

Dear PUC members,

The print propaganda (in bold) on this sheet was printed on the back sheet of our “Miner County Pioneer”! I am sure they would have done the same in all counties in S.D. We will not know what D.A.P. will do or how their commitment will stand until they start construction or the pipeline is operational.

# The Dakota Access Pipeline’s Commitment to South Dakota

Water and oil Do Not Mix! Why are we letting them go through our reservoirs that have more miles of shoreline than California?

**The Dakota Access Pipeline project is coming to South Dakota. The underground pipeline system will provide a state of the art option to safely transport domestically-produced energy.**

This is a very positive statement! Do D.A.P. people know things that S.D. citizens do not.

**Dakota Access is committed to protecting South Dakota’s beautiful landscape, farmland and environment, and making accommodations for individual landowners. Here are just three ways we are keeping our commitment to South Dakota:**

This is completely false!!! The D.A.P. has lied to individual landowners so they can ensure their pipeline runs the cheapest route for them. The pipeline runs through highly productive farmland with surface and tile drainage, with no commitment to getting it deep enough for future drain tile! Let alone the right to dig to fix a tile after it doesn’t work due to settling soils over their pipeline.

**We’ve incorporated protection of sensitive resources and avoidance of key land areas since the start of the project. We’ve conducted civil and environmental surveys and worked with federal, state, and local officials to ensure a safe, protective route.**

This is no more than a statement of Feel Good, to ensure their image. They need this pipeline for their big profits... Actions speak louder than words! Try to have them adjust their line slightly and watch how they react! I have not heard the same story twice when doing just that!!!

**We’ve engaged local agronomists, drain tile experts and soil and water specialists and are meeting with individual landowners to ensure private property protections and full land restoration after the pipe is buried.**

Are these specialists hired by D.A.P.??? They have done no more than talk to these people and print statements that fit their needs! You have heard soil expert “Brian Top” give testimony that it would take 10-20 years to come back to full production in many cases.

**We've incorporated cutting edge technology into our design to ensure safe planning, construction and operation. And we've awarded contracts to local manufacturers and construction companies that will employ highly-trained skilled workers for every inch of this pipeline. Safety is our number one priority and our core commitment to the people of South Dakota.**

Anyone constructing such a project has to do so to build it. Look at how much our local farmers do of the same year in and out!

**“Pipelines are much safer than oil transportation  
by rail and more practical than truck.”**

**Argus leader, Jan. 2015 editorial by Argus Leader Editorial Board.**

This is simply an opinion of a few people and not necessarily facts!

I toured the Bakken Oil fields in August 2015. I saw trains with 120 tanker cars or more, these new cars are designed to haul crude oil to west coast refineries, 2 or more a day, with perfect safety records! I was told the refined product is used in the highly populated area of the West coast. There is no competition between oil cars and grain cars – they are not interchangeable. However the rail is!

I asked to see the Tesoro's pipeline spill in North Dakota discovered by a farmer, not by any pipeline monitoring system. 7 acres destroyed and a 2 year partial clean up (likely longer). California has a big pipeline spill – they are ordered to pay another \$110 million for clean up.

South Dakota needs time to enact Protective Laws!! A NO vote will give us that time!!

Thanks Again,

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