

From: [linda fadem](#)
To: [MN_COMM Pipeline Comments](#)
Subject: Line 3 Pipeline
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 12:01:37 PM

I urge the Pipeline Commission to reject this latest destructive pipeline that will serve no purpose whatsoever but to further destroy the environment, harm native peoples and mindlessly contribute to global warming. It is regressive and backward. The future is green energy and I urge the Commission to put a stop to it.

Thank you very much.

Linda Fadem

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Mary Fahlstrom <mary.fahlstrom@totinograce.org>
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 10:51 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Money Money and more money

Dear Department of Commerce,

Thank you for your time! I don't know if you've lived in northern Minnesota...perhaps you have and know the beauty already, but incase you haven't, I would like to testify how it has been a sanctuary for me and my family. Our ancestors live near Beauty Lake, an "alternate route" for line 3. Our livelihood and well being coincides with the wild cone flowers and the peace of the lake at sunset.

Whether this pipeline chooses an alternate route or not, livelihoods of both humans and animals would be negatively affected. It is my hope that 1. the original pipeline that is leaking be removed or fixed or "monitored" for several years and 2. a strong environmental 'draft' would be implemented. This massive project would affect 5,443 acres and require 172 NEW roads, and double the number of Enbridge pipeline surface water crossings, including two more Mississippi river crossings.

I strongly oppose this pipeline and look forward to your environmental protective actions in the future.

Sincerely,

Mary Fahlstrom

CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Mary Fahlstrom | Spanish Teacher
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*A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher. **41**Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but fail to notice the beam in your own eye? **42**How can you say, 'Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,' while you yourself fail to see the beam in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the beam out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. Luke 6: 40-42*

SUPPORT THE LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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Line 3 Replacement Project DEIS

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Docket numbers: CN-14-916 PPL-16-137

Jamie MacAlister
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From: [Emilie Falc](#)
To: [MN COMM Pipeline Comments](#)
Subject: CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 4:24:51 PM

I am writing about my concerns of the environmental impact of Enbridge's Line 3 through northern Minnesota. My main concern is that the whole of the scientific evidence of the harms caused by the fossil fuel industry indicates that all of our future funding for energy should go toward building a sustainable future using renewable resources, not oil, which when burned is a main contributor to global warming, increased flooding, polar ice melting, and sea level rise. We need to protect our land and water from contamination from oil spills. Another main concern is that big corporations with help from the local governments should not be allowed to bulldoze or rape the land for their greed in opposition to the wishes of the Chippewa tribes. Consider the importance of bringing together the voices of the elders, the farmers, the outdoorsmen and women, the scientists and the children so that we can see the beauty of a system in balance, not a system headed towards the brink.

Emilie Falc
Winona, MN

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I Support the pipe line

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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: dennis farah <dbfarah@frontiernet.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 5:01 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Line 3 Replacement CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

I fully agree a replacement line is needed as long as protection of leaks are contained or line shut downs automatic if detected to eliminate hazards to our environment or a fund is set up to deal with this issue if problems or failure of line issue. It is much safer then trucking or rail and i feel as long as it is done right with protections in place that don't have to go to litigation and bankrupt city or county or state entity's with a set aside fund this ensure's clean up is done as soon asap

Sincerely,

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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Brenda <bleehanson@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 08, 2017 7:26 AM
To: Pipeline.Comments@state.mn.us.
Subject: Enbridge

Let's get on with the future of keeping Earth, it's people, animals and nature alive.

If we continue on as we are there is no future, there will be no clean, water, air or healthy people. It's insane.

Take the old pipeline out, clean up and invest your money on energy that is sustainable and good for all life.

It's that simple, we are on the road to destruction in the hands of the greedy rich who will not see the light.

I want to see life go on and people to awaken to reality.

Sincerely invested in "NO MORE RAPING OF EARTH FOR FOSSIL FUELS."

Brenda Lee Faber
Motley MN

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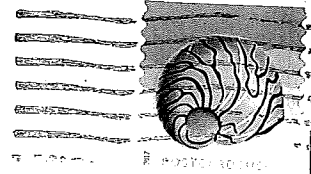
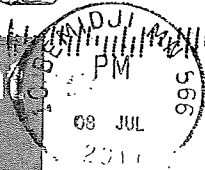
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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Andrea Fazendin <andrea.faz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:12 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Docket Number CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Good afternoon,

I am writing with my comments to express concern over the relocation and expansion of the DAPL Line 3. CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

I have been following the project and the background information.

I have objections to the pipeline for a myriad of reasons:

- The data the EIS relies on is heavily provided by Enbridge, rather than a non-biased source.
- I believe that clean drinking water is imperative to life as we know it. A recent example of a spill near the Yellowstone River necessitated trucking in drinking water to the town of Glendive after over 50,000 gallons of oil leaked into the water there. This is a real possibility and could harm residents and animals.
- The 3 children that are my everything (pictured below) LOVE playing in the clean Minnesota lakes. There is so much history to the lakes in Minnesota, and access to water is a key thread in the fabric of our state. It can not be jeopardized by this pipeline and I urge you to consider protecting it.



Thank you for your consideration.

Andrea

Please provide your contact information. This information and your comments will be publicly available.

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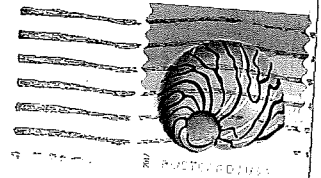
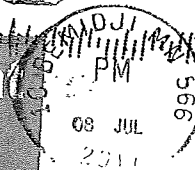
Please share your comments on the Line 3 Project Draft EIS. What could be improved in the EIS? What is missing?

I Approve the project and the EIS.

