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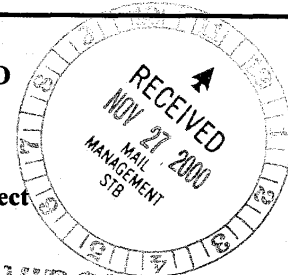
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DM&E Powder River Basin Expansion Project
Draft Environmental Impact Statement

COMMENT SHEET



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

We oppose the DM&E Railroad expansion plan to move coal trains through
Pierre and Fort Pierre, South Dakota.

As you are aware, the railroad track runs through the center of our city
in close proximity to homes, businesses, the middle school, the State Capitol
and the Indian Learning Center. The prospect of 40 coal trains a day running
through the center of our city with the attendant risks for traffic, school
children trying to cross the tracks, emergency vehicles, police, etc., is
horrifying.

We would only need to have one derailment to have a tragedy. Can anyone
predict what the noise and dust and dirt will have on our environment?
What will happen to the new 4-lane highway that has been approved by Congress
to be built from I-90 to Pierre? Why would DM&E bother with freight and
grain cars when coal would be more profitable? Also, does anyone know what
they might carry on their run from the East back Wyoming? Might they haul
something that would pay well, like hazardous waste?

We have observed coal trains in Gillette, Wyoming, so know how disruptive
this can be.

We request that this expansion not be approved UNLESS A BYPASS AROUND PIERRE
AND FORT PIERRE IS ASSURED.

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Additional comments: _____

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