure that may have not been listed in the plan. Several farms have significant infrastructures to be noted. There are at least two grain elevators excluded. 7045 N Holdaway Place is one with a 130' grain leg. The other is just north off Hollingsworth Place both grain legs also serve as the only high speed internet access for the community. It provides line of sight internet for families and children so they can do their school work. Before this internet solution rather recently many children had virtually no internet that functionally worked in the area (unreliable dial up and exceptionally poor cell service were the only options)

I am also concerned about injection wells or pipeline ruptures leaking carbon dioxide and asphyxiation of anyone nearby as happened recently in Sartartia Mississippi.

Our family homesteaded in Fayette Township in the 1820's where this project is slated to use what ms y believe is a state sanctioned seizure to unconstitutionally take our property and force us to live with the liability and consequences of this project... forever. We built a log cabin here. We still have some of the logs from the cabin.

Our community is outraged at how this entire project has been handled by Wabash Valley Resources and our legislative representatives. I am sorry you had to hear the anger from nearly 200 neighbors. Many of them are just now finding out about this projects plans and legislative actions. This project is touted as a leading national pilot project. A project with low community engagement, legislation that strips property rights and value from land owners and creates fear in the community will likely be a disastrous example for your agency to approve on a national stage.

I am not convinced Wabash Valley Resources has our interests and safety in mind.

I respectfully urge you to pause your decision to issue this permit until any and all issues are resolved.

Our family is united in our extreme concern for this project to proceed. I speak for myself, my wife Jevy and my children Charlotte, Caroline & Finn. I also speak these concerns as Secretary of Floyd Lloyd & Earl Lenderman Inc., member of Red Brick Real Estate LLC and on behalf of my pioneer ancestors whom have handed down the responsibility for me and my other family members to be stewards of this land. They are buried here and worked their entire lives improving this land and community. John Henry Lenderman, Leonard Lenderman, Leonard Bruce Lenderman, Hugh & Lottie Lenderman, Floyd E. & Violet Lenderman, and Earl L Lenderman. On behalf of their legacy they object as well.

Thank you for your consideration

-Benjamin Lenderman