If including additional pages please number them and tell us how many you are providing: _____ pages

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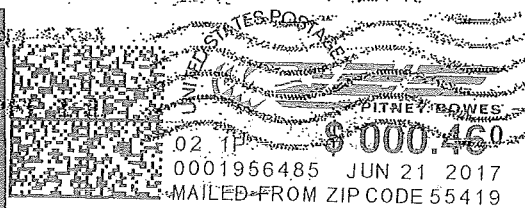
Enbridge is my neighbor ~~literally~~ literally. It is a huge economic supporter of my community. It is also potential work for me and my family. I support the Line 3 Replacement Project.

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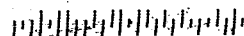
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I SUPPORT THE LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Catherine FERGUSON <penelope2413@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2017 6:54 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Public Comment Re: Docket CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Sir and/or Madam

Safety of our waters is of the utmost importance in Minnesota. Citizens and property owners comply with many laws to keep our lakes and rivers clean. Enbridge needs to comply also! This is our water-water is life!!! Here are facts related to this route and past history so expertly shared from Friends of Headwaters:

This route jeopardizes Minnesota's natural resources. The map on the right and the ones below clearly shows how Enbridge's proposed route (white line) traverses our best quality lakes, rivers, wetlands and forest ecosystems. Friends of the Headwaters (FOH) is NOT anti-pipelines. FOH has long advocated for alternative route SA-04 (light blue line) which avoids our cleanest water resources and crosses land less permeable and better suited for pipelines.

The risks posed by Enbridge's proposed route are many:

1. - This pipeline route crosses the clearest lakes area in MN based on the Census of Water Clarity (U of MN Water Resources Center).
2. - This pipeline route crosses an area with the highest susceptibility for groundwater contamination impacting drinking water aquifers (MPCA map).
3. - The pipeline route crosses the wild rice lakes area. According to the DNR, MN supplies 50% of the worlds hand-picked rice annually.
4. - The pipeline route crosses wetlands critical to waterfowl and other wildlife (DNR).
5. - The proposed route would cross 8 state forests (including the Mississippi Headwaters SF), 3 wildlife management areas, 13 trout streams (including the Straight River), as well as the North Country Trail.
6. - Line 3 would cross the Mississippi River twice in Minnesota. This river is a valuable source of drinking water for many cities on its 2,552-mile journey to the Gulf of Mexico, including Minneapolis and St Paul. 3.8 million gallons of water flow from Lake Itasca into the headwaters every day.
7. **A few more facts:**
 - - The corridor will be covered with snow and ice for the long winter season. The Poplar pipeline spill (31,000 gallons) in the Yellowstone River in January of 2015 caused drinking water problems in Glendive, Montana. Clean up had to be postponed until spring. Imagine the effects of a similar spill in our Mississippi.

- PER DAY, this pipeline will carry 760,000 barrels of Alberta tar sand oil, also called "dilbit", the industry name for diluted bitumen - also known as "Cold Lake Blend". Don't be fooled. It's still tar sands oil. That's almost 32,000,000 gallons/day through our headwaters.

- Enbridge's pipeline spill of 850,000 gallons of tar sands oil in Michigan in 2010 polluted nearly 35 miles of the Kalamazoo River and has become one of the costliest spills (\$1.2 Billion) in US history.

- The National Academy of Sciences Report on Diluted Bitumen (Tar Sands Oil) final finding is "diluted bitumen is virtually impossible to clean out of a water-based environment". **WHY? BECAUSE IT SINKS!**



FRIENDS OF THE HEADWATERS

ENBRIDGE'S PROPOSED LINE 3 EXPANSION & RELOCATION TAR SANDS OIL PIPELINE ROUTE

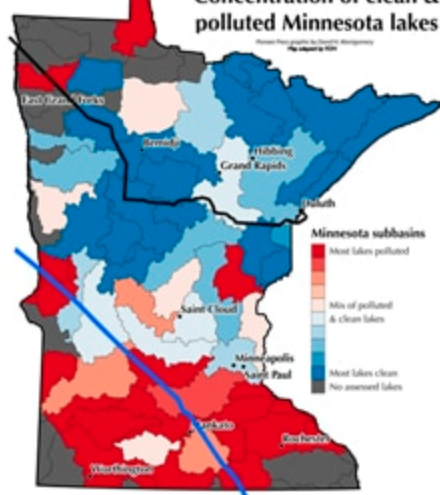
"Could THEY have picked a worse route?"

Friends of the Headwaters Mission:

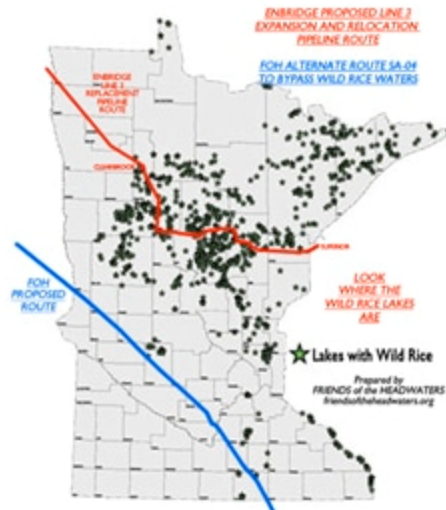
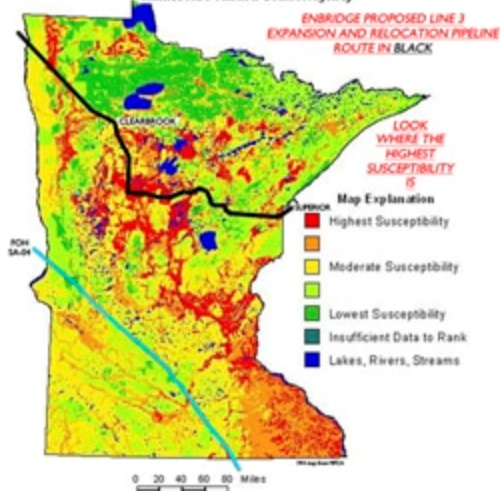
To inform and educate persons to the environmental risks to Minnesota waters from a proposed oil pipeline which will jeopardize the Mississippi River Headwaters, many other lakes and streams and wild rice wetlands in northern Minnesota. FOH won a unanimous Minnesota Appellate Court ruling, upheld by the Minnesota Supreme Court, ordering the state of Minnesota to conduct the first environmental impact study, EIS, on a crude oil pipeline in Minnesota history. This is a landmark decision for MN environmental law.

