
**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION BY SCS CARBON
TRANSPORT LLC FOR A PERMIT
TO CONSTRUCT A CARBON
DIOXIDE TRANSMISSION
PIPELINE**

HLP22-001

PREFILED TESTIMONY OF

TERRY GANN

**IN SUPPORT OF LANDOWNER
INTERVENORS**

Q: Please state your name and purpose for providing testimony in these proceedings.

A: My name is Terry Gann. The purpose of my testimony is to provide the PUC information about my personal experiences and observations of the negative impacts of CO2 pipelines, the importance not locating or siting such hazardous pipelines anywhere within a mile or less of people or livestock, and my overall frightening experience with the CO2 pipeline rupture and explosion in Satartia Mississippi that occurred on February 22, 2020.

Q: Describe to the PUC Commissioners your experience with the CO2 pipeline rupture and explosion in Satartia Mississippi and every detail of what you observed and experienced including where you were and how far away from the pipeline you were when you began to realize something was different that day.

A: We, emergency responders, got a call that a vehicle had stopped on the road because her car stopped working. She was in a green fog and struggled to breathe. Her eyes were burning. We rushed to the scene and one of the deputies was able to get her out and fell back to a safe area and blocked the road. When I got to that location, I went to another location to block the road. We had three places we had blocked, and I went to block one of them, and I called for a deputy to go block the other of highway 3. When I got down there, I was on the south end of highway 3, and there

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was a trooper already there. He had the road blocked, so I went on in to Satartia to start clearing houses out after I got a call from one of our volunteer firemen telling me what the gas was. When I got into the area, there was just a haze, and it was as if I had just run five miles. I struggled to catch my breath. My truck nearly died me, and I was not able to clear all the houses. I would clear one or two houses then I would have to retreat to a bridge that went over the Yazoo River that was high enough up so that I could get oxygen and get my bearings and get my senses back and then go back in.

I did that three or four times and I went back out. Our emergency management directors asked me to come out and get checked out before I went back in. So, I came back out, got some oxygen, got checked. While I was there, there was a gentleman that drove up and said that his daughter was stranded in there. He was talking to her, but the phone died. I immediately got back in my truck, drove back and started searching for her. While I was searching for her, I ran across a male and a female wandering around on the highway, on highway 3. I yelled at them to get in the truck with me. They did not respond to me. They walked around as if it were a zombie movie. I got out of the truck and forcibly put them in my truck. I then noticed a car sitting off the road with their lights on up on the hill from me. I went up there to check that vehicle and there was a female in that car. She looked like she passed out but was just coming to her senses when I walked up to the car. I started shaking her and I was able to get her out of her car and put her in my truck. And I carried the three of them to the ambulance south of highway 3 and dropped them off at the ambulance. I went back in again looking for more people. I had gotten in a little further north and got into the worst part of the plume. The director with the county emergency management was talking to me on the emergency radio. The director and the sheriff ordered me to come back out. They could tell by the way I was talking on the radio that I was in trouble, and they ordered me back out. I finally made it there and they pulled me out of my truck, took me in the ambulance, and

carried me to the hospital where they washed me down in, sterilized, and treated me with oxygen.

Q: Describe to the PUC Commissioners what you believe should have been done differently and what could have prevented your exposure to the Satartia CO2 pipeline rupture incident.

A: I do not think we could have done to prevent it. We did not expect the pipeline to pull apart like it did. There is not really a way to prepare for it. My biggest complaint was that we did not know. We did not know that line was there. We knew there was some kind of pipeline there, but we did not know what it was or what was in it. It took us some time before we could go in as we did not know what we were going into. They did not make us aware of what they had there and what actions need to be taken. Since that happened, I now carry oxygen bottles with me, I carry a CBA, a self-contained breathing apparatus with me and I know to go to high ground.

Q: If there is anything else you believe the South Dakota Public Utility Commission should know based upon your experiences and observations that we have not already covered please add that here.

A: I urge the PUC to make the public aware. It is important they start with the first responders and then work down to the residents in the area. Make the people aware of the actions that need to be taken.

I urge the PUC to carefully consider this testimony during the Hearing in this matter and in your deliberations. Based on my experiences I do not believe there are conditions that can be placed upon these proposed hazardous CO2 pipelines unless they are at a minimum one mile away from any residence or place where people regularly gather. I further reserve the right to amend or modify these opinions upon presentation of any additional information that may justify such a change.

Dated June 16, 2023

/s/ Terry Gann

Terry Gann