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You must deny the permit on the grounds of despoiling the river banks and wetlands. Have you been to the area of the new pipeline corridor? I grew up there. Go up there and take a look. You can't spit in any direction without running into a river, a stream, a creek, a lake or a wetland. This is the worst possible place for this abomination. With every crossing of water, the water would be disturbed, beds of the rivers etc. stirred up making the water more turbid and uninhabitable for the fish, amphibians, reptiles and aquatic mammals that live in them. It would uproot the native vegetation.

Your mandate is to protect the environment, not to decide how much destruction of it is acceptable. You have the power to require another route that would not endanger so much water. My other point is enforcement of your regulations. Will you have full time supervision of all construction or are you trusting and untrustworthy company to do the right thing.

I am one Minnesotan who is sick to death of having to beg state agencies to do the damn job they are tasked with.

Sincerely,
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