To learn more, visit www.facebook.com/tavernississippiheadwaters
To keep our water blue, donate at www.friendsoftheheadwaters.org
Or POBox 583, Park Rapids, MN 56470

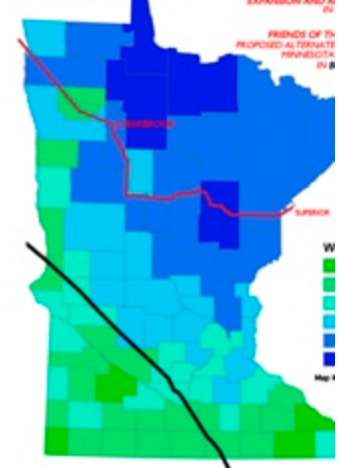
Friends of the Headwaters FOH Alternate Route (SA-04) vs Enbridge Line 3 Expansion and Relocation proposed pipeline



Ground Water Contamination Susceptibility in Minnesota Minnesota Pollution Control Agency



Friends of the Headwaters Minnesota Wetlands Map



Thank you for this opportunity to share - our water is our future, water is life!
Catherine Ferguson
Sent from my iPhone

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Mary Fernstrum <maryfernstrum@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2017 8:15 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: I find the Endbrige pipe line not only unacceptable, but a crime against the planet

During pipeline construction and maintenance, Enbridge plans to store and apply petroleum products and hazardous chemicals 100 feet from surface waters.

This is an unacceptable risk to MN waters. For comparison, the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness rule for protecting water is to keep dish soap 150 feet from shore.

Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) will be used to cross under our most pristine, most sensitive waters, and anywhere there is flowing water, which describes most of the route. The potential exists for contamination through release of drilling fluid to the ground and/or water, termed a "frac-out." The DEIS cites a 35 mile section of Enbridge pipeline in Michigan where there were 11 HDD crossings, multiple minor releases and 2 major frac-outs. MN will not accept the risk of a frac-out every 5.5 river crossings.

Risk from Line 3 is in conflict with several of our Minnesota Statutes:

1. MN Statute 103F.305 Scenic River Protection Policy

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=103F.305>

2. MN Statute 116D.02 Declaration of State Environmental Policy

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=116d.02>

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: rsferrin@frontiernet.net
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 12:39 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Line 3 Draft EIS comments
Attachments: Line3CommentsRSF2.pdf

Greetings,

Attached are my comments on the Line 3 Draft EIS. Please include these comments in your consideration of the adequacy of the DEIS. A confirmation email that indicates you received these comments would be appreciated.

Thank you.

Randy S. Ferrin

Randy S. Ferrin
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July 7, 2017

Jamie MacAlister, Environmental Review Manager
Minnesota Department of Commerce
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Dear Jamie,

I am writing to express my deep concerns about the Draft EIS preferred route for the Enbridge Line 3 pipeline. You have been and will be receiving detailed comments from many parties about what is so terribly wrong with the preferred route, so I will just summarize my concerns. The proposed route crosses an incredible area of sensitive natural and cultural resources. The pipeline will be transporting a highly toxic, impossible to clean up material, in remote areas where containment and clean-up will be difficult if not impossible. It crosses near wild rice beds, sensitive fish habitat, wetlands, drinking water supplies, forest lands, wildlife management areas, clear clean lakes, streams, and rivers. Tribal concerns about the route must be fully addressed. I urge you to reject this route and seek an alternate route that has far fewer potential impacted natural and cultural resources. Please expand the Draft EIS to include other suggested routes because this one would lead to, by far, the worst possible consequences. Minnesota stands to sacrifice incredible resources for the gain of a private Canadian company. Please do not let that happen.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,
Randy S. Ferrin

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Mr. & Mrs. Michelle Figgins <smfiggins@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 2:30 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Pipeline Project

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

We need the pipeline to go through as it so helps the economy and people spend when there is good paying jobs. The pipeline is also safer than by rail and the pipeline companies do a very nice job in clean up and making sure the land is better than what they found it.

Sincerely,

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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Greg Filice <filic001@umn.edu>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 10:14 AM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Line 3, Enbridge

I oppose the construction of a new replacement pipeline to replace line 3.

First, to create a new corridor and expose new environmentally sensitive areas to oil spills seems incredibly short sighted. If the old line needs to be replaced, I think doing it in the old corridor makes more sense.

Second and more importantly, we should be using every means available to move away from fossil fuels because they contribute to global warming. This is the existential crisis of our century. The evidence is clear, the planet is warming because of CO₂ and other greenhouse gases. More pipelines means that market forces will favor use of fossil fuels. The US may withdraw from the Paris Accord, but all reasonable, intelligent US citizens and their leaders should still aim for the reductions in greenhouse gases that we agreed to when we joined the Paris Accord.

Sincerely and respectfully,

Greg Filice

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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Patricia Fillmore <psondag@charter.net>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 3:35 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Enbridge pipeline inquiry

My thanks to Jamie Mac Alister and staff for the enormous amount of time and details you have amassed in regard to the Enbridge/Canadian Pipeline, both past and present.

Comments:

1 - Enbridge needs to remove the old pipeline to show "good will and care" for Minnesota lands. Their excuses show their unwillingness to care for and about our environment: rivers like the Mississippi where St. Cloud gets its drinking water, lakes, streams, forests, wild life, fish, birds, and humans. If Enbridge is unwilling to remove the old and decaying pipeline which will only continue to pollute, they exhibit no concern for our environment in general or in Minnesota. Why work with those who trash and leave! (So it's hard, deal with it. Even as a child, I was taught to clean up my mess before starting another.)

