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DM&E Powder River Basin Expansion Project
Draft Environmental Impact Statement

COMMENT SHEET

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Please provide any comments on the DM&E Powder River Basin Expansion Project Draft EIS.

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MY GREATEST CONCERNS ARE:

1. How devastating the coal trains would be to our city environmentally, economically, the total quality of life, and safety to our citizens and especially school children (school & bus crossings) Also for those who need emergency services (fire, police, ambulances) and individuals like myself going to the emergency room. There would be a great negative effect on our world famous medical center.
2. I am not only concerned about air pollution here in Rochester, but anywhere. The atmosphere is polluted when coal is burned. We should encourage the use of other sources for electricity such as wind and solar in generating electricity.
3. I spoke yesterday of my personal concern as a person who has experienced a TIA (small stroke). I am very concerned about trains blocking our route to the emergency room. I cross the tracks many times a week and have waited from 8 to 13 minutes. While waiting, I have often thought how traumatizing it would be if one were having a health emergency.
4. Should a company, whose sole purpose is profit be allowed to imperil the safety and health of the people of our community? If the request of the D M & E is granted, shouldn't it be required to do everything possible to make this a safe city by providing overpasses or underpasses at several crossings in Rochester?
5. If the D M & E is allowed to carry hazardous wastes, a derailment (and their record for such is the worst) could be an absolute catastrophe to the people in hospitals, senior high rise buildings, the Mayo Clinic and the Federal Medical Center.

This is a request to disallow the application of D M & E to pass through Rochester.

Thank you for the well-planned and well conducted meeting yesterday and for your consideration of this request.

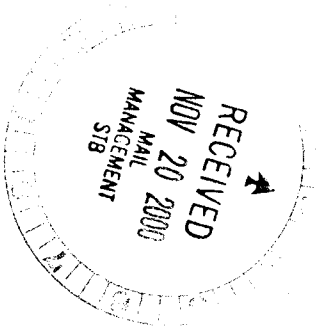
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