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As a Texas landowner, I strongly urge the TX RRC to amend the current requirements for entities to qualify as having eminent domain rights.

In the last 10 years, 4 times I have been involved with pipeline companies who wanted to put pipelines on my rural property in East Texas. Three of the four times my land was entered and surveyed without permission. The land was surveyed before any notification was received from the pipeline company. On occurrence #4, when I was finally contacted by the pipeline company (Enbridge) a meeting on the land was set up. Because this was my 4th experience with a pipeline company, I came to the meeting prepared, I brought a recorder. During the meeting, I asked several times why they entered my land and why did they survey without my permission. The man finally told me "this is how we do business, we always survey without permission" (you can listen to my recording!).

Last week, in rural East Texas (near Henderson TX, Rusk County) a man mowing the pipeline was killed. What was not mentioned in the paper was that the pipeline had eroded. The man did not see the erosion, due to the tall grass. The mulcher he was operating, fell into the eroded area, hit the pipeline, caused the pipeline to explode, killing him (this was an Enbridge pipeline).

Last time I checked, Enbridge was a Canadian Company, which I believe is a "foreign company" because Canada

is not part of the United States? The laws have allowed companies to become aggressive monsters in the pipeline industry.

How has The Texas Railroad Commission allowed "foreign" companies so much power in the pipeline industry? Is there any policing or monitoring of rural pipelines?

I understand, this is a political matter...the oil companies support you... Do the right, moral thing, put the landowner BEFORE the pipeline companies! It is not always a matter of money, some of us DO NOT WANT a pipeline cutting through our lands!

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