#### Public Comment: Sherri Kahlman, Voicemail, received May 19, 2017

Hi I just wanna comment about the uh, Enbridge and the pipeline uh, I believe the docket number's 14-916 and then another's 15-137 and uh, there's just so many oil spills already that are just... uh, ruining the country so I pray that uh, you all don't uh, allow this through. It's just horrible what uhm, you know, it does to the Earth, environment and the animals. Uh, let alone people's uh, lands or public lands and the water, so thank you.

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From: Angela Kappenman <angelakappenman@me.com>

**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 9:29 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Stop Line 3

Dear Jamie MacAlister,

Please include this comment on the Line 3 DEIS in Dockets CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137.

I am from a Leech Lake enrollee currently living in Brooklyn Park MN.

The Line 3 Pipeline concerns me because as a tribal member I love clean water and removing Line 3'will start the healing process for the lands it is on.

The DEIS concerns me because

• Chapter 9, "Tribal Resources," states that ANY of the possible routes for Line 3 "would have a long-term detrimental effect on tribal members and tribal resources" that cannot be accurately categorized, quantified, or compared (9.6). It also acknowledges that "traditional resources are essential to the maintenance and realization of tribal lifeways, and their destruction or damage can have profound cultural consequences" (9.4.3). This does not acknowledge the treaty responsibilities the state of Minnesota has to the tribal members.

I want the Department of Commerce to deny the permit for the proposed Line 3, shut down the old line, and remove it from the ground.

Sincerely, Angela Kappenman Sent from my iPhone

From: John Karas <jandnkaras@hotmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 12:24 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Enbridge Line 3

#### Dear Leaders:

I support Enbridge's Line 3 oil pipeline replacement project across northern Minnesota. It will bring many construction jobs, and also profide for a safe way to help meet our nation's energy needs.

Thank you, Nancy Karas Duluth, MN From: <u>Lisa Karulak</u>

To: MN COMM Pipeline Comments

Subject: Line 3 Replacement Project DEIS CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

**Date:** Monday, June 05, 2017 10:20:03 AM

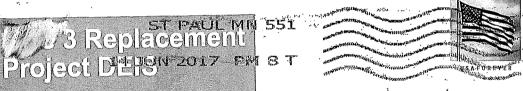
#### Dear Ms. MacAlister,

I am all about protecting the environment. I believe that replaceing Line 3 is imperative in continuing to protect the environment. Please approve the well planned DEIS and approve the necessary permits needed to move forward in the Line 3 pipeline replacement.

Sincerely,

Lisa Karulak 31 10th St Cloquet, MN 55720 lisa.karulak@mchsi.com

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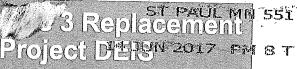
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OF THE LINE 3 PROJECT

From: SUSAN KATTAS <skattas@comcast.net>

**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 9:53 AM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

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

To: pipline.Comments@state.mn.us

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Environmental Impact Statement on oil pipelines in MN

Docket # CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Date: 07.10.17

From: Susan Kattas, 200 7th Street North, Hudson, WI 54016

skattas@comcast.net

The United Nations continually cites WATER as it target priority concern around the world despairingly needing clean water for baby formula, medicine, village wells, to stem disease, and to minimize water used as a weapon as in dams that favor one faction over another.

How is it that <u>not</u> living in a third world country requires so much for a grass root effort to protect clean water and water ways in the Land of Ten Thousand lakes?

I grew up in Northern Minnesota just east of Headwaters of the Mississippi, with my family running a small fishing resort so I know the importance of the water for its sustainability for many, i.e. fishing, tourism, wild rice harvest, and connecting Minnesota with the Gulf of Mexico.

I do not support the weak commercial intent of Enbridge over our local economy.

Enbridge has a record of spills and a lack of disclosure about its poor safety record. They are like a bully, a Goliath against the hardworking people of Minnesota, the "David" in this case.

Please put a stop to the insidious pipeline plans by Enbridge.

I live in Wisconsin one mile from Minnesota but my homeland and roots are in our precious lake area of Minnesota, a vulnerable pristine water resource.

