



## A TASK LIST FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

### HOW WE DEAL WITH ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

WHEN A PERSON EXPERIENCES AN ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE AS A RESULT OF NEW DEVELOPMENT THERE ARE GENERALLY THREE COURSES OF ACTION THEY CAN TAKE:

**1. MAKE-DO UNDER THE NEW CIRCUMSTANCES.**

This may look like fixing the problem yourself or changing behaviors to accommodate the new situation. Examples include hauling water to address a damaged or depleted water supply; paying to drill a new water well; paying to fix land or fixing it yourself; or abandoning previous activities on the land due to land damage.

**2. ASK THE COMPANY TO FIX THE PROBLEM.**

This may look like speaking with or writing to the company and letting them know about the problem and that you expect it to be fixed. It may look like continued negotiations with the company either by yourself or with the help of others.

**3. GET ASSISTANCE.**

It's ok. You can't do everything yourself! Neighbors, friends, government agency representatives, non-profit employees and volunteers, and attorneys are some of the people who may be able to assist you in addressing the problem by providing their expertise to your situation.

### TASK LIST

WHETHER YOU ARE GOING TO FIX THE PROBLEM YOURSELF, ASK THE COMPANY TO FIX IT, OR GET ASSISTANCE, THESE ARE SOME HELPFUL TASKS TO FOLLOW:

\_\_\_ **PHOTOGRAPH YOUR PROPERTY**

Take pictures of current vegetation and slope of land. Take pictures of surface water, domestic animals and wildlife on property, and current uses of property.

\_\_\_ **BASELINE TESTING**

It's a good idea to get the things you rely on most tested. This might be well water, streams, creeks, ponds, or springs, or getting soil tests done.

\_\_\_ **CHECK YOUR PROPERTY REGULARLY**

Scout your property and look for changes. Check locations both on and off pipeline right-of-way.

## \_\_\_\_\_ DOCUMENT CHANGES

Here are some ways to document changes:

- \_\_\_\_\_ TAKE PICTURES (INCLUDING USING YOUR PHONE)
- \_\_\_\_\_ TAKE VIDEO (INCLUDING USING YOUR PHONE)
- \_\_\_\_\_ MAKE A VOICE MEMO DESCRIBING WHAT YOU ARE SEEING IN THE MOMENT
- \_\_\_\_\_ TAKE NOTES DESCRIBING ALL CHANGES
- \_\_\_\_\_ RECORD CHANGES ON A CALENDAR ON THE DATES THEY HAPPENED
- \_\_\_\_\_ KEEP A JOURNAL WHERE YOU RECORD ALL CHANGES AND THEIR DATES

## \_\_\_\_\_ REPORT CHANGES TO OPERATOR

Write down the name and position of the individual who you report changes to. Ask the individual when they will get back to you regarding your concern. If it is an oral communication, write down date and time and description of each verbal interaction with the company representative for your records.

## \_\_\_\_\_ REPORT CHANGES TO RELEVANT AGENCY

Agencies to report to:

- \_\_\_\_\_ OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, FOR ISSUES RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING:
  - *Changes to surface water, changes to groundwater, erosion, spills and releases. Also includes impacts to air, water, land*
- \_\_\_\_\_ OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
  - *Operations of gathering lines and production wells*
- \_\_\_\_\_ LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT
  - *Impacts to drinking water supply*
- \_\_\_\_\_ PIPELINE & HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
  - *Safety concerns (Emergency concerns should always be reported to your local first responders; dial 911)*

## \_\_\_\_\_ GET ASSISTANCE

If self-help or negotiating with the company yourself is not getting you the result you are looking for, it may be time to get assistance in dealing with the problem.