



Is South Dakota Ready For High Pressure Crude Oil Pipelines?

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Photos: Pipeline failures at Whiteside County, IA, Oct. 15, 2007 (top photo) TransCanada Pipeline south east of Grande Prairie, Dec 1, 2003 (middle & bottom photos)



"Thinner walled pipe means greater risk for South Dakota. Much of the steel pipe that will be installed will be made in China and India. Neither country can provide the level of inspection and quality control that U.S. steel pipe company's offer.

The PUC should require that all pipe installed in South Dakota be made in the USA and be of the same wall thickness or greater wall thickness than existing oil pipelines being operated, tested and inspected by the federal government in the United States of American.

Most of TransCanada's pipeline experience is with natural gas pipelines which are less likely to spill and damage soil or ground water. When crude oil pipes leak the oil spreads out into the soil and damages the groundwater aquifers.

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