

FACTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE

Dakota Access Pipeline is proposed to cross southeastern South Dakota, Iowa and Illinois. ADDITIONAL pipelines are already PLANNED. The pipeline will cross highly productive crop land as well as highly populated areas. Potential lost crops are needed to feed a growing world and fuel our cars. The pipeline will be built within FEET of existing homes. Further development of towns, homes, farmsteads, and acreages will be stopped as buildings and trees cannot be placed in the easement area.

A volatile crude oil will be transported to Illinois and on to the Gulf Coast. There is NO guarantee that this oil will remain in the United States.

The Public Utilities Commission has the authority to issue a permit for this pipeline. The PUC may grant the permit, deny the permit, or grant the permit with terms, conditions, or modifications. The PUC has no plans to police or enforce permit conditions or the easement agreements that are in place. There are NO STATE INSPECTORS. Basically, our state's resources will be handed over to a Texas company for their profit.

Easements are PERMANENT but compensation is a one-time, lump-sum payment. Not all landowners have signed easement agreements or allowed survey access.

Property values in the easement area, as well as neighboring property, will be greatly diminished.

Agricultural tiles will be altered across the state ending the effective management practices of erosion, water runoff, and quality water.

Major watersheds in South Dakota will be crossed. James River, Skunk Creek, Wall Lake, Beaver Creek, underground aquifers and the Sioux River are some of the water areas affected.

Inflated promises of income for South Dakota are not guaranteed. There is NO South Dakota funding in place for pipeline accidents.

Out-of-state workers will do the majority of the pipeline installation while only a portion of their wages will be spent in South Dakota for food and lodging. South Dakota businesses will not profit from the installation of the pipeline as many of the supplies are purchased from out-of-state.

In the future, the product transported through the pipeline can be changed as well as the size of the pipeline. Future products can include oil, natural gas, natural gas liquids, hydrocarbon liquids, and the product thereof. Additional pipelines may be added in the easement areas.

Because of liability issues, lending institutions could choose not to allow/continue loans connected with property on or near the pipeline route.

No transportation of oil is safe. Pipeline accidents are not rare. <http://projects.propublica.org/pipelines/>

Southeastern South Dakota has experienced an orderly development of this region. The proposed pipeline will interfere with that process and will pose a threat to our local environment, water safety, and future inhabitants.

To become more informed visit: <http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/HydrocarbonPipeline/2014/hp-14-002.aspx>. South Dakota's PUC must make a decision in the permit process. Please send your comments to the South Dakota PUC.

Today's decisions could set a precedent for pipelines coming to additional locations in South Dakota. Let's keep South Dakota a safe place to live.

*For all of these reasons I would ask the PUC to deny permission to build the Dakota Access pipeline.*

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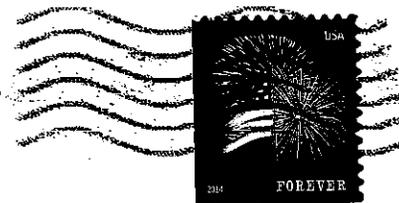
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