

Protests Spread Across the United States to Demand U.S. Army Reject Dakota Access Pipeline



Washington, November 17 (RHC)-- Actions have been held in hundreds of cities across the United States to protest the \$3.8 billion Dakota Access pipeline, which would carry crude from the Bakken oilfields of North Dakota through South Dakota, Iowa and Illinois.

The project has faced months of resistance from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, representatives of more than 200 Indigenous nations from across the Americas, as well as thousands of non-Native allies—all fearing a pipeline spill could contaminate the Missouri River, the drinking source for millions.

Protesters rallied from Vermont to California and dozens were arrested across the country. In Mandan, North Dakota, at least 25 people were arrested as hundreds blockaded a highway and access to one of the pipeline company's construction yards. Massive rallies were held in New York City, Los Angeles, San Francisco and in Washington, D.C.

Many of the actions targeted the offices of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which has so far refused to grant Energy Transfer Partners the final permit to drill underneath the Missouri River.

In a joint statement by the Army and the Interior Department released Monday, the Army announced:

"The Army has determined that additional discussion and analysis are warranted in light of the history of the Great Sioux Nation's dispossessions of lands."

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