
Energy, Environment, Economics, and Ethics

— **Global Issues Docket #1** —

Issue A: Oil Pipeline Project

An oil pipeline project has been proposed by investors in your state. You must decide whether to fund or decline the project. The pipeline will cost 100 capital points to construct. Pipeline operation will create significant job growth across the region, which will generate 20 extra CP's in economic productivity *per unit* (roughly 6-8 units remaining). Additionally, the pipeline will provide the state economy a steady supply of oil for the rest of the year. Not only will this supply help to advance infrastructural development, but there will be no further need to acquire oil from other states. The downside (apart from the cost): The pipeline runs through indigenous lands and violates sacred ground. There are also significant oil pollution risks. Your government must evaluate profits (economic growth) and principles (protecting the rights of native peoples and safeguarding the environment) as you consider a decision.

Case Study: The Dakota Pipeline (DAPL)

1. TIME: [What's behind the DAPL controversy?](#)
2. Newsela: [Native Americans fight oil pipeline project](#)
3. DAPL Planners: [Dakota Pipeline Access Facts](#)
4. NPR (audio): [Oil spill from *other older* Dakota pipeline nearby](#)
5. CBC News: ["We must kill the black snake!"](#)
6. Film scene from *Apocalypto*: ["A man sat alone"](#)
7. AJ+ News (video): [On the front lines of the DAPL protests](#)
8. Vox News (video): [Victory for DAPL water-defenders?](#)
9. National Geographic News: [These are the water protectors](#)
10. CNN News: [President Trump advances US pipeline projects](#)

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