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Attention: Victoria Rutson, Environmental Project Manager

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Dear Ms. Rutson:

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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: Burning coal to make cheap electricity will be
a disaster. It will pollute just for us to
(See back for further comments)

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Consume needlessly. My sister & husband air condition their house down to about 65° in the summer! Cheap power just permits abuse!

I hope the future generation won't look back on this issue and shake their heads. Please look at the whole picture.

Thanks

Karen Kambe