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Comments on Standards and Guidelines for Community Benefits Plans and Agreements

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Dear Office of Environmental Justice and Equity,

Please consider my comments on the draft Standards and Guidelines for Community Benefits Plans and Agreements.

The draft lays out a clear set of instructions for how for the communities when making plans and agreements for Community Benefits. But the burden of enforcement lies with the towns. There should be a fund for towns who are having trouble enforcing their agreements.

Regarding "key stakeholders," the definitions provided are too restrictive. They include that key stakeholders would not be further than one mile from a project. Any resident who feels that their health, residence or property, or their community in general is affected by a project, should be deemed a key stakeholder.

Sincerely yours,

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