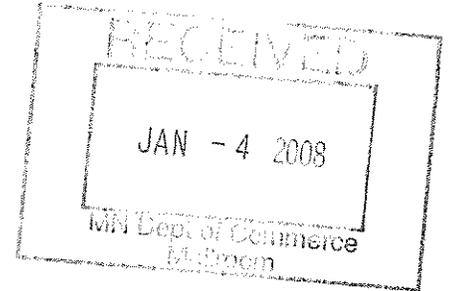


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RE: DEIS for Taconite Coal Gasification Plant



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Dear Mr. Storm,

I am a resident of Itasca county, I am also the mother of five children, a full-time student of Itasca Community College, and am also employed full-time in a local office, and lastly, but not least, I am a wife.

As a resident, and a tax-payer, I would like to add my opinion to the many thousands of voices in the Northland that are saying no to the coal gasification plant in Taconite. My family does not need the added thermal, air, water, light and visual pollution this proposed project will bring to our environment. We do not need the power in our region, and we don't see any reason to suffer so that people in other areas can use power generated here.

They tell us that there may be one hundred jobs generated once the plant is up and running, but it will easily cost us a hundred jobs that hinge on tourism.

People of the Northland are tired of shouldering the responsibility of power for the Twin Cities and suburbs. Make your own power and learn to conserve like the "out-state" citizens have learned. Walk, shop locally, shut off your lights, take shorter showers, wash clothes in cold water, etc.

According to the DEIS, after wading through much technical-ese, what the coal plant will give us is added traffic, added lights, added visual obstructions, more trees cut down, more trains, more particulates in the air, etc. All of which adds up to pollution where I'm from. And where I'm from, we're taught that carbon monoxide is poison.

The Northland doesn't want to be poisoned for the benefit of others, thank you very much.

Sincerely,
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