2 - Their "tar sands oil" are the least desirable form of oil that exists; Minnesota is too smart to encourage this form of oil, especially with all your outstanding facts about its destructive properties. Both sides admit they leak and their notification system is weak at best.

3 - Minnesota needs to appreciate and cooperate with our Native Americans, especially as they look for ways to work with our environment, not destroy. This oil is Toxic!

4 - It's Canadian Oil and they can run their pipes through Canada, directly to Lake Superior. Are we really so gullible that we don't see the irony in destroying our land while the Canadians keep theirs clean?

In regard to Certificate of Need:

There is no economic need from Minnesota for this proposed enlarged pipeline. In fact, it threatens 17, 250 jobs in tourism.

This project is not in the best interest of the people of Minnesota.

Sincerely,

Pat Fillmore St.Cloud,Mn

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Cynthia Finch <cfinch0340@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 2:47 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Line 3 Replacement CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

I have had the privilege of living, playing and working in Minnesotan for over 40 years. Like other residents, I want our environment protected.

Replacing aging infrastructure like pipelines is imperative to protecting the environment.

A recent report released by the MPCA shows the Mississippi River Watershed has the cleanest waters in the state.

I believe energy infrastructure and clean waters can co-exist and well serve the needs of Minnesotans.

Sincerely,

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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: sally fineday <sallyfineday@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 2:31 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Comment Attached
Attachments: Pipeline Comment Jul 2017.pdf

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment. My comment is attached.

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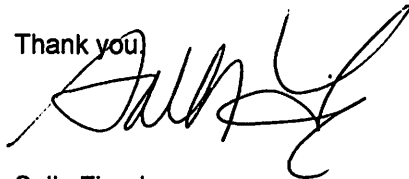
RE: docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

I wish to express my adversity to the proposed Enbridge Pipeline 3 crossing the Mississippi River so close to our most valuable water resource - the Mississippi Headwaters. My concern is for the valuable clean drinking water that is provided to all citizens downstream of the Mississippi headwaters. This water has supplied my region since time immemorial with sustenance for my wild rice, water fowl, game, and life supporting drinking water.

It is time to make plans for the future that will sustain our people of this region for many generations to come. Please do not allow the proposed Pipeline 3 from passing through so much of our valuable water and land resources.

Please consider another plan to go south of the most valuable water source in our region. If the Enbridge proposed Line 3 must pass through then allow it to go through on an alternate route SA-04 where land is less permeable.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sally Fineday', written over the 'Thank you,' text.

Sally Fineday

From: [Harry Fisher](#)
To: [MN COMM Pipeline Comments](#)
Subject: Attn: Jamie MacAllister Environmental Review Manager
Date: Friday, June 09, 2017 10:41:33 AM

Attn: Jamie MacAllister Environmental Review Manager

I strongly agree that Enbridge be allowed to replace Line 3! But under the following conditions:

Reuse or recycle-old-right of way good land use policy should not allow the clearing of over 12,000 acres of new right-of-way. Environmental impact would be minimized both upland and wet land by using the original Line 3 right-of-way.

Also, I believe the old pipe should not be left in the ground. Ideally, new pipe could be placed in the old trench.

Granted this may be more expensive, but saving in clearing cost and access to right-of-way will save money. Increased volumes through the pipe will help defray cost.

Harry E. Fisher
Duluth, MN

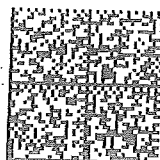
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COMMENTS

Replace before it fails!

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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Ann Flick <annmflick@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 9:26 AM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Concerns regarding safety for our water ways have not been sufficiently addressed. Please do not let the pipeline proceed.

Ann Flick
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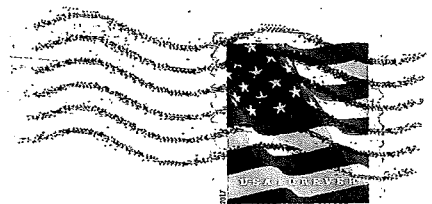
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From: John Forney <jwforney@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2017 10:58 AM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Public Comment: Line 3 Project (CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137)

Environmental Review Manager: pipeline.comments@state.mn.us

Public Comment: Line 3 Project (CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137)

I am a very concerned citizen of the State of Minnesota. My residence is in the northern portion of Crow Wing County in the Pine River Watershed on Lower Whitefish Lake in the Whitefish Chain of Lakes. The proposed route for Line 3 crosses through the Pine River Watershed a few miles from my home. I am concerned that there has not been a complete review of the potential negative impacts of an oil spill from this proposed pipeline route in this geographic area.

A great deal of examination has been done relative to the impact of a spill on surface waters. The negative consequences of a spill into surface waters are unacceptable. A spill of even modest size will do immense harm to our waters — a God given gift to the present generation and future generations that is irreplaceable. In addition, a spill will impact wildlife, the tourism economy, the general economy, and the way of life of residents in this area. I share the concern about the negative impact on surface waters as a former president of the Whitefish Area Property Owners Association, the largest lake property owners association in the State of Minnesota. The responsibility of the State of Minnesota is to protect the interests of the people of Minnesota.

