

Dear Public Utilities Commission,

I implore you to listen to my viewpoints on the Bakken Oil pipeline.

When Dakota Access surveyed the land Chris Hubbs said that “sweet crude” will be going through the pipeline. Mr. Hubbs claimed that sweet crude does not burn. The difference between sweet and sour crude is the amount of sulfur it contains. If the sulfur is over five percent it is considered sour crude and smells like rotten eggs.<sup>i</sup> Sweet crude may not burn by itself, but the other gases that accompany the oil are explosive. Bakken oil is considered a light sweet crude.

I am sure you know about the trains that exploded in several places such as Lac Megantic, Quebec and Casselton, ND. Bakken shale is flammable like gasoline, because it ignites at a lower temperature. There are at least four volatile organic compounds within the oil (Toluene, Xylene, Benzene and Hexane).<sup>ii</sup> What will happen if the pipeline breaks and explodes on my land? Who is responsible for cleaning up the mess? What kind of guarantee does my family have that the land will not be ruined forever?

There are 6,500 miles of pipeline in South Dakota.<sup>iii</sup> Why don't the pipelines use the same route as much as possible? I think that would work so much better than tearing up more virgin soil.

I do not live in South Dakota, but my family farm is very important to me. When Dakota Access surveyed the land their propaganda was “Sign on the dotted line. If the pipeline doesn't go through then you get to keep the cash.” Several neighbors only saw dollar signs in their eyes. I however am looking at the bigger picture. After Dakota Access has their pipeline in and the Bakken oil well has dried up - then what? The pipeline land easement will probably be torn up and some other pipeline will be put in there, which we will have no voice in.

Although I do not live in South Dakota and know all the political games that are being played, for me it is all about the principle. I personally do not appreciate being bullied by Dakota Access. I think it is ridiculous that Dakota Access can threaten to sue us if we did not let them survey (which we did, as we felt we had no choice in the matter). Now Dakota Access sent another summons to threaten eminent domain proceedings. HOW CAN THEY DO THAT WHEN THE PUC HAS NOT EVEN APPROVED THE PIPELINE? I think it is sad that companies like Dakota Access can come to South Dakota and walk all over its citizens.

I hope my letter will persuade you to vote against the pipeline. Thank you for listening to my concerns.

Respectfully-

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<sup>i</sup> Website [www.petroleum.co.uk](http://www.petroleum.co.uk)

<sup>ii</sup> Website [sightline.org](http://sightline.org)

<sup>iii</sup> South Dakota Oil and Gas Association