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Red River Valley Water Supply Project
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March 25, 2006

RE: Pipeline from Lake of the Woods to Red River Valley & South

Dear Sirs:

As a resident of the Red River Valley, I regret to inform you that your idea has a very strong feeling of a lack of planning and understanding of the area you are so concerned about!

First, the problem in the Valley is usually too much water. We have been blessed with daily afternoon or evening summer thunder showers and lightening storms like no other place I have ever lived in the past 50 years!

Second, apparently you have been barking up a wrong tree in trying to find something to keep yourselves busy! Please cease and desist all plans of a pipeline from the Lake of the Woods to the Red River Valley of the North (yes, did they tell you that the Red River of the North flows North to the Hudson Bay in Canada?) That means that your wanting the pipeline to go south to Wahpeton means that you would need to pump the water UP HILL which will require the use of lift stations on the pipeline which means additional expenses and year around maintenance including air locks, freezing , shifting, Spring thaws and costs the tax payers of the country should not have to bear for a Maybe, Possible, 100 year, 150 year Drought that may never come.

What is the matter with the water tanker trucks that are already available in the Valley for hauling water for fire, road construction etc.? Tanker trucks would be a far superior idea than a Pipeline which would bring strangers into our communities because the companies that end up building these things are never local and never employ local people so the economic impact on the communities would be practically nothing save a few lunches and a lot of toilet paper!

Please inform your Bureau's CEO in Washington DC that this idea is more than STUPID, even a kindergartener wouldn't dream of running water up-hill, neither did the Romans! Perhaps the Bureau's grasping at straws for things to reclaim. Might I suggest that you begin looking at helping out the Department of Home Land Security in rounding up illegal immigrants and deporting them to their various homelands.

Very truly yours,