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STATEMENT FROM RURAL ALBERTA LANDOWNERS, FARMERS AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES ON THE TRILATERAL CARBON CAPTURE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA, ALBERTA, AND THE OIL SANDS ALLIANCE

[No CO2 Pipelines Alberta](#) is a grassroots group of concerned rural Alberta landowners, farmers, and Indigenous communities organizing to stop the Oil Sands Alliance from constructing the “Pathways Project” and CO2 pipelines in our communities.

ST. PAUL COUNTY, AB — Monday’s announcement of a trilateral agreement on carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS) and the “Pathways Project” signed by the governments of Alberta and Canada with the Oil Sands Alliance threatens the health and safety of local communities in northeast Alberta with the construction of dangerous CO2 pipelines and underground CO2 dumping areas.

We are deeply alarmed that this latest agreement:

- Admits that less than 6% of oilsands pollution will be cut, a level even industry’s own leading champions have recently called “[frankly, a negligible effect on global emissions](#).”
- Excludes any environmental impact assessment on local communities for a project with an underground storage area that’s triple the size of PEI;
- Confirms 120 day approval timelines for what will be the world’s largest toxic carbon dump site, especially when other jurisdictions have reported [risks of poisoned water](#) and [deadly explosions](#);
- Includes substantially more public money for five of Canada’s largest and most profitable oil and gas companies – CNRL, Cenovus, ConocoPhillips, Imperial Oil, and Suncor – which are majority-American-owned.

QUOTE:

“We are deeply alarmed about today’s news because our communities will bear all the risks with little benefits. It’s unacceptable that our communities will become home to the world’s largest toxic CO2 dumping ground, without a single assessment of the impacts on our land, air, water or our health and wellbeing.

This agreement was signed behind closed doors, without the consent of local landowners, rural residents, municipalities, or Indigenous communities living within the project area. In an explosion, for example, people in our communities will face anything from breathing issues to brain damage to instant death.

We will not allow millions of tonnes of pressurized CO2 to be shipped through our backyards and injected under our feet each and every year, poisoning our water supply and putting us at risk of deadly explosions. We will resist this project at every stage and do everything we can to stop it from being built. We won’t risk our way of life so profitable oil companies can bury their toxic waste under our communities.”

– Amil Shapka and Penny Fox, co-founders, No CO2 Pipelines Alberta

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