



Counties Awarded Funds for Dust Study

McKenzie and Dunn counties have been awarded a grant by the Oil & Gas Research Council to study dust control measures. Each of the counties contributed \$110,000 to the study and the total study cost is \$440,000. Project participants will be working to test construction techniques and materials that have the best potential to control dust in the area. [Read the Dickinson Press story.](#)



Environmental Groups Sue to Stop TransCanada Pipeline

A lawsuit has been filed by environmental groups to try to stop the construction of the TransCanada Pipeline. In the lawsuit, the groups contend that approval for initial construction work was incorrectly given, as final federal approval for the project has yet to be issued. The lawsuit faults the US Fish and Wildlife Service for allowing partial clearing on a section of grasslands in Nebraska. TransCanada officials say that they are not guilty on any wrongdoing. [Read the Bismarck Tribune story.](#)



Fargo Companies Tout Products to Save Birds

Two Fargo-based companies are offering products they claim may help alleviate bird deaths in open air oil pits. Flock Buster offers a repellent-type product that has an unpleasant taste and smell for birds and Bird Bright is selling a type of ultraviolet paint aimed at preventing birds from landing in unwanted areas. The companies estimate that their products will cost \$10,000 per oil pit for application. [Read the Forum story.](#)



Foreign Journalists Tour the Bakken Formation

Journalists from Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Belgium and other countries toured the Bakken oil formation this week as part of a foreign press tour organized by the US Department of State. Tour participants met with state and oil industry officials and the Dakota Resource Council. They also gathered information on wind development in the state. [Read the Bismarck Tribune story.](#)



Calendar of Events



October 13-14	Bakken Oil Product & Service Show	Williston
October 28-29	Marketplace of Ideas	Bismarck
November 14-15	Great Plains Energy Expo	Bismarck
November 18-19	Prairie Energy & Carbon Teacher Training Institute	Grand Forks
January 24-26	2012 Energy Generation Conference	Bismarck



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