Susan Kattas

From: bkaufman@tds.net

Sent:Sunday, July 09, 2017 10:16 AMTo:MN\_COMM\_Pipeline CommentsSubject:Dockets CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

I am writing to comment on the proposed Line 3 Replacement, docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137. My husband's and my property is on the Pine River downstream from the proposed location where the line would cross under the river. We have witnessed the following on a regular basis from our property or a short way downstream from us: Over a hundred white pelicans stopping over in the early spring for a number of days, numerous waterfowl in the river, bald eagles fishing, deer with fawns coming to drink, "suckers" swimming up stream to breed and lay eggs, large snapping turtles and leatherbacks coming up the bank to lay eggs, and many people enjoying tubing, kayaking and canoeing - a boon to the local economy. All this could come to an end with a spill or leak. It is not worth the risk of losing these natural phenomena for oil which we do not need, which will not go to Minnesota, which contributes to global warming during extraction as well as when it is burned as fuel. The risk is too high to allow this line to be built.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Barbara Kaufman 1295 32nd St. SW Pine River, MN 56474

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Docket numbers: CN-14-916; PRL-15-137

From: Martha Kelash <martha.kelash@gmail.com>

Sent:Monday, July 10, 2017 10:04 PMTo:MN\_COMM\_Pipeline CommentsSubject:CN-14-916 And PPL-15-137

To whom it may concern,

Please include my comments on the Line 3 DEIS in dockets CN-14-916 And PPL-15-137

My name is Martha and I am from Minneapolis, MN. I believe that the old Line 3 pipeline should be shut down and removed from the ground. There should be no permit issued to reconstruct.

Instead let us invite clean, safe,

renewable energy companies into our state. There are more jobs to be created with renewable energy, and it does not bring the same risks to our sacred land as does the oil industry.

Please do not risk polluting our land with oil pipelines.

Thank you,

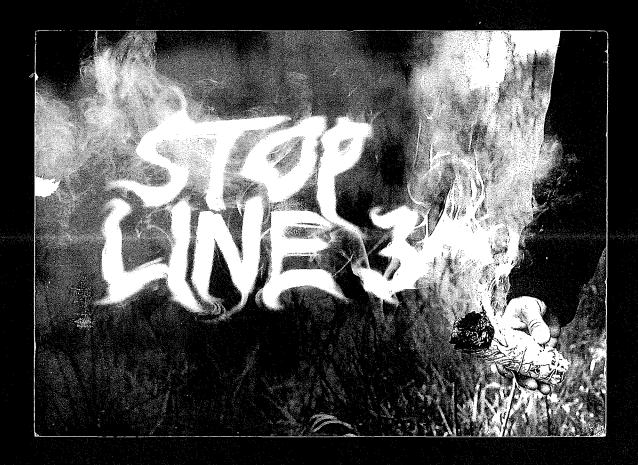
Martha Kelash Minnesota resident Concerned citizen

From: Dawn Kellen <sewer@tds.net>
Sent: Monday, July 03, 2017 11:47 AM
To: MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments
Subject: CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

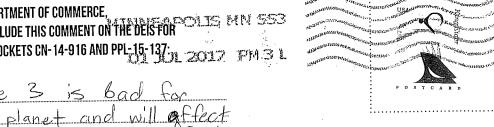
Writing to express our opposition to Enbridge establishing a new pipeline Line 3 through Crow Wing and Aitkin Counties. Both counties are highly desirable because of their pristine lakes and water resources used for recreation as well as harvesting wild rice. It is too dangerous to have the potential of a damaged line and unknown amounts of oil/sludge leaking into the water resources.

We have homes in both counties.

Keith and Dawn Kellen 31950 280th St. Aitkin, MN 56431



DEAR DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, PLEASE INCLUDE THIS COMMENT ON THE DEIS FOR LINE 3 IN DOCKETS CN-14-916 AND PPL-15-137 2017 PM 3 1



**JAMIE MACALISTER ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW MANAGER** MN DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE 85 7TH PLACE EAST, SUITE 280 ST. PAUL, MN 55101-2198

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From: Darrell Kennedy < djkennedy11@hotmail.com>

Sent:Friday, June 23, 2017 2:29 PMTo:MN\_COMM\_Pipeline CommentsSubject:Comment 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.

The MPCA has recently released the Mississippi River Watershed report that shows the cleanest waters in the state are in northern Minnesota. Energy infrastructure and clean waters can co-exist.