My particular interest in this environmental review is the **potential impact of a pipeline spill on the ground water**. There appears to be some review of this issue in the draft document but the complete issue is not covered. Following are the key points:

- > Enbridge has a history of many oil spills which have ranged from small to catastrophic. They do not have a good track record. Enbridge was responsible for the catastrophic heavy crude oil spill in Michigan that impacted the area near the Muskegon River. They average multiple spills weekly.
- > Enbridge intends to transport heavy crude oil in the proposed pipeline (estimated to be 65%).
- > In order to pump heavy crude oil, it must be diluted.
- > One of the dilution chemicals is benzene which is a known carcinogenic substance.
- > The vast majority of the residents of the area near the proposed pipeline route get their drinking water directly from private wells/ground water.
- > The ground water is in a relatively shallow aquifer that is primarily sand based (not rock or clay). Water migrates easily in this sandy soil; so too would an oil spill with benzene.
- > The *Geological Atlas of Crow Wing County, Minnesota* prepared for the county by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources indicate that the foliage of water in the aquifer under and near the proposed pipeline flows directionally from northeast of the Whitefish Chain of Lakes to the southwest — from the Remer and Emily areas to the Whitefish area of Crow Wing County. [*Geological Atlas of Crow Wing County, Minnesota, Atlas C-16, Part B, Plate 7 of 10, Figures 2, 3, and 4*]
- > In analyzing water from the aquifer in this part of the state, it has been determined that there is no evidence of radioactive isotopes (Tritium) that are found in the waters of other aquifers in other parts of the United States. These radioactive isotopes are the result of nuclear testing in the middle of the 20th century. The fact that the radioactive isotopes are not present means there is a great deal of water in the aquifer and it is very stable. It also suggests that the impact of an oil spill could taint the waters in this area for many, many years to come with benzene and other dangerous chemicals. [*Geological Atlas of Crow Wing County, Minnesota, Atlas C-16, Part B, Plate 7 of 10, Figures 2*]
- > Oil spills in other areas of the world have introduced benzene into the ground water/drinking water and made it unfit for human consumption. (See: Lanzhou, China (capital of northwestern Gansu Province, April, 2014 impacting 2.4 million people and Yellowstone River, Montana, 2015) Net: Benzene can adversely impact ground water/drinking water and pose a severe health risk to those who consume it.

Based on this information, I ask that there be further study and analysis of the risk from a crude oil spill with benzene as a diluent into the sandy soils covering the aquifer in northern Crow Wing County and the neighboring portion of Cass County. I believe the pipeline would present a potential and serious threat to the health and well-being of the residents in this area. It would also be extremely damaging to the economy of the area and the potential damage would destroy the small economic gain that Enbridge suggests would result from the pipeline. Finally, the challenge and cost of remediation of the damage to the ground water would be very difficult and expensive to both government and private interests.

I am opposed to the proposed route for the Line 3 pipeline. There appear to be alternate routes that would not be impacted as much as the proposed route. The base driver of this proposed route is greed. And it will cost Minnesota dearly.

Sincerely,

John Forney

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COMMENTS

Do it

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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Dean Forsythe <dean.forsythe@enbridge.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 3:52 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Line 3 Replacement CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

I am a Minnesotan and want to see the environment protected like most others.

I believe replacing aging infrastructure like pipelines is imperative to protecting the environment.

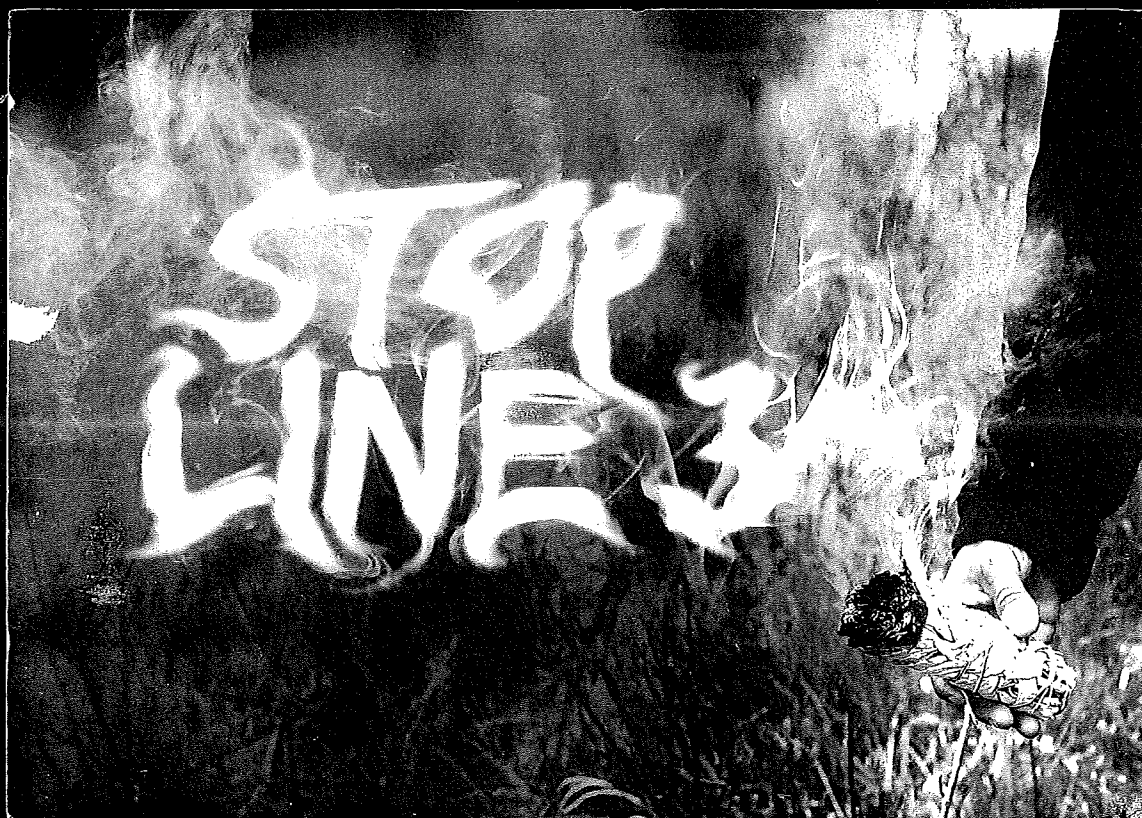
Pipelines are everywhere in Minnesota, according to the Environmental Quality Board's report. I'm familiar with pipeline right of ways in northern Minnesota around Bemidji, Grand Rapids, Cass Lake and Alexandria. Pipelines and natural resources have gone hand-in-hand in northern Minnesota for decades.

