the subsoil drainage patterns and results in seeps and water boils along the pipeline. Installation of tile drains will be needed to correct such drainage problems.

Noxious weeds and invasive species are also a concern with pipeline construction. Constitution will need to develop a plan to control the spread of noxious weeds and invasive species in agricultural areas.

Finally, a number of farms have transitioned to organic farming in recent years. It will be important to identify such farms along the proposed pipeline route. Constitution representatives will need to discuss with organic farmers what construction and restoration measures will be necessary for the farmers to maintain their organic certification.

I hope this information is helpful. The Department will provide more specific comments as the proposed route becomes more refined.

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