

Landowners need protection from all oil leaks and spills present and future. With the history of pipelines it is not will it happen, but when it will happen.

Trans Canada needs to accept long term liability for any and all oil leaks, spills, and failure of their pipeline.

Landowners need protection from lawsuits, that could occur from normal day to day operations on their, from lessee of our land or hired custom applicators.

A cash bond should be posted with each township and or county, incase of a complete disaster of land like the oil spill at Bemidji, Minn. I understand this land is still non productive, this happened in 1979.

A spill or leak on our land could easily reach the creek that parallels the pipeline on our land. This creek after approximately 2.5 mile will reach the Twin Lakes south of Roswell.

Trans Canada should agree to pay an annual payment each year to each landowner crossed. This should continue for the life of the pipeline. A better up front offer should be made, because the difference of a quarter section of land with an easement verses a quarter section of land without an easement will definitely be more than the \$9000 they paid for the three acres.

I understand that the land directly above the pipeline will produce only about 50 % of its normal crop.

A plan needs to be in place for the training of our volunteer firemen and equipping them with the needed fire equipment and this should not be paid for by local taxes, but Trans Canada.

All the heavy equipment will damage our county and township roads. Our township roads must be returned original or better condition than they were found in By Trans Canada.

Trans Canada should double the wall thickness under any and all roadways, by pump stations on the high pressure side, and when crossing any water pipe. But our water supply still could be at risk, whether it is a entire aquifer, rural water line or a shallow well.

The I-29 corridor looks like a better place with large fire departments, emergency personnel and more people to keep a watch on potential leaks or spills.

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