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Sir:

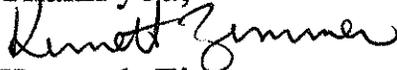
I am writing concerning the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Mesaba Energy Project proposed by Excelsior Energy Inc.

I reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement in our local library and found that there is no required plan/system to immediately capture and sequester the CO2 emissions from the plant. This lack of CO2 capture of thousands of tons of CO2 is a major failing of the project.

In addition, the energy required to ship the coal from the Powder River Basin, process it in Minnesota and then return the captured CO2 (if the CO2 were ever captured) back to North Dakota is an unnecessary energy wasting way to generate electricity.

The money used to build this plant and process dirty coal should be devoted to support and promote renewable energy, projects using solar, wind, and/or geo-thermal systems.

Thank you,



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