It is preferable for me to locate pipelines in more rural areas, rather than to site them in the middle of cities and towns. Enbridge has found a route that follows existing utility corridors.

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, and Cass Lake. Pipelines and natural resources have gone hand-in-hand in northern Minnesota for decades.

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.

Deactivating a pipeline in-place is the most commonly-used industry method to retire a pipeline.

Leaving the permanently deactivated pipeline in place is the safest option as it reduces the risk of soil stability issues, avoids major construction activities and reduces the potential risk to existing pipelines from heavy equipment.

Sincerely,

Darrell Kennedy 623 35th St NW Bemidji, MN 56601 djkennedy11@hotmail.com

From: JOHN KENNEDY < lucynjohn@msn.com>

**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 10:54 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Comments in regard to CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

I am writing today to voice my objections to the DEIS for Enbridge's Line 3 as referenced above. I have been active in opposing the construction and operation of pipelines in this part of the country for many years. Why? Because I believe that it is every citizen's duty to preserve the most precious resource we have, WATER. The northern portion of the state of Minnesota contains one of the largest reserves of pristine water anywhere on Earth. To gamble on polluting this vast treasure of clean water would be one of the most irresponsible and morally reprehensible things I can imagine. Where is our concern for future generations, who will very likely be struggling with water shortages due to global warming? Our children and our grandchildren and all successive generations deserve to have an environment that supports human life and wildlife and provides the same opportunities for recreation and appreciation of the beauty of our state as we enjoy today.

The DEIS fails on many accounts, but I would like to focus on one area in which a negative outcome for the state is virtually guaranteed. The proposed route could not involve more risk to the environment if it were planned on purpose to impact every sensitive, irreplaceable wild area in the northern part of the state. Allow me to list several of the risks involved:

- 1. The route crosses over the wild rice lakes area where 50% of the world's hand-harvested wild rice is picked each year.
- 2. The route traverses an area with the highest susceptibility for groundwater contamination impacting drinking water aquifers.
- 3. The pipeline would cross wetlands which are critical to waterfowl and other wildlife.
- 4. State forests, wildlife management areas, trout streams and the North Country Trail all lie in the path of the pipeline.
- 5. Lakes with the clearest water in the state lie in its path as well.
- 6. The Mississippi River itself would be crossed twice. My family and I get our drinking water from the Mississippi River, as do millions o other American citizens as it makes its way to the Gulf of Mexico.
- 7. Any oil spill to occur in the long Minnesota winter could not be addressed for months potentially, allowing the damaging impacts to persist without remedy.
- 8. The oil carried by the proposed pipeline would be diluted bitumen (Tar Sands Oil) which is virtually impossible to clean out of a water-based environment due to its properties.

Any one of these eight causes for concern should be raising an outcry. It is simply unacceptable for us to jeopardize so much- for ourselves and for our fellow citizens and for future generations.

Another area which I believe is of crucial importance but which is not addressed in the DEIS is the issue of impacts on the Native peoples who call northern Minnesota home and to whom these beautiful wild lands and waters are sacred. No sufficient impact study has been done to determine the consequences for the people of the First Nations who will have to bear the burden of destruction of their homeland and their way of life and

their livelihoods. How is it possible that we as citizens can stand by and allow this entire community to be dismissed when they have already been stripped of nearly all of their lands and rights? Just imagine: would we say it's OK to build a pipeline through the National Mall and the Capitol building? Yet that's what would happen with this proposed route: it would go right through sacred places, desecrating them forever.

