



Summit Carbon Solutions isn't telling the truth about their CO2 pipeline projects.  
**Here's what you should know.**



**CO2 PIPELINE FACT CHECK:**

# Summit's latest communications tout pipeline progress **but stand in stark contrast to the facts on the ground.**

**Summit Carbon Solutions claims their pipeline project is embraced by landowners but communities throughout the Midwest overwhelmingly oppose CO2 pipelines.**

Several carbon dioxide pipeline projects have had permit applications rejected throughout the Midwest. After two years of efforts and hundreds of millions spent, Navigator CO2 Ventures has canceled its pipeline. Two others—Summit and Wolf—have seen state agencies recommend rejection or outright reject their permit applications, largely based on landowner and community opposition.

Both Summit and Wolf have stated they intend to re-file for permits after addressing various state agency concerns, **but the facts on the ground indicate vocal and insurmountable local resistance from communities to all dangerous carbon dioxide pipelines and "carbon capture" underground sequestration projects.**

**THE REAL NUMBERS**

**78%** of Iowans oppose the use of eminent domain for carbon pipelines

Des Moines Register poll: March 14, 2023

**68%** of Nebraskans oppose the use of eminent domain for private gain for pipelines

Change Research poll: March 2022

**17+** counties in Midwest states have passed or are working to pass ordinances to regulate or forbid CO2 pipelines

**1,000** Iowa land parcels have yet to be entered into any voluntary agreements with Summit

Des Moines Register poll: March 14, 2023

**44** counties, **30** cities and **24** local entities—such as school districts, water conservation districts, conservation boards, city development, central committees—have submitted formal objections to CO2 pipelines in Iowa

**Summit claims they're on the side of farmers—creating jobs, securing markets and helping the growth of rural communities— but the truth is they'll do anything to get control of private land for their own profit.**

**"This is an issue that anybody can look at and just see it's not right. It's not right to be giving away our land to a massive corporation while using our tax dollars to let them profit."**

EMMA , PIPELINE FIGHTERS ORGANIZER

- **198 Midwest landowners have been sued by Summit** to gain survey access to their land and/or to seek eminent domain authority to seize land without a state permit
- **Summit has sued multiple counties in IA and SD** over ordinances to regulate CO2 pipelines and is challenging state survey & amalgamation laws in North Dakota
- **Summit proposed a new route in North Dakota—** conveniently moving the pipeline off the land of many ND Easement Action Team members—but Bismark is still opposing Summit's new application and filed to participate as an intervenor, even though the route was moved.

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**Summit claims their carbon capture programming supports the economy and combats climate change, but multiple studies show carbon capture and storage to be a false (and costly) climate solution.**

Multiple studies show carbon capture and storage (CCS) to be a false climate solution. Now, a new report from Oxford is lifting the veil on the economic concerns facing the future of CCS technology. These papers highlight what we already know – a large-scale carbon capture buildout,

and the pipelines that would come with it, does not benefit everyday people, our pocketbooks, or our planet.

**Access the full report:**

**[PipelineFighters.org](https://PipelineFighters.org)** 



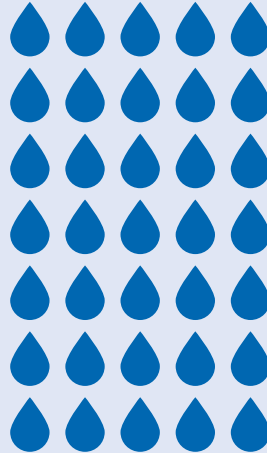
# One thing Summit's not talking about: the very real list of threats CO2 pipelines pose to the safety and well-being of Midwesterners and the environment.



Summit has withdrawn multiple permit requests with Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources due to



**Air Quality Concerns**



Iowa landowners are suing the Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources over approval of a permit allowing Summit to take

**55.9 million gallons** of water in Iowa

After public backlash, Summit withdrew an application for annual use of more than

**20 million gallons** in South Dakota



An NE county requested a certain pipeline depth under ditches and roads but so far, Summit has



**Failed to respond to safety requests**

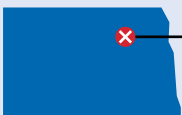


## A Disaster in Sartartia, Mississippi

**TWO ruptures occurred in 2020 on Denbury Corporation's pipeline—located 1 mile from the Mississippi town.**

- **300 people evacuated** during the 1st release on Feb. 22, 2020
- **45+ people hospitalized** with symptoms of unconsciousness, foaming at the mouth, difficulty breathing, disorientation, unable to effectively communicate, headaches, difficulty concentrating, and/or muscle tremors
- **31,407 barrels of CO2** released in 1st pipeline rupture
- **41,000 barrels of CO2** released in the 2nd pipeline rupture
- **\$2.9 million penalty** assessed against Denbury for the disaster, the U.S. federal regulators' second-largest penalty ever

In the aftermath of the Sartartia disaster, the U.S. Dept. of Transportation's PHMSA (Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration) also initiated a rulemaking for new CO2 pipeline safety standards, which are expected to be released sometime in 2024.



**NORTH DAKOTA**

Summit was denied 3-0 by the Public Service Commission—a historic victory in a state that has never denied a pipeline permit before.



**SOUTH DAKOTA**

Summit's failure to comply with county ordinances led the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission to deny Summit's permit application 3-0.



**NEBRASKA**

A bill to reform eminent domain policy is expected in 2024. 3 counties have tabled approval, citing too many open issues, other states denying permits, and lack of permit with the Army Corp of Engineers—one county is requiring 100% easements.

**Midwesterners keep saying "NO" to CO2 pipelines.**



**IOWA**

44 counties, 30 cities and 24 local entities have submitted formal objections to CO2 pipelines with the IUB.



**ILLINOIS**

Commerce Commission staff twice recommended permit rejection before Navigator canceled their project. Staff also recommend no applications be considered until the US has updated CO2 pipeline safety regulations.

While Summit Carbon Solutions is hard at work contriving their propaganda, communities are fighting to protect our land, our livelihoods, and our legacies.

**The Pipeline Fighters Hub provides education, training and experts to support local organizing.**

**Our Easement Teams are legal co-ops that allow landowners to share the costs of legal representation at state hearings in order to fight eminent domain seizure of their property.**

[PipelineFighters.org](https://PipelineFighters.org)

[IAeasement.org](https://IAeasement.org)

[NEeasement.org](https://NEeasement.org)

[NDeasement.org](https://NDeasement.org)

[SDeasement.org](https://SDeasement.org)

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**In the news**

**Defying the odds: Meet the attorney for 1,000 clients who beat two pipeline companies**

South Dakota Searchlight, Nov. 3, 2023

**On carbon pipelines, regular Iowans are winning some rounds against powerful ag interests**

Des Moines Register Editorial, Nov. 6, 2023

**Illinois farmers and environmentalists celebrate the defeat of \$3 billion CO2 pipeline: 'We have thrown so many stones at Goliath'**

Chicago Tribune, Nov. 8, 2023