Enbridge has worked hard to address specific concerns raised by landowners along the Preferred Route. More than 95% of the private landowners have signed voluntary easements with Enbridge, and Enbridge has modified the Preferred Route based on public comments/landowner feedback. These efforts to minimize impacts and address landowner feedback should be better reflected in the FEIS.

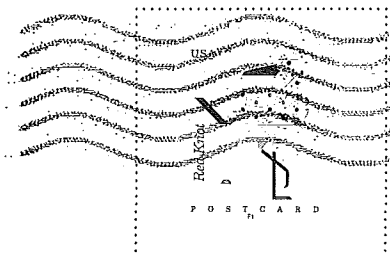
As a resident of northern Minnesota, I've watched the regulatory process for more than 2 years for the Line 3 Replacement Project. I feel there has been ample time for public comment and urge the Department of Commerce to move the process forward to replace Line 3. No further time or study is needed to evaluate the environmental impacts due to the thorough and well-prepared EIS. Please keep the EIS timeline to the statutory deadline of 280 days.

Sincerely,

Dean L. Forsythe
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DEAR DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINNEAPOLIS MN 553
PLEASE INCLUDE THIS COMMENT ON THE DEIS FOR
LINE 3 IN DOCKETS CN-14-916 AND PPL-15-137 JUL 2017 PM 4:1



I oppose the line 3
pipeline and encourage
the public utilities commission
and the department of
commerce and to who else
it may concern to oppose
this pipeline. This is a
danger to our water and
in violation of native rights.
please put our water and our
people above the interests of the pipeline companies

SINCERELY,

Helen Forsythe



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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Joe Foss <josephrfoss@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 12:09 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Re: CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Re: CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

I am writing to express my opposition to Enbridge Energy's proposed Line 3 tar sands oil pipeline through Minnesota. I appreciate the opportunity to submit public testimony.

There are many concerns I have about the proposed pipeline. My understanding of the draft EIS is that it states that the pipeline would have a climate change cost of \$287 billion dollars in just 30 years according to a new State of MN environmental study. Of course, climate change and the feedback loops it creates mean that carbon and methane will continue to warm the planet beyond that 30 year time frame. In 2007, the Minnesota legislature understood that we have a need to decisively reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Facilitating the extraction of more tar sand oil through the building of larger pipelines capacity sets us in the opposite direction.

Secondly, I'm concerned that Enbridge proposes to build a brand new pipeline called Line 3 while abandoning an existing pipeline in place hundreds of miles away — essentially letting the old line rot in the ground, regardless of whether landowners would like it there.

Third, the proposed new three-foot-diameter steel pipeline would cross some of the best wild rice lakes in the world to carry Canadian oil to out-of-state markets. The dirty tar sands oil Enbridge plans to ship has a global warming impact far greater than standard crude.

In conclusion, the draft EIS already shows that Enbridge's pipeline would bring an extraordinary climate change cost to society, disturb the most wild rice lakes and areas of biodiversity out of all the options studied, and "add to the negative mental, spiritual, and physical health impacts already disproportionately suffered by American Indian populations." Governor Dayton has recently committed Minnesota to stepping up to take international climate action after the current administration withdrew from the Paris agreement. This pipeline's approval is entirely up to the Dayton administration and the PUC.

Please deny Enbridge's request to build Line 3.

Sincerely,
Joe Foss
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Fridley, MN 55112
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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Bonnie Fox <bonnief7@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2017 7:50 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Line 3 comments

The merits of the Enbridge Line 3 replacement project should be evaluated in the context of greater regional and global climate change mitigation goals. This pipeline, designed to carry tar sands crude, will have an outsized environmental impact due to the labor intensive tar sands extraction and refining process, and the diluent requirements that would make spills harder to clean up. Furthermore, the effects of changing climate that we're already witnessing in Minnesota will have a negative impact on pipeline stability and longevity. Freeze/thaw cycles are changing, extreme weather events are more common, and average precipitation amounts are increasing in much of the state. Parts of Minnesota are getting 15% more rain now than in the 60's. Have changing weather patterns been factored into longevity estimates and clean-up estimates?

Additionally, the economic benefits of this pipeline for Minnesotans are dubious at best. There is a worldwide glut of oil from more cost effective extraction and distribution points. In the face of increased global production how can we be assured that Exxon Mobil and Enbridge will support ongoing Canadian production and distribution and associated pipeline maintenance? Pipeline abandonment is huge concern that must satisfactorily addressed.

While the US currently lags behind the rest of the world in recognizing climate change as an existential threat, political and social pressure associated with continued denial will undoubtedly continue to mount. If and when there is a backlash against the dirtiest fossil fuels and the companies that market them, Minnesotans should be very concerned about being left holding the bag (or pipeline in this case) should Enbridge and Exxon Mobile's fortunes fade.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Fox
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COMMENTS

THE REPLACEMENT WILL ENSURE THE
SAFE TRANSPORT OF PRODUCT, AND THE LINE
NEEDS TO BE REPLACED DUE TO THE
AGE OF THE EXISTING LINE. THE REPLACEMENT
OF LINE 3 WILL BE BENEFICIAL TO
THE ENVIRONMENT.

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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Darlene Freeman <darmae3@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:34 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Cc: Darlene Freeman
Subject: Reuse line 3

I was an employee at Itasca Community College when the spill occurred on the line by the college. It was a year or more before the cleanup was complete. During the spill and long after the smell was a part of the area. When I look at the before photos it had a healthy grove of pine and now most of those have died. The affect is still very apparent with more trees still dying. It has been around 15 years since the spill. It is still having a negative impact on the land and vegetation. **No to abandonment-Clean your mess-Reuse same route line 3!!!!**

Darlene Freeman
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Bovey, MN 55709

Sent from my iPad

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Sean French <solrath@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 10:57 AM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

We don't need nor want this pipeline. It only hurts in our battle against climate change which is the greatest threat to mankind.

