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Gentlemen,

As to the proposed oil pipeline from Canada, please allow it to come through. Williams, now Magellan, has been operating lines for years and yes, a leak will occur, also in spite of everything, space shuttles explode. Technology is better now than fifty years ago, the line will leave a minimal footprint in a few years. Plus with the cost of oil, one can be sure the pipeline owners will not want it to leak anyway!!

A far bigger problem facing us is the reckless spreading of highly concentrated manure on shallow aquifers, before long, a large amount of our shallow drinking water will be polluted. Over the years, in our business, I have learned water runs downhill, unfortunately, manure knifed into the gentle and fast slopes runs downhill as well. If you doubt my assertions, go to northern Iowa and I will show you how this degradation is occurring, all in the name of short term economic gains.

The Big Sioux basin is a fragile ecosystem, the river is not fit for fishing anymore due to all the cattle lots draining into it. Once again the dollar wins out over the best interests of those who either do not understand or who DO understand and just plain don't give a damn!!

Sincerely,

