

TransCanada Pipeline Background and Resources

TAKE ACTION TO HELP STOP THE PIPELINE



Call and Write Gov. Heineman

Tell the Governor we need him to lead and to take action to protect our land, water and economic activity.

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Nebraskans are speaking out and taking action to help stop the TransCanada pipeline. We think the proposed pipeline is a bad idea for our state, our land, our water and our economic activity. We do not want to see it built.

- Pipelines leak. The BP oil spill, the spill in Michigan rivers, the leaks in Utah, the faulty pipe in South Dakota...all recent examples of the fact we all know, pipelines leak.
- The oil currently flowing through our state via the first TransCanada pipeline and with the proposed pipeline is NOT guaranteed for the United States. TransCanada sells the oil on the market and could be going to China and India. These pipelines do nothing to reduce our need on foreign oil.
- The jobs will not be for Nebraskans. 90% of the jobs to build the pipeline go to outside contractors.

We have several **ideas our state can take to protect** our land, water and economic activity.

- Release the Emergency Response Plan for the current TransCanada pipeline so the public can view and comment on the plan.
- Ensure all state agencies that are affected by the pipeline (e.g. Game and Parks, NPPD, Dept. of Environmental Quality) submit comments to Secretary Clinton who has extended the comment period for state and federal agencies; they now have until Sept. 15, 2010. None have been submitted to date from our state agencies. They had several months earlier in the year to also comment.
- Require TransCanada to put their own money into a "Trust" for any oil spills, health related issues, wildlife rescue, etc. If this does not happen, then taxpayers will be left to pay those bills.
- Pass state regulations that will ensure oil pipelines are safe. Our state currently has NO regulations for oil pipelines.

We Need Your Voice

Individuals can take action to help stop the pipeline. Please help spread the word!

PETITION + EVENT: We are collecting signatures on a petition to elected leaders at <http://tinyurl.com/protectnebraska>. We will deliver the petitions to Members of Congress and Governor Heineman in late August, watch the Bold Nebraska website for more info on the event so you can come and help us deliver the petition.

SIGNS + TSHIRTS: Nebraska groups created yard signs, bumper stickers and t-shirts for Nebraskans to show their opposition to the pipeline. Contact actions@boldnebraska.org to obtain some for you and your friends.

LETTERS + CALLS: Currently, we are focusing letters and calls to Gov. Heineman. We would like to see him implement some of the ideas we list above. We encourage you to write a letter and email us a copy at actions@boldnebraska.org.

More pipeline facts can be found on: www.boldnebraska.org | Email us: actions@boldnebraska.org
Groups working on the pipeline include Nebraska Wildlife Federation, Nebraska Sierra Club, Nebraskans for Peace, Nebraska Audubon Society, Nebraska Common Cause and Bold Nebraska.