



# **DAPL SITREP 128**

January 18, 2017



# The Highlights

The activists in ND were at it again on North Bridge last night. They cut wire and destroyed the barricade again while mostly respecting the limit of advance (a few crossed the barricade but did not advance past the bridge head). LE/NG refrained from engaging the protesters, but were positioned to hold the line in case the protesters began to break through the barricade in large numbers. Protesters elsewhere continue to gripe about getting the Obama administration to force USACE to start the EIS before leaving office and continued coordination on social media with other pipeline protests throughout the US.

# The Details

# 1. NORTH DAKOTA

### i. Intel Update

- a. Pattern analysis confirmed use of misdirection strategies by protestors. They are using direct action at North Bridge as a distraction from fast moving elements along the southern and eastern approaches to HDD-W. OP3 predicted this movement and remained vigilant.
- b. Protestors seem concerned with LE/NG staging and movement as they predict the clearing of Camp 2 will occur in the very near future.
- c. Leadership within Camp 2 is fractured with a split between direct action agitators and peaceful occupiers.

#### ii. Past 24 Hours

- a. Protesters escorted a native elder to North Bridge from Camp 2 and later to the stump located southwest of OP3.
- b. Approximately 50 protesters conducted several large direct actions targeting different areas around HDD-W. On North Bridge, they removed wire and damaged the barricade in the afternoon and then again in the late evening after LE had made repairs. The protesters outnumbered LE in the late evening feud even though LE had issued a 100 mile Code Red and had begun calling in day shift officers. Two individuals were arrested during the afternoon altercation, but none in the evening.
- c. LE gave significant ground during both actions, allowing protestors to infiltrate across the barricade. LE did not follow through on orders to the protesters to move away from LE lines or be arrested. The protestors celebrated a victory after NG/LE pulled back from the bridge and allowed the destruction of the barricade. This most likely led to a boost in protester confidence and led to the second direct action and sabotage of North bridge defenses after midnight. The second action was significantly more organized and the protestors were bolder in their actions.

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- d. HDD-W updates: AP2 rewired, elevated perimeter security posture to Amber due to action on North Bridge.
- e. HDD-E updates: discussed trigger line assessments for measured response, relayed information to crews about evacuation procedures in the event of a direct threat.

#### iii. Next 24 Hours

- Conduct damage assessment on perimeter and reestablish physical security measures lost due to continued protester actions at North Bridge and Turtle Hill.
- Continue security efforts at HDD-W, HDD-E, valve sites and Mandan Municipal Airport.

# 2. lowA

### Intel Update

a. Protesters made a FB event urging people to call members of the Obama Administration over the next several days to request another EIS to prevent further work and help their pending IUB lawsuit:

#### ii. Past 24 Hours

- a. Continued static security at the Cambridge Pump Station.
- b. Conducted threat assessment of the Cambridge Pump Station.

#### iii. Next 24 Hours

- a. Continue to perform static security the Cambridge Pump Station.
- b. Conduct valve site verification and completion inspections.

# 3. ILLINOIS

#### i. Intel Update

- a. The fencing around the Patoka Pipe yard is nearly complete. The pipe yard has likely been the most surveilled location on the IL ROW and has been mentioned by Diamond Pipeline and Memphis protesters as a potential target.
- Chicago activists continue their focus on the call-in protests slated for 18 and 20JAN while coordinating on social media with various other pipeline protests across the country.

#### ii. Past 24 Hours

a. Continued security posture review...

#### iii. Next 24 Hours

a. Continue evaluation of valve sites (210-300).

### 4. SOUTH DAKOTA

i. Intel Update

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a. No significant intelligence to report.

# ii. Past 24 Hours

a. Personnel in static positions maintained Redfield Pump Station security, while remaining personnel acted as QRF.

# iii. Next 24 Hours

- a. Security will continue static guard at the Redfield Pump Station.
- b. Current PM will begin handoff of duties to incoming PM.