

RE: PSC Hearing - Midwest Carbon Express CO2 Pipeline Project (Summit Pipeline)

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Mr. Bakke,

Please reference the answers to your questions below. As a fire department we are not for or against a pipeline and only look at things from a life safety perspective. I hope these answers help you.

1. Do the responders for the Bismarck Rural Fire Department ("BRFD") have training and/or experience responding a carbon dioxide leak? In other words, would your responders be adequately trained to respond to and address the emergency issues that would arise in the event of a carbon dioxide leak? **Our department has never responded to a carbon dioxide leak or have training specifically with this type of leak. However, we do have training with hazardous materials, and have access to the regional hazmat response team through Bismarck Fire Department.**
2. Does the BRFD have specialized equipment available to it to respond to a carbon dioxide leak, and if so, in what quantities? **As we already respond to hazmat incidents within our jurisdiction there is no specific equipment or quantity of anything that we have that is different from any other hazardous materials. If there is something outside of our scope we would rely on the regional hazmat team to help. We have our normal gas detectors that we use on hazardous material calls as well as our Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) that will allow us to breathe.**
3. Is special equipment required to respond to a carbon dioxide leak, and if so, what equipment is required? **To my knowledge there is no special equipment that I am aware of that we would need to respond. However, our current gas detectors do not pick up carbon dioxide and would need to be upgraded.**

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Thank you.

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Dear Chief Theurer and Assistant Chief Reinke,

Our office represents a landowner who is impacted by the proposed Summit pipeline ("pipeline") that it has requested to install north and east of Bismarck. We are writing to obtain information from you regarding your department's ability to address a carbon dioxide leak, should one occur. In that regard, we would request a response to the following questions:

1. Do the responders for the Bismarck Rural Fire Department ("BRFD") have training and/or experience responding a carbon dioxide leak? In other words, would your responders be adequately trained to respond to and address the emergency issues that would arise in the event of a carbon dioxide leak?
2. Does the BRFD have specialized equipment available to it to respond to a carbon dioxide leak, and if so, in what quantities?
3. Is special equipment required to respond to a carbon dioxide leak, and if so, what equipment is required?

The PSC hearing regarding the pipeline is scheduled on March 14, 2023, and thus we would greatly appreciate an email or written response by March 5, 2023.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Kindly please reply to all.

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