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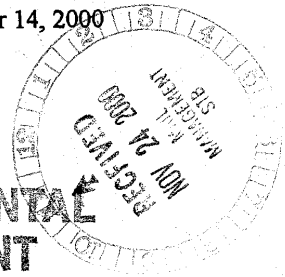
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Attention: Victoria Rutson, Environmental Project Manager

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Dear Ms. Rutson:

A Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS) concerning the Powder River Basin Expansion Project of the DM&E Railroad was recently completed. As it relates to the trackage in the Mankato area, the DEIS concluded that the environmentally preferred route is the alternative M-2 route, commonly referred to as the Southern By-Pass Route.

This is a very controversial recommendation, and I would like to share my opinion with you and the Surface Transportation Board.

Opinion: the DME proposal is disastrous to our community, traffic
leaths, noise, pollution & waste of farm land & wild life & peoples comfort
(See back for further comments) with no benefit to the state.

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