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Mary Frenzel <mpfrenzel@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 11:10 AM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Proposed Enbridge Pipeline 3

I am **STRONGLY OPPOSED** to the proposed pipeline 3 through Minnesota's environmentally sensitive lakes and wild rice country. There are other feasible, less sensitive routes. This is in regards to CN-14-916, PPL-15-137.

Mary P. Frenzel, Ph.D.
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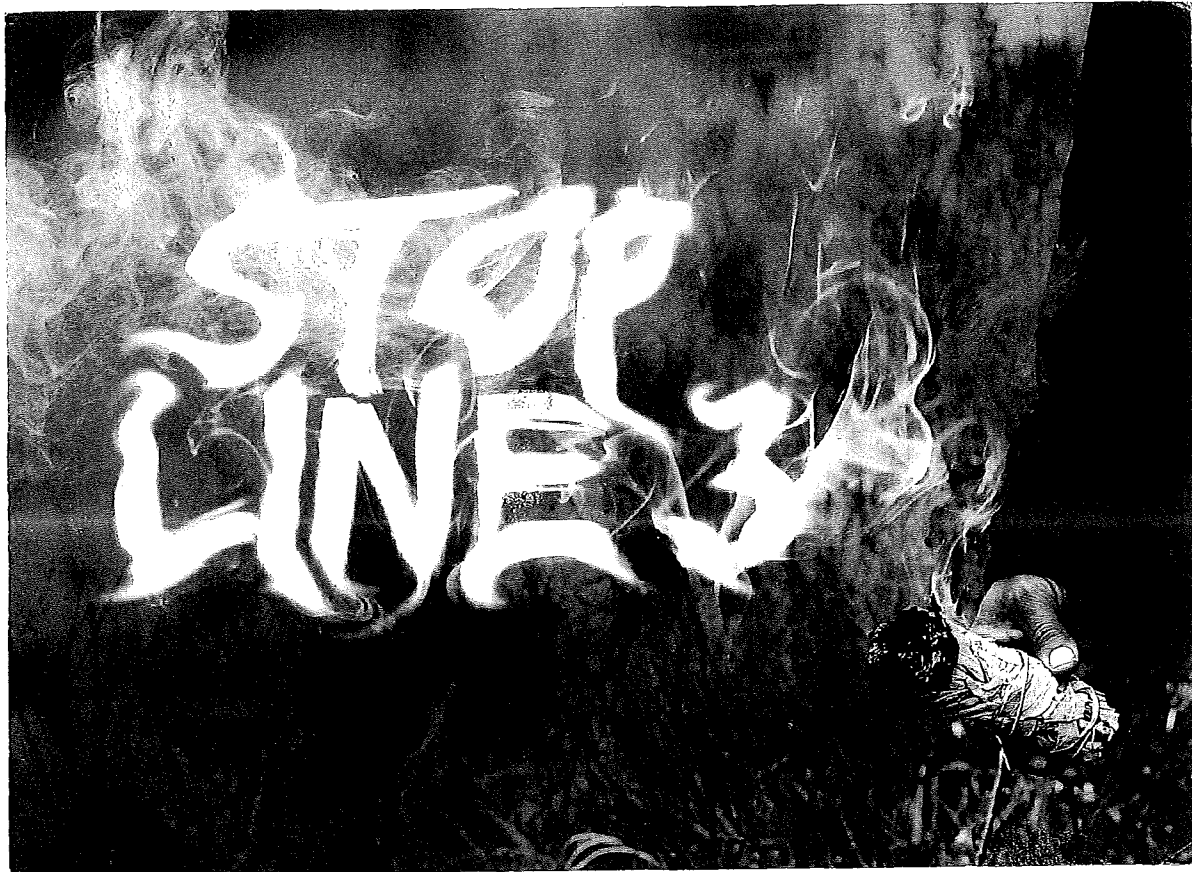
From: Tyler Freyberg <tyler@freybergpetroleum.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 10:43 AM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Line 3 Replacement Project DEIS CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

I am a Minnesotan and I support the replacement of Line 3. I feel there has been ample time for public comment and urge the Department of Commerce to move the process forward to replace Line 3.

Sincerely,

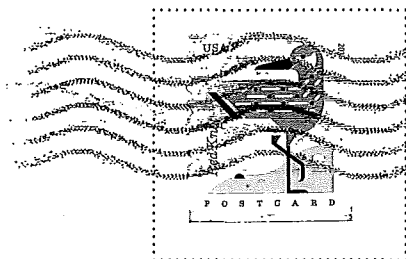
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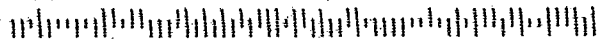
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I oppose line 3 Because
the oil going thru the proposed
pipeline is extracted in a
very bad way that harms
the Environment Directly next to
the Extraction and to the general
Environment as a whole, I
also oppose the pipeline because
the politics Behind the Impoverish
of the line are corrupt and
Don't have the signatures
SINCERELY, write the line

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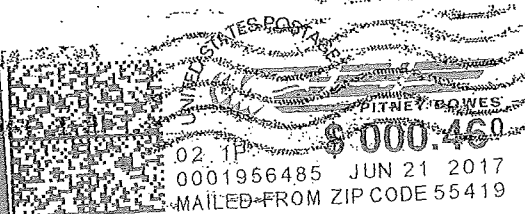
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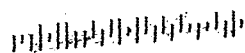
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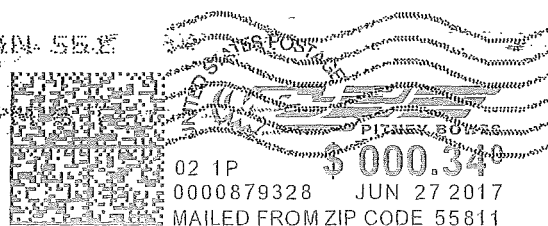
I support this project due to its economic importance to this area.

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COMMENTS

I feel Pipelines are the safest way to move oil & maintenance of These lines is important.

