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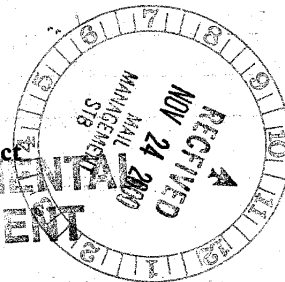


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DM&E Powder River Basin Expansion Project
Draft Environmental Impact Statement

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

I am supportive of the expansion BUT only if it includes a by-pass around the city of Pierre. I believe the expansion without a by-pass would have a devastating effect on Pierre for two primary reasons:

First and foremost, safety. As you know, there is only 1 intersection w/ an overpass. The expansion would block the remainder of the intersections far too much to allow adequate emergency services throughout the city.

Secondly, the expansion would have a very negative impact on many businesses in Pierre. Because of their close proximity to the railroad tracks, their businesses will be adversely affected by numerous trains.

I respectfully request that the expansion be approved only if the city of Pierre is by-passed. Thank you for your consideration & support of my request.

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Additional comments:



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