

# CO2 PIPELINES | WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

There are multiple large-scale, multi-state CO2 pipeline networks being proposed in the Midwest by out-of-state corporations that aim to “capture” CO2 from a variety of industrial facilities. In Minnesota, the pipeline route currently crosses ten counties: **Chippewa, Cottonwood, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Martin, Otter Tail, Redwood, Renville, Wilkin, and Yellow Medicine Counties.**

## CO2 PIPELINES ARE:

### Destructive

The construction of pipelines can wreck soil structure, disrupt drain tile, and have other [serious and long-term impacts](#) on the integrity and productivity of agricultural land.

### Untested

The size and scale of these pipeline networks makes them the first of their kind.

### Hazardous

While the air we breathe contains small amounts of carbon dioxide (usually around 0.04%), [CO2 is an asphyxiant](#). Concentrations of 10% or more can produce unconsciousness or death.

### Risky

Piping CO2 through a pipeline must be done at very high pressures – 2-3x higher than a natural gas pipeline. At these pressures, a CO2 pipeline rupture can lead to a rapid, uncontrolled release of CO2 into the surrounding area, [posing a serious risk](#) to any people, animals or vegetation in the area.

## CO2 PIPELINE PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR MINNESOTA:

**Whose gain?** | The companies and their investors who want to build these pipelines stand to make billions. In exchange, they plan to give landowners and farmers one-time payments for permanent easements. Meanwhile, the economic and environmental burdens and safety [risks shift to the surrounding rural communities and taxpayers.](#)

**Selling snake oil** | The CO2 pipeline companies are making big claims about the benefits these projects will bring to rural communities—in taxes, employment, and economic growth. But beneath the surface [there is little substance to these promises.](#) Rural communities are used to big corporations coming into town and making promises they don't keep— will we be fooled again?

**Boondoggles** | The companies say we need these projects as a response to climate change. But these CO2 pipelines are not a real climate solution and [“capturing” CO2 is unproven](#) as an effective way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to combat climate change. They are also not economically workable without [massive public subsidies](#) (e.g. the 45Q tax credit) and do not change our underlying reliance on non-renewable energy. We need real solutions for our communities and the environment – not boondoggles that steal our time, money, and energy.

*“Their side [CO2 pipeline companies] says whatever they want and does whatever they want... They're pushing that this is going to be the salvation [for ethanol]. That's not true.”*

*- Richard McKean, an Iowa farmer who grows corn for ethanol ([The Guardian](#))*

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