I have tried to compile a list of many of the primary objections which I and thousands of other informed citizens have to this DEIS. Now I would like to remind those who are considering whether or not to issue a permit that we are at a moment in time when the best possible thing we can do for our planet and the fate of future generations is to stop burning fossil fuels as quickly as possible. That means saying "No" to new infrastructure projects within the fossil fuel industry, NOW. The oil that would be carried through this pipeline would not benefit Minnesotans. The depression of oil prices combined with the increasingly competitive price of renewable energy make future extraction of fossil fuels economically unsustainable. Will this pipeline create many jobs for Minnesotans? No. Is there any benefit to Minnesotans that in any way justifies undertaking all the risks and other negative outcomes listed above? No. From the beginning of my involvement in trying to preserve the natural resources and beauty of my beloved adoptive state, I have seen that a few people who stand to gain short-term profits have tried to put forward their projects in devious ways, completely disregarding the long-term interests of Minnesotans. Let us put an end to that now by denying the permits needed to build Line 3. Let us say to Enbridge, go back and clean up your other pipelines and begin to retire them. That is the way to secure a bright future for Minnesotans. I don't want our children and grandchildren asking "What were they thinking, back in 2017? How could they have thought it was a good idea to send hundreds of thousands of toxic oil over our pristine lakes and streams and marshes and not stop to think what would happen if there were to be a leak or a rupture?" I want a better future for my children and grandchildren, and I'm sure that you do, too. Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

From: Rich Kern

To: MN COMM Pipeline Comments
Subject: Comment CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 9:20:05 AM

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The only responsible action at this time is to complete the regulatory process and move ahead with the Line 3 replacement.

Sincerely,

Rich Kern 26 E Superior St Duluth, MN 55802 rich.kern74@icloud.com From: <u>Jackson Kerr</u>

To: MN COMM Pipeline Comments

Subject: Line 3"s Impact on Hiking Trails (Docket Numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137)

**Date:** Wednesday, June 07, 2017 4:01:50 PM

This concerns the Docket Numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

I ask that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and residents of Minnesota consider an often undiscussed consequence of Line 3's construction that is of no little importance. Should the pipeline stay its proposed course, it would make contact with numerous Minnesota hiking trails, many of which are notable for their length and durability. Two trails Line 3 would intersect, the Paul Bunyan and Willard Munger, stand uniquely among regional trail systems, being two of the world's longest paved trails of their kind, equally accessible to bikers, hikers, and joggers alike. Minnesota also hosts the cross-border North Country Trail for a portion of its interstate run; Enbridge's pipeline would infringe upon its route as well. Should Line 3 go through, the annual tens-of-thousands of Minnesotans who frequent these footpaths will not only encounter a temporary impediment to their free passage along the trails, but the permanent threat of pollution of their pristine Northern landscape should the pipeline leak. On behalf of Minnesota hikers everywhere, I communicate this message to those able to make a decision in the hiker's favor. Thank you for your time.

-Jackson Kerr Resident of St. Paul This concerns the Docket Numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137 of the Line 3 EIS.

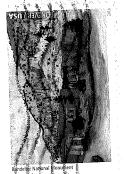
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From: Mr. & Mrs. Brian Keske <carolj4747@gmail.com>

Sent:Thursday, July 06, 2017 6:07 PMTo:MN\_COMM\_Pipeline CommentsSubject:Enbridge Line 3 Replacement Project

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

Yes my husband Brian and I are in favor of this project. We need more revenue in this state. Yes us our vote.

Sincerely,

Brian Keske 20990 110th St Park Rapids, MN 56470 carolj4747@gmail.com From: Ryan Kieffer

To: MN COMM Pipeline Comments

Subject: Line 3 Pipeline

**Date:** Wednesday, May 31, 2017 8:59:41 AM

#### To Whom it May Concern,

Please consult and heed the wishes of the Anishinaabe people regarding the propsed Line 3 pipeline.

In my own view, this pipeline is short-sighted and dangerous, and threatens to deepen our climate woes.

Please reconsider yet another pipeline. It's time to read the writing on the wall. Their are better paths forward for us.

Thanks, Ryan Kieffer 952-201-1912

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From: Emily King

To: MN COMM Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Re: Docket numbers (CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137)

**Date:** Wednesday, May 31, 2017 7:43:39 AM

#### To whom it may concern:

Building more pipelines will only damage an already waivering environment for us and our children. Alternative fuel options are no longer something of the future, they are the now. If we continue to abuse our environment with these toxic unnecessary projects we will only be hurting ourselves and the future of the planet. Please vote no on these horrible projects. It's not all about money.

