

## Dakota Access Pipeline

Dakota Access is a proposed pipeline that would cross South Dakota and Iowa in order to bring North Dakota Bakken crude oil to refineries in Patoka, Ill.

The developers hope the pipeline will be in operation by the end of 2016.



### Who proposed it?

- The project is Proposed by Dakota Access, LLC, which is a subsidiary of Energy Transfer Partners.

ETP is based in Houston, Texas, and owns and operates pipelines across the country. Phillips 66 has joined with ETP to finance the project. The company owns and operates many refineries on the Gulf Coast.

### What is the project?

- Dakota Access Pipeline would transport North Dakota crude oil from the Bakken oil reserves to Patoka, Illinois. This in turn gives access to East coast markets by rail, or to pipelines which would carry Bakken crude to the Gulf Coast for refinement and export. You can view ETP's full petition to the South Dakota Utilities Commission to construct the pipeline: <http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/HydrocarbonPipeline/2014/hp14-002.aspx>

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- The pipeline would be 1,134 miles long, 30 inch in diameter, 24 to 48 inches underground, and will transport 570,000 barrels daily.
- Bakken crude is more flammable because of a lower flash point to ignition. It poses a significant fire risk.
- A 150 foot construction right of way and a permanent 50 foot easement is needed for the pipeline. No buildings are permitted on the 50 foot easement.

## ***When would it be built?***

- The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) held public input hearings on the application in January 2015.
- The PUC must take action on the pipeline application by December 15, 2015
- ETP hopes the pipeline will be in operation by the end of 2016.

## ***Where would it be built?***

- The proposed pipeline would cut diagonally across the eastern side of the state, including the following South Dakota counties: Campbell, McPherson, Edmunds, Spink, Beadle, Kingsbury, Miner, Lake, McCook, Minnehaha, Turner, and Lincoln.
- The pipeline will cross all major watersheds in South Dakota. You can find the entire list: <http://puc.sd.gov/commission/dockets/HydrocarbonPipeline/2014/HP14-002/waterbodies.pdf>
- ETP plans to utilize eminent domain if landowners do not comply with the acquisition of land by ETP.

**To get more information about the Dakota Access Pipeline and to take action contact Matthew West at [mwest@dakotarural.org](mailto:mwest@dakotarural.org)**

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