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Stephen A. Fuller

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Saturday, June 10, 2017

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Line 3-project draft EIS public comment.

I attended the comment session here in Grand Rapids on June 6th, and was duly impressed by the preparation and professionalism of the men & women who answered questions prior to the comment period. Full disclosure; tar sands are the dirtiest form of carbon we can pump through a pipe, and I am of the opinion that it should stay in the ground.

The transport of oil by pipeline is clearly the safest way to move it over long distances; while not perfect it has enormous advantages over rail or truck. Still pipe failures happen and the mixture of tar sands and chemicals that enable the stuff to be pumped need to be cleaned up. At the same time as the Deep Water Horizon (April 2010) fiasco was occurring an Enbridge pipe in Michigan ruptured and pumped this proprietary mixture into a creek, which emptied into the Kalamazoo River. This is seven years ago and the mess is still not cleaned up; you can't swim, or eat the fish Enbridge doesn't know how to deal with spilled tar sands and the other chemicals that are being used.

If we have to move oil (tar sands) a pipeline is the way to go which makes the question which option is the best for the citizens of Minnesota; particularly the people of north-central Minnesota; a sparsely populated area with a sizeable number of indigenous peoples. For this portion of the population another pipeline is not needed, especially one that bisects rice lakes and hunting and gathering regions.

Enbridge does need this new pipeline, with the existing line-3 able restricted to 390,000 barrels/day of heavy crude (lets call it tar sands) and showing signs of having to be restricted more as the highly abrasive tar sands erode it integrity on a daily basis. Enbridge needs this pipeline upgrade, but does Minnesota?

From Superior the tar sands will go south & east, to refineries in Michigan & Illinois. If Joliet, Illinois is the ultimate destination for the majority of these tar sands the SA-04 option seems to make a lot of sense.

Not only does the existing line not have the capacity wanted by Enbridge, it is "falling" apart; the executive summaries said something about anomalies; is this another way of saying leaks or/seeps? If so what kind of environmental damage is slowly accumulating? Allowing Enbridge to abandon existing line-3 will expose the state to a future environmental cleanup; I'd like to think Enbridge will be around to do that cleanup; sometimes the public gets stuck with the superfund sites; an abandoned line three brings to mind a 280 mile Love Canal scenario.

A new line-3 should go in the trench that the old line-3 comes out of; it won't be easy; a lot of things in life aren't easy. And it won't be cheap, especially if these seeps and leaks have created one environmental mess after another. This isn't Enbridge first rodeo they have the expertise to contract with contractors that can dig up the old line and bury the new one. What Minnesotans don't need is another strip of land dedicated to oil transport.

Thank you for your time & allowing me to vent.

Steve.

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COMMENTS

It will create more jobs!

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Comment Form
Line 3 Project Draft EIS Public Meeting

Please provide your contact information. This information and your comments will be publicly available.

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Street Address: 13582 Nevada Avenue

City: Savage State: MN Zip Code: 55378

Phone or Email: 612-599-4363

Please share your comments on the Line 3 Project Draft EIS. What could be improved in the EIS? What is missing?

I am anti pipeline at this point, but sadly will accept this project. I hope the highest regulations are enforced and Enbridge is held accountable for cleaning up the old pipeline and restoring a pristine environment. They must be made to pay, not only financially, but also with an understanding that it is an honored privilege to even be allowed on this project. They must give back to everyone, & ensure it will be well-monitored and regulated to prevent any damage or spillage.

THANK YOU.



Comment Form

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Please provide your contact information. This information and your comments will be publicly available.

Name: Rachel Funke
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 City: Savage State: MN Zip Code: 55378
 Phone or Email: 612-269-7634

Please share your comments on the Line 3 Project Draft EIS. What could be improved in the EIS? What is missing?

I heard about this public meeting an hour before its start while driving ~~home~~ from doing rare plant surveys on Line 3's ~~Line 3's~~ Back to my Bemidji hotel

proposed routes. I came to this meeting to hear perspectives from all sides of this project and to gain ~~a~~ better understanding on the project I am a part of. There are great points made by both proponents and opponents of a new pipeline. I have not made a decision on which decision or alternative I would support, but based on the field work I have done, the information I have gathered, and the public opinions I have heard, these are my main comments and questions:

I am glad that this ^{draft} EIS was created for Line 3 and was surprised to learn from speakers that this is the first pipeline EIS in the state.

Water is a part of Minnesota's identity, for both tribal and non-tribal community members. Extra vigilance and care should be taken when considering pipeline routes in/around wetlands and water bodies.

The Draft EIS is long. Much of the general public, although given the opportunity, will probably never read this word for word. I appreciate the summaries given as well as the materials provided at the public meeting.

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I agree that the current pipeline is not suitable for safe and effective transportation. A no action alternative is not plausible in this situation.

In a broader context or larger scale, addressing the possibility (if not the need) to transition to alternative energy sources is important. ~~Ensuring~~ Ensuring the safety and efficiency of current pipelines is necessary, but ~~monitoring on~~ in addition to route alternatives, it would also, in my opinion, be beneficial to suggest reducing phasing out or transitioning from oil to more sustainable resources.

I feel that Enbridge is effectively monitoring for Endangered & threatened species flora. I also feel that they have made safety a top priority for employees.

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A question I still have is whether wetlands that are negatively impacted by new development will be mitigated, ~~or~~ replaced, or accounted for in some way. One public comment noted that Enbridge is filing for a utility exemption from the wetland conservation act, and clarification on that topic would be appreciated.

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I really appreciate these opportunities for those affected to voice their opinions and questions and hope that they continue to expand & improve. Thank you.

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Many community members have strong opinions about ~~this~~ this project, but there are even more members that have not chosen a side yet. I believe that it is ~~ok to be~~ to remain neutral about a topic you are uneducated about, but the best thing you can do is become educated and involved about topics that affect you; and that's what I'm striving to do regarding the Line 3 project.