Thank you,

Emily King (mother to a new baby)

From: Vincent King <vinceking@vklaw.net>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 9:10 AM
To: MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Docket Numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Enbridge's proposal to relocate Pipeline No. 3. I urge you to reject the application, for the following reasons:

- The pipeline will carry 760,000 barrels of diluted bitumen daily. The National Academy of Sciences Report on Diluted Bitumen concluded that, because it is denser than water, "diluted bitumen is virtually impossible to clean out of a water-based environment". A 2010 pipeline spill of 850,000 gallons of tar sands oil in Kalamazoo River affected more than 35 miles of the river, and has become one of the costliest spills in US history.
- The pipeline's corridor will be covered with snow and ice for many months. The line would cross the Mississippi River twice. If a spill occurs in December into the Mississippi River, there is a high possibility that the bitumen would remain in the river for up to three or four months. More than a million Minnesotans count on the Mississippi for their drinking water.
- In addition to the surface water risks, this pipeline route crosses an area with extremely high susceptibility for groundwater contamination impacting drinking water aquifers, according to the MPCA. Again, if a break or spill occurs in winter, the bitumen could be present in or on the porous ground for months before a cleanup could be undertaken.
- The risks to the natural environment are equally high. According to the University of Minnesota Water Resources Center, the proposed route crosses the clearest lakes area in Minnesota, based on the Census of Water Clarity. The route would cross 8 state forests (including the Mississippi Headwaters State Forest), 3 wildlife management areas, 13 trout streams, as well as the North Country Trail. The pipeline route crosses Minnesota's wild rice lakes area. According to the DNR, Minnesota supplies 50% of the world's hand-picked rice annually; numerous Native residents rely on wild rice harvesting for income.

The current EIS is flawed and fails to address these and other critical issues.

Again, thank you for your review of the public comments.

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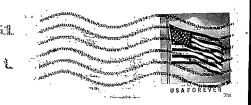
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From: Andy Kircher

To: MN COMM Pipeline Comments
Subject: Enbridge Line 3 replacement
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 10:54:02 AM

I support the Line 3 replacement project, it's the safest and cleanest way to transport oil.

As a resident of northern MN, I believe the community benefits from Enbridge's projects and the jobs they support.

Thank you,

Andy Kircher Duluth, MN From: Laura Kircher

MN COMM Pipeline Comments To: Subject: Enbridge Line 3- CN-14-916, PPL-15-137

Monday, June 05, 2017 9:54:16 AM

#### Good day,

As a resident of MN, I can't stress enough the importance of the Line 3 replacement project Enbridge is undertaking.

I value our environmental resources in MN, my kids love the lakes, rivers, and trails. To see a company put over \$7 Billion into the construction of a new pipeline is a great indicator that they too want these resources protected.

I am personally aware of all the outreach Enbridge employees have been doing along the preferred and existing corridor. I have experienced the training to responder groups. The response from these teams is exceptional, they appreciate the learning and the communication. This is another great indicator that Enbridge is adding value to communities.

Please keep the regulatory process moving forward, and respect the statutory deadline of 280 days. From my perspective as a resident, it seems the State defers to the opponents of a project rather than the applicant, and this is just plain wrong. The state has done a great job ensuring access to the process, but it is time to move forward now.

Laura Kircher

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**From:** Margaret Kirtley-Sternberg < kirtleys8@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 05, 2017 8:40 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Line 3 replacement

I am very opposed to the plan for a line 3 replacement. In an era in which we need to reduce our use of petroleum products, building a pipeline across Minnesota that has the potential to contaminate our precious water resources is too risky. The people of Minnesota have very little to gain from a plan to pipe the worlds dirtiest oil through our state to be refined in Wisconsin and shipped to China. Even if we had more to gain, we risk losing too much. This plan benefits very few people and jeopardizes the livelihood and resources of too many. Thank you for your time. Sincerely,

Margaret Kirtley-Sternberg 320 E Buffalo St Duluth MN 55811

From: Dan Kittilson <drkittil@q.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2017 10:08 PM
To: MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

Cc: Dan & Ruby Kittilson

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

**Attachments:** Line 3 EIS. 7.9.2017.pdf

#### **Dear Environmental Review Manger:**

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

I am writing to address my concerns about Enbridge's proposed Line 3 pipeline and the recently completed Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). I live on Little Sand Lake in Hubbard County. Little Sand Lake is one of the cleanest, clearest lakes in Hubbard County and throughout Minnesota. Clean water, healthy forests and countless other environmental resources are Minnesota's greatest asset. Our water resources have long been considered as biologically, recreationally, economically and culturally important to Minnesota. Our future is connected to the protection, restoration and enhancement of our shared natural resources.

