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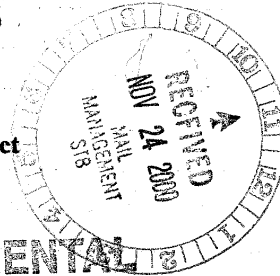
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DM&E Powder River Basin Expansion Project
Draft Environmental Impact Statement

COMMENT SHEET

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Comments may be submitted today or mailed to:

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

The proposed southern rail bypass which affects the City of Mankato will be a major disaster for our city. The removal of seven of our finest and most expensive homes will reduce our tax base significantly. We will lose valued neighbors and friends, and the impact will be major with respect to the value of all other homes in the city.

With the proposed 37 trains a day passing by, we will be deluged with coal dust since coal cars are reported to be uncovered. Of greater concern is the report that the coal is radioactive and could cause major health problems to all of us who live here.

We urgently request that DM&E be prohibited from building this rail line through our city.

Additional comments: _____

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