

Hello - I attended the PUC meeting in Mitchell on Tuesday and at that time the commissioners asked a few additional questions, but I believe it was also requested that they have my legal description of my property where I live. My husband and I are also landowners of that property at: 24050 SD Hwy. 37, Letcher, SD 57359.

Legal Description:

Lot A of O. R. Ruml's First Addition, a subdivision of the Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Fifteen (15), Township One Hundred Five (105) North, Range Sixty (60), West of the 5th P.M., Sanborn County, South Dakota.

I had prepared written comments to present on Tuesday - however as many of them reiterated prior comments from other individuals, my statement to the PUC was made in reference to those comments, and I submitted a hardcopy of those written comments to the PUC table. I did not have a copy at that time of an email I sent last year to Representative Bathke, who is also the Emergency Management and Planning & Zoning Administrator in Davison county, but I would like to include it in my comments as it justifies my concerns about this pipeline. I have that attached. I received absolutely no response or acknowledgement from him regarding my email. I am concerned about his complete disregard for the potential dangerous scenarios that this pipeline could create, which is ONE of his jobs. That is the second part for my concern is that he is now a state legislator and I am wondering how he will be able to sufficiently do TWO jobs, one of which directly impacts my safety and that of my family if this pipeline were to go through the proposed route. I will also be sending Jeff Bathke an email informing him that I have sent a copy of the attached email as part of my comments to the PUC, so he will be aware. If you need confirmation of that email, or anything else to finalize my request for party status, please let me know.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully, Leah Murray

Negative impacts of a Carbon Pipeline

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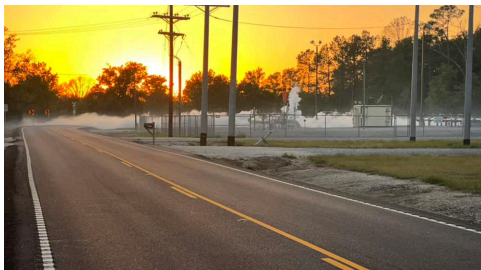
Jeff,

I feel inclined to write this letter after viewing a video of the Davison County GOP Meeting. Your nonchalance about the hazards of this pipeline is extremely concerning, especially in your position as Davison County Emergency Management Administrator.

It is apparent from your comments that you are not absorbing any of the information presented to you at the meetings you have attended thus far - the documents and scenarios proving that this is not something as trivial as "the fizz in your pop".

The main concern with this pipeline should be that there is *even a possibility* that it could rupture at any time, and if/when it ruptures the CO₂ at the concentration that it is in to be put into the pipelines it is definitely NOT considered safe. How do you justify that it's therefore not a concern just because it hasn't yet **killed** people?

The pipeline explosion below impacted people for 4 hours; vehicles were incapacitated, people left unconscious in its wake. I don't want to know what would have happened to them had they been exposed even longer. Is it going to take someone's **death** for you to finally realize the hazards that have surrounded these pipelines all along? From your comments, I am questioning if you are even concerned enough to make *plans* for a pipeline leak, something that would be required for a person in your position.



A Leaking CO₂ Pipeline Can Cause Suffocation Within a Minute. The Government Needs to Regulate Them, Fast

Industries are planning a massive buildout of CO₂ pipelines. Here's what to know about the health risks, and how we're asking the government to protect communities from a lethal pipeline rupture.

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The U.S. is expanding CO2 pipelines. One poisoned town wants you to know its story

Companies are building carbon dioxide pipelines as a possible climate solution. But after a pipeline rupture sent dozens to the hospital in a Mississippi town, there are questions about their safety.

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iowacapitaldispatch.com/2024/05/05/a-stark-warning-latest-carbon-dioxide-leak-raises-concerns-about-safety-regulation/

Since I live near the river, I am most curious what your plans as Davison County Emergency Management Administrator would be in the case of an inevitable CO2 pipeline rupture along the James River? I'm not sure if you have no ced, but almost every spring since I can remember (and I have lived on the James River valley for 36 years) the river floods, making new channels, washing out en re roads, ditches, and land along the river. How easy then would it be to damage a shallow-buried pipeline running through land that is subject to such massive amounts of erosion, every year? And based on who Summit has been talking to already, it appears that this is the exact land that this pipeline will be routed through. That brings up another point - why is the public not made aware of the proposed route of the pipeline? This should be public informa on and **I would ask that your office ensures the proposed route is provided to everyone who could poten ally be affected**. It should be no different than the process followed when planning the installa on of drain le, etc. which could nega vely impact the neighbors in the area. Doesn't your office have a right to educate and help prepare the community for the poten al of a disaster like what happened in Mississippi? earthjusttce.org/arttcle/a-leaking-co2-pipeline-can-cause-suffocation-within-a-minute-the-government-needs-to-regulate-them-fast

Since it is your job to prepare for potential emergency situations impacting the community, I want to know just what has been planned to safeguard our community. How are you prepared for when, *not if*, a pipeline leak happens? How are you going to notify those in the danger area in a timely manner? How are you going to help remove those who might be in danger when vehicles quit working and people are passing out?

Tim Kenyon was a geologist who worked with fracking jobs in ND and can attest first-hand to the deadly effects and devastation that a CO2 leak (when in the highly concentrated form that it would be in the pipeline) can have on the wildlife, and therefore, much more notably, what it can also do to livestock and humans. Have you reached out and spoken with him directly as a person in your position very well should do; to be best prepared for similar situations that could arise?

Not to mention the water usage that this is going to take - have you researched that? It will drain our local water resources and that will only negatively affect the local populace - for what purpose? To benefit a large, out of state organization that is only doing this to capitalize on a government program? Ethanol plants don't *need* this - they're already subsidized and making record profits and there are already other safer outlets and uses for CO2. Therefore, farmers don't *need* this either. In fact, the country and the world as a whole doesn't *need* a pipeline for carbon reduction. CO2 is one of the most basic and essential chemical compounds found on this earth; it's necessary for the growth of the very plants that produce the ethanol in the first place. This is nothing more than a government-construct, throwing money that they don't have into a very poorly planned "solution".

This leaves me wondering what your agenda really is - as it sure doesn't seem to correlate to your duties as a Davison County Emergency Management Administrator, which I understand is to "plan, coordinate,

supervise, and implement a variety of emergency, crisis, and disaster plans." When you were elected into this office, you agreed to serve in the best interests of the safety of members in our communities, and it is past time for you to realize that this pipeline is **NOT** one of those best interests.

Thank you for taking the time to review my concerns. I will be looking forward to future actions that best support our community's needs and well-being.

Sincerely,

Leah Murray
Sanborn County Resident