



GRE files for oil field waste pit

Great River Energy filed an application last week to the McLean County Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the conversion of its existing coal ash pit to an oil field waste pit. The hearing will be heard June 17. The coal ash pit for Great River Energy's Coal Creek Station power plant is located between Underwood and Washburn, N.D. [Read the story in the Bismarck Tribune.](#)

Oil refinery postponed

A decision on the land proposed for the Dakota Oil Processing refinery has been postponed by the Williams County Commission until its meeting in July. Dakota Oil is seeking to rezone land in Williams County from agriculture to industrial for its proposed refinery. Last year the commission changed rezoned a different plot of land for the refinery, but Mel Falcon with Dakota Oil said that the land no longer meets the need of the proposed refinery and the land owner raised the price 800 percent. [See the article in the Williston Herald.](#)

WBI proposes pipeline

WBI Energy, a subsidiary of MDU Resources Group, is planning a natural gas pipeline from western North Dakota to western Minnesota. The 400-mile system would be capable of transporting around 400 million cubic feet per day of natural gas and could expand depending on commitments. The pipeline would connect to Viking Gas Transmission Company pipeline system and cost approximately \$650-700 million. Commitments on the pipeline will be sought this summer, and if all goes as planned with permits and regulatory approvals, construction could start on the pipeline in early 2016. [See the Bakken Magazine article.](#)

ND continues progress with natural gas gathering

North Dakota Pipeline Authority Director Justin Kringstad said that over the next three years the state will see a drop in natural gas flaring as progress continues with new processing plants and pipelines that have come on-line and scheduled to be completed soon. With the existing plants and those scheduled to come online, the state will have capacity to process more than 1.4 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day by the end of 2015, enough capacity for all gas produced in North Dakota. However, Kringstad said that having capacity in the gathering lines to transport natural gas from the wellheads will still be a challenge. [See the article in the Prairie Business Magazine.](#)

Energy corridor concept to be studied

North Dakota legislators approved a study included in Senate Bill 2018 that would examine the feasibility of creating an energy corridor in the western part of the state. The "energy corridor" is a concept that would combine the right-of-way process along roadways for utilities, industry and landowners in one established corridor, instead of having each separate company work with landowners. According to Justin Dever, manager of the Department of Commerce's Centers of Excellence, the concept would benefit the state's Department of Transportation by preserving roads in the oil patch region of the state. [See the article in the Bismarck Tribune.](#)



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