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Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Has Concerns in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Scoping Process

Fort Yates, ND – After the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) hosted Tribal and public hearings this week regarding the proposed Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) scoping process for the Dakota Access Pipeline, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe believes that the (USACE) is fast tracking the (EIS) scoping process as required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and seeks an extension of the public comment period due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. A formal request for an extension has been submitted to the USACE Omaha District by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. Written comments are an integral part in the scoping process. The comments submitted will demonstrate to the USACE that there exists an extensive list of issues that need to be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

We demand a true consultation here at Standing Rock. The proposed scoping does not address our concerns, which are essential to a complete, accurate and fair assessment of the risks the pipeline poses to Standing Rock, including the public's health and the local environment.

Energy Transfer Partners (ETP) remains in violation of the Minerals and Leasing Act and Rivers through the current operation of the pipeline without an easement or permit. Without a thorough and complete environmental review, ETP is not in compliance with NEPA and poses a significant threat and risk to, not only the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, but all the downriver communities and States. CEQ Guidance on Environmental Justice needs to be applied to the EIS process. PHMSA and NHPA Sect 106 violations by ETP need to be considered by USACE and result in the selection of "No Action" by USACE, shutting down the pipeline and ETP's complete remediation of the pipeline crossing.

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe encourages the public to become involved with the USACE's scoping process by submitting comments to the agency before the October 26th, 2020, deadline.

Comments and questions should be mailed to:

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