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

COMMENT SHEET ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

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

We have been monitoring the southern route for the DM&E Expansion
Project and following are some of the concerns we have:

1. Why a route through a populated and hilly area instead of
the flat and less populated southern border area of MN?
2. No economic benefit to this area at all, why come through here.
3. Please be a watchdog for the people!
4. Our City Council pulled out with good reasons, listen to them.
5. Air pollution, danger to plant and animal life, residue in
croplands, altering of human life has not been adequately
studied yet for the southern route.
5. Use 2000 census information. Be up to date!
6. You haven't adequately evaluated the long term effects of
the environmental impact to our area.
7. If you disturb the countryside, how can the loss of a
lifestyle be compensated for (loss of peace and quiet,
wildlife, easy/quick access to surrounding towns..Eagle Lake
and Mankato. Some of it you cannot put a price on.

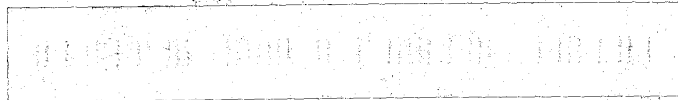
Additional comments:

IF YOU WERE GOING TO HAVE THIS TYPE OF TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM BUILT
WITHIN 300 FEET OF YOUR HOME WOULD YOU EMBRACE IT OR FIGHT IT?

IF YOU FOUGHT IT AND LOST, HOW MUCH \$ would be enough to compensate you?

TAKE THE ROUTE SOUTH TO INTERSTATE 90 AND RECOMMEND "NO" TO BUILDING
THIS IN OUR AREA.

IS DM & E REALLY FINANCIALLY SOUND. I HEAR THEIR TRACKS ALL OVER ARE
IN DISREPAIR AND THAT THEY NEED TO TAKE CARE OF WHAT THEY HAVE ALREADY
BEFORE THEY CONSIDER BUILDING MORE LINE.



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