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In Hubbard County, 37.6 % of property tax parcels with water influence represent 60% of the total taxable market value. These 37.6% of tax parcels generates 53% of the tax revenue. What will happen to these property values and tax revenue if we have a major oil leak into one of our major chain of lakes in Hubbard County? This questions has not been considered in this DEIS.

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Our lakes are a shared resource. Protecting these beautiful places is in the public interests. The State of Minnesota owns and must protect and maintain these natural resources for our public's use.

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Dan Kittilson

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Park Rapids, MN 56470

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July 10, 2017

Jamie MacAlister
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St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

Dear Ms. MacAlister:

I am writing to express my opposition to the Enbridge Pipeline 3. I am a semi-retired editor with a B.A. (Wellesley College/University of Minnesota/Metropolitan State University) and 20+ years' experience working alongside University of Minnesota scientists and helping to interpret science to a lay audience. Also, I served for many years on the Southwest LRT Citizens Advisory Committee, and have been following the Dakota pipeline and Pipeline 3 for more than two years. And although I do not live in the area most directly affected by the pipeline, I am a many decades resident of Minnesota and a big fan of Minnesota's hand-harvested wild rice, as well as its many notable lakes, rivers and wetlands.

Overall, I consider this DEIS to be a long-winded rationalization for a project that is fundamentally wrong. To justify it is to condemn so many things that give Minnesota its unique character, including Native American culture, clean air and water, fertile soil, social justice, and the promise of a bright economic future through renewable energy. It's hard to comprehend how this proposal is even being considered at this time in our history.

There are many areas in which the DEIS seems inadequate, but I'd like to briefly mention four.

- 1) Other energy and environmental policies. The DEIS seems to ignore, or inadequately address, many existing policies, including Minnesota's commitment to the Paris Climate Accord, its State Energy Policy, the Minnesota Environmental Policy Act, as well as others.
- 2) Economics. As everyone knows by now, "fracking" is the most expensive, as well as the dirtiest, form of oil extraction. In an era where there is a glut of oil available for all users foreign and domestic, producing this oil including the

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construction of an expensive pipeline - makes no economic sense for Enbridge. Any benefit to Minnesotans seems outweighed by the costs and potential risks. The oil era is winding down, renewables are the source of the future in Minnesota as well as all around the planet. The DEIS does not adequately consider renewables as a cleaner, alternative source of jobs and energy for Minnesotans. Further, the pipeline benefits a Canadian corporation, not the residents of Minnesota, who do not even have use of the oil being transported across our state.

3) Leaks and spills. History has shown that nobody can make oil production and transport perfectly safe. In fact, at one of the public hearings in June, a representative from Enbridge acknowledged that oil would be spilled during construction. How much and exactly where, this gentleman did not specify, but there is no acceptable location for even a "small" oil leak or spill.

As for the existing pipeline 3, which would be abandoned if the new pipeline were completed, the DEIS inadequately addresses plans for monitoring the aging pipeline and protecting local communities from the risks to water and soil from this or other aging, deteriorating pipelines. Just leaving it in place to disintegrate, leach into water or soil, maybe checking it from time to time, is simply not acceptable.

4) Tribal sovereignty. The DEIS, indeed the whole proposal, completely ignores treaties with the tribes that inhabit the land designated for pipeline 3 construction, not to mention the wishes of the members of these First Nations. Two treaties in particular, from 1837 and 1855, were upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1999 and reaffirmed in 2015.

The DEIS does not establish the need for a Canadian corporation to take precedence over the rights of these sovereign tribes. I strongly urge the MPUC to deny Enbridge a certificate of need.

A corporation, a pipeline, jobs in the oil industry – these are all things that might last another few decades at the most. But the waters of Minnesota must last as long as there are humans around The Earth who depend on it for safe food, for safe drinking, for cultural survival, and for the refreshment and renewal of their souls.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Maria Klein

From: Dan & Shari Kleinhans <shardan90@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2017 8:29 AM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Line 3

I would like to comment on the proposed constructon of Enbridge Line 3. I am a landowner along the Enbridge right of way and I have nothing but high regards for them. They have had an integrity dig on my property and they were great to work with. I would like to see this new pipeline become a reality because of the condition of the existing line. I feel there would be a peace of mind effect if this new line is installed. I would rather go through pipeline construction compared to being involved with a leak on my property. This woruld also have a great financial impact in this area. The jobs and the money spent in this area would be a positive shot in the arm for this area. Please do the right thing and approve the construction of a new Line 3, it would be a win for everyone.

