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DOA Statement on West Shore Pipeline's Decision Not to Rebuild

Madison – Following an open season, the West Shore Pipeline Company has notified the state that they will not replace a pipeline for gasoline and other products servicing northeast Wisconsin. Since the closure of the 110 mile segment of the West Shore Pipeline in March 2016, the state has worked with local officials and industry leaders to maintain an adequate fuel supply in the region.

"In light of this announcement, the state will continue to work with our partners to assist the industry in developing long-term, market-based solutions to manage an adequate fuel supply for the region at a reasonable price for consumers," Secretary Scott Neitzel said. "We'd like to thank our partners for their continued efforts to limit the impact of this pipeline's closure on citizens in the region."

Since the pipeline's initial closure, Governor Walker directed the Department of Administration, the Public Service Commission, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Natural Resources to lead the state's efforts to work with local, state, and industry leaders to keep the area well supplied at reasonable prices for consumers.

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