

Commissioner

Docket Number: HP14-002

I oppose the construction of the proposed Dakota Access crude oil pipeline because it will pose a threat of serious injury to the environment and current or future inhabitants. The pipeline will substantially impair the health, safety and welfare of South Dakota communities. The pipeline will destroy natural resources that are needed to sustain South Dakota as a leader in agriculture and tourism. Also, South Dakota does not have state inspectors or funds to protect citizens from pipeline accidents.

The Dakota Access Pipeline would not serve the good of the public. It is all risk and no reward for South Dakota and its residents. The pipeline would be a negative legacy for all South Dakotans.

The potential impact of an oil spill or leak to water and land quality for both private and public lands would be devastating and costly to South Dakota's communities.

The remedy that I seek is to outright deny a permit to construct the Dakota Access crude oil pipeline in South Dakota.