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# **Comment Form**Line 3 Project Draft EIS Public Meeting

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Re: CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137 – Enbridge proposed Line 3 pipeline Opposition

Mr. MacAlister,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed Enbridge pipeline. I am an electrical engineer and run a prosperous business. While I could site many technical reasons to stop this pipeline, I will instead just make a simple plea. Humanity has to stop exploiting and polluting the planet. Future life on this planet depends on us NOW making good choices. We should be reducing fossil fuels, not expanding. There are now plenty of alternatives and many more innovations are arriving daily. We can reduce and change our energy system. It only takes the courageous will and the opposition to greed and ignorance.

Please, for the sake of your children, my children, everyone's grand children, and all life on the planet – it is time to make other choices.

Thank You.

Roger Klisch

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From: Alex Kmett <kmett002@umn.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 12:00 AM
To: MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

Please include this comment on the Line 3 DEIS in Dockets CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137.

I currently live in Cloquet, and work there and in several communities around the Mille Lacs area. I am also descend from both Leech Lake and Red Lake reservations, with much family and family history in both places.

The Line 3 Pipeline concerns me because I have seen the effects of pipeline leaks time and time again. In Cass Lake, according to <a href="www.enbridgecasslake.com/Details.aspx">www.enbridgecasslake.com/Details.aspx</a> "petroleum compounds" were discovered in the groundwater in 2001. The next year, 304 yards of contaminated soil were removed. It was estimated that 48,000 gallons of residual crude oil remained "floating" on the water table at the top of the aquifer. <a href="www.view.englines.view.illustration">view illustration</a>. Four additional monitoring wells and 21 soil borings were drilled to define the extent of the contamination and provide an ongoing monitoring network. Free product removal continued through 2010. Ground water monitoring continues to this day, although until the past few weeks, I hadn't noticed any updates on the site in several years. I finally noticed an update today, the day final comments are due, including links of summarized "activities and progress" in their Annual Report, after having pointed out Enbridge's lack of updates on the situation at a recent Pipeline comment taking event in Cass Lake (June 7th, 2017 at Palace Casino's Bingo Hall, if memory serves).

Chapter 6 states that Enbridge's preferred route would impact more wild rice lakes and areas rich in biodiversity than any of the proposed alternative routes (Figure ES-10). Should this pipeline leak along any of the proposed routes, carrying tar sands oil that is far more difficult to clean up than your everyday crude oil (such as that which Enbridge claims leaked at Cass Lake), it will cause environmental havoc amongst the tulibee, trout, wild rice, and hundreds of other species of organic life that makes up the incredibly intricate ecosystem that the State of Minnesota prides itself on. Along the route is much prime real estate for cabins amongst some of the world's greatest lakes for fishing. Given the level of risk involved, and the choice to not pursue alternative energies (which would also create jobs and boost overall quality of life), allowing Line 3 would be in direct contradiction to Governor Mark Dayton's move to add Minnesota to the alliance of states that embrace the 2015 Paris Climate Accord this past June, and by extention, the voters and tax payers of the State of Minnesota.

The Tribal communities along the routes would also be disappropriately impacted. This is very disheartening both as a tax-paying citizen, and an Ojibwe person who is indigenous to this land. The Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, and Fond Du Lac Band of Ojibwe are some of, if not the biggest employers in their respective regions, which stimulates the economy at a municipal, county, and state levels, generating tax revenue, and benefiting all Minnesotans. Much of the economy in these regions are also dependent on tourism and fishing, which would be severely negatively affected should there be a leak.

