

Surface Transportation Board
Office of the Secretary
Case Control Unit

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Washington, DC 20423-0001

Attention: Victoria Rutson, Environmental Project Manager

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 Southern By-Pass Route is selected to be removed and new polluting along with possible removal of a high percentage of the area.

(See back for further comments)

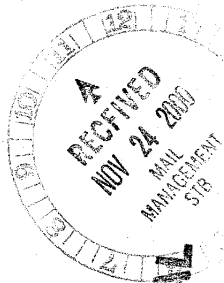
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