

**DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE UNIT: RESOURCE SET 5: HANDOUT 3****ADDRESSING MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE<sup>1</sup>**

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**Addressing Misconceptions About the Dakota Access Pipeline**

Unfortunately, there are a number of misconceptions and falsities regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline that have been perpetuated by media outlets, bloggers, and social media accounts. Here are the facts:

- The Dakota Access Pipeline has not impacted groundwater in any of the four states through which it passes since going into service in June of 2017.
- The pipeline does not encroach or cross any land owned by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.
- The Dakota Access Pipeline is entirely underground and crosses under Lake Oahe at a minimum depth of 95 feet below the bottom of the riverbed.
- The Dakota Access Pipeline does not encroach on water supply; the Standing Rock Sioux's water intake has been moved to a location about 50 miles away from the pipeline.
- In August of 2018, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completed more than a year of additional study of the Dakota Access oil pipeline, saying the work substantiated its earlier determination that the pipeline poses no significant environmental threats.
- The Dakota Access Pipeline is one of the most technologically advanced and safest pipelines ever built. It surpasses federal safety requirements.

Notably, by contrast, rail cars transporting crude oil from wells owned by Native American Tribes currently cross the Standing Rock Sioux reservation without objection. Another pipeline has operated beneath Lake Oahe for more than 35 years.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.dapipelinefacts.com/About.html>

Key Facts

- ✓ The Dakota Access Pipeline does not enter or cross the Standing Rock reservation.
- ✓ The entire Dakota Access Pipeline is buried underground.
- ✓ The Dakota Access Pipeline is not a threat to the Tribe's water supply or cultural sites.
- ✓ Eight other pipelines cross Lake Oahe, including one that has safely operated for more than 30 years.
- ✓ The site where the Dakota Access Pipeline crosses the Missouri River is 70 miles from the new water supply inlet for the Standing Rock Sioux.
- ✓ The Dakota Access is one of the most technologically advanced and safest pipelines ever built. It is entirely underground and exceeds federal safety requirements.

The Dakota Access Pipeline is **Not** on Standing Rock Sioux Land