I say these points first because I know the priorities of the State are those of the State, and \*not\* to the Indigenous People of Minnesota. I should not have to mention that Tribal jurisdiction supercedes that of the State, or that the United Nations international standard for projects that impact

Indigenous Peoples is Free, Prior and Informed consent. Tribal consultancy after the project is already proposed and designed is not free, prior, and informed consent. We have seen the State of Minnesota drop the ball when it comes to free, prior and informed consent too many times, such as the MNDoT's disturbance of graves along MN-23 recently (<a href="http://www.duluthnewstribune.com/news/4283742-mndot-apologizes-damaging-fond-du-lac-graves">http://www.duluthnewstribune.com/news/4283742-mndot-apologizes-damaging-fond-du-lac-graves</a>). Much of the analysis of archaeological resources in the path of the pipeline rely on Enbridge's surveys. For some reason, only 3 of their 8 surveys are available, and the 5 missing are the most recent! In those, Enbridge found 63 sites, but claims that only 3 are eligible for protection under the National Register of Historic Places. (5.4.2.6.1). Honor the Earth has had the studies they have been able to see reviewed, and found numerous flaws in their methodology.

Most of the issues specific to tribal people and tribal resources are confined to a separate chapter that attempts to provide "an American Indian perspective." They are excluded from the main chapters that assess potential impacts. This allows the EIS to avoid drawing conclusions about the impacts on tribal people. (Chapter 9). It would seem as though Tribal People are non-existent and expendable for the sake of corporate interest and revenue. Chapter 9, "Tribal Resources," also states that ANY of the possible routes for Line 3 "would have a long-term detrimental effect on tribal members and tribal resources" that cannot be accurately categorized, quantified, or compared (9.6). It also acknowledges that "traditional resources are essential to the maintenance and realization of tribal lifeways, and their destruction or damage can have profound cultural consequences" (9.4.3). Chapter 11, "Environmental Justice," acknowledges that pipeline impacts on tribal communities "are part of a larger pattern of structural racism" that tribal people face in Minnesota, which was well documented in a 2014 study by the MN Department of Health. It also concludes that "the impacts associated with the proposed Project and its alternatives would be an additional health stressor on tribal communities that already face overwhelming health disparities and inequities" (11.4.3). The DEIS concludes that "disproportionate and adverse impacts would occur to American Indian populations in the vicinity of the proposed Project" (11.5) But it also states that this is NOT a reason to deny the project! Why? Is the livlihood of Tribal People who help provide jobs for thousands of tax paying citizens completely expendable? The DEIS acknowledges that "The addition of a temporary, cash-rich workforce increases the likelihood that sex trafficking or sexual abuse will occur," and that these challenges hit Native communities the hardest. But the DEIS dismisses this problem quickly, saying that "Enbridge can prepare and implement an education plan or awareness campaign around this issue" (11.4.1). What experience does Enbridge have planning and implementing an anti-sex trafficking program?

This does not acknowledge the treaty responsibilities the state of Minnesota has to the tribal members. The treaties reserve usufractory rights to hunt, fish, and gather, both on reservation land and in ceded territories. Having Line 3 in the ground, whether abandoned or reconstructed, is a direct threat to the self determination of Ojibwe people in Minnesota. According to <a href="http://standwithstandingrock.net/victory-standing-rock-sioux-tribe-court-finds-approval-dakota-access-pipeline-violated-law/">http://standwithstandingrock.net/victory-standing-rock-sioux-tribe-court-finds-approval-dakota-access-pipeline-violated-law/</a>, A federal judge ruled that the federal permits authorizing the pipeline to cross the Missouri River just upstream of the Standing Rock reservation, which were hastily issued by the Trump administration just days after the inauguration, violated the law in certain critical respects.

In a 91-page decision, Judge James Boasberg wrote, "the Court agrees that [the Corps] did not adequately consider the impacts of an oil spill on fishing rights, hunting rights, or environmental justice, or the degree to which the pipeline's effects are likely to be highly controversial." The State of Minnesota should learn from what has happened over the past year in North Dakota with this example. And mere weeks after it's construction, according to <a href="http://www.startribune.com/dakota-access-pipeline-leaked-84-gallons-of-oil-in-april/421899123/">http://www.startribune.com/dakota-access-pipeline-leaked-84-gallons-of-oil-in-april/421899123/</a> it was found to have leaked 84 gallons of oil.

Alarmingly, the "no build" alternative is not genuinely considered. The only alternatives considered are shipping by rail or truