

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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In regards to: **Navigator Heartland Greenway Carbon Sequestration** permit application

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As an affected landowner, I am asking the PUC to turn down the permit by Navigator Heartland Greenway, requesting to build a carbon sequestration pipeline through Minnehaha County.

I own a tillable parcel in Red Rock Township. This land has a Minnehaha County Housing Eligibility attached to, which is highly valued. If this carbon sequestration pipeline is built as requested, it will run immediately west of my farmland, making the Housing Eligibility worthless. This has a huge negative financial impact on my family.

The safety concerns are nearly immeasurable with pressurized carbon running just a few feet underground. Accidents happen every day. It is unjust to expect current residents along the pathway to give up their personal safety so that out-of-state investors can make money. It is unethical.

The very basis for which this project is even being considered is a lie. There is no global warming. There is no excess carbon dioxide to remove. For a plant to grow, it needs CO₂. The plants then emit oxygen, for humans and animals to use. It is folly for man to think that he can eliminate CO₂ from his environment. Man cannot control the emissions from volcanoes. One eruption puts out far more CO₂ than any ethanol plant could produce.

This project, as mentioned by the young lady who gave the presentations at the meetings, (Ms. Thompson) is to make money for its investors. We have the right and responsibility to say, "No thank you."

The meetings I attended showed a great deal of opposition to this proposal. In fact, the only people in the room to admit being in favor of it, were directly connected with the ethanol plants. In my mind, they are disqualified from having a say. The land owners in attendance were 100% against it. If this were an actual utility that provided a service to area residents, you would not see this type of opposition. This is not a utility.