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RED RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY PROJECT
 Bureau of Reclamation
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March 26, 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 understanding of the area you are so interested in being concerned about and changing! Sorry, there isn't much you can do about Mother Nature accept let her have her way and pick up the pieces later! Your destroying the Northwestern Minnesota countryside from Lake of the Woods to the Red River and then south (?) to Wahpeton and destroying the Red River's river banks to put in a pipeline is second only to putting Nuclear Waste under the river!

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.

Third, the water in the Lake of the Woods also belongs to the Canadians and you are a foolish bunch of people to think you would not be treading on other people's toes when you take water out of a Lake that is jointly owned by two countries!

Fourth, before the people who live and have lived in Northern Minnesota have to get nasty, take your idea and stamp it REJECTED !

A Minnesota Taxpayer,

