

# Imagine the loss.

## Don't buy Dominion's propaganda.

**Dominion Myth: Natural gas burns clean, emits lowest carbon of all fossil fuels, and helps the environment.**

**Fact:** Natural gas contributes to climate change. Harmful methane is released at every stage—drilling, transmission and processing. Increasing use of natural gas increases dependence on fossil fuels and creates obstacles for residential and commercial use of alternative technologies.

**Dominion Myth: The U.S. has many more decades of natural gas reserves.**

**Fact:** Many recent articles refer to a “shale gas bubble,” likening the situation to the “housing bubble” (greatly inflated housing prices) of 2008. Using new, more detailed analyses, researchers are disputing the U.S. Energy Information Administration forecasts, to which Dominion refers.

**Dominion Myth: Natural gas in the Atlantic Coast Pipeline will serve local clients and is not for export.**

**Fact:** None of the natural gas that would flow through the ACP is targeted for Nelson County. Dominion's 2013 Annual Report shows contracts to export fracked gas to Japan and India from their Cove Point, Maryland, facility. The ACP would connect with the Transco interstate pipeline, which provides direct access to Cove Point. (hmmm...)

**Dominion Myth: Natural gas pipelines are heavily regulated.**

**Fact:** Deteriorating gas lines across the U.S. are causing major contamination. Rapid industry expansion plus a shortage of trained inspectors equals safety violations and poor oversight. To cut costs, the Natural Gas Industry finds loopholes in order to avoid the protections of Clean Air and Clean Water legislation.

**Dominion Myth: Natural gas pipelines have an impressive safety record.**

**Fact:** The blast zone of a 42-inch gas pipeline can be more than 2,000 feet. Thermal radiation from a 20-inch pipeline explosion in Appomattox caused vinyl siding to melt on a house 2 miles away. According to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, from 1994 to 2013, there were 2496 “significant incidents” in US gas pipelines, including 319 fatalities, 1254 injuries, and more than two billion “in current-year dollars” of property damage. *USA Today* reports, “There is a destructive gas leak every 2 days in the USA.”

**Dominion Myth: Pipelines operate safely over mountains and karst topography.**

**Fact:** Pipelines have been built on geologically-challenging land, but Dominion cannot guarantee against natural disasters. Three feet of dirt would not have protected any pipeline during Hurricane Camille's record-breaking mudslides—a tragedy all too likely to recur with the ACP's route through landslide-prone areas in Nelson.

**Dominion Myth: The pipeline will bring jobs.**

**Fact:** The ACP would create few short-term and no long-term jobs in Nelson County. Surveying, blasting, excavation, and construction of pipelines is done by experienced journeymen professionals, not local workers.

**Dominion Myth: Pipelines are virtually invisible.**

**Fact:** Invisible? If a 550-mile path wide enough for a 4-lane highway is invisible, someone needs glasses.

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