
**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
CASSANDRA ADAMS
IN SUPPORT OF LANDOWNER
INTERVENORS**

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

A: My name is Cassandra Adams. 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: I was there when the pipeline exploded, but we didn't know a pipeline exploded. I was far from DeBrae. He was 500-1000 ft from the pipeline. I'd say from maybe seven miles from there. I was waiting on DeBrae to come back. I didn't know it was the pipeline that had exploded. I waited until 11 o'clock on him and he never showed up. I left, and when I left I made it down Perry Creek Road and I just saw a fire truck there. A first responder told us to go the other direction. Nobody ever told us it was a pipeline. I found out when I found DeBrae the next day. I was out with my

cousin, looking for her car that DeBrae, his brother, and cousin borrowed. We found the car, but we didn't know what happened, that they had to be rescued out of the car. We pulled up on first responders and that's how I found out the pipeline exploded. I wasn't impacted like DeBrae. That night that it happened, you know, I wasn't thinking that was going on. I know had a headache, and I felt a little sick, but I thought it was just me. I didn't know that a pipeline had exploded. I've tried to be there for DeBrae. I'm being strong to support him because he's not the person that I met. We used to just go out and do stuff, ride ATVs, go fishing. And he can't do half of the stuff that he used to do. He can't remember what he does. I constantly call "Are you okay?" And he'll call me sometimes. I'll pull up in the yard and he will forget that I just got off the phone with him. His memory is not like it used to be. I have a one-and-a-half-acre yard. And he can cut just a piece of it at a time without getting short winded. He must sit down. I constantly remind him, you know, do this, do that, or I just got done talking to you. Or he'll leave the stove on and forget. It's a totally different man from the time that I found him to now.

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: The public needs to be more aware. If this happens again, they need to know that person's whole life will change. They will never be the same. And you'll see the difference in them. We are used to our people doing this and that and then they become totally different people. I want everyone to know that it harms you after you're exposed to this stuff.

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: After the pipeline had exploded, Denbury asked everybody to come down to a place in town. We went down there. They were offering people money, but we didn't take the money. I had just gotten DeBrae from the hospital, so we were just trying to get home, but we haven't gotten anything from them, we haven't heard from them. Nothing.

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/ Cassandra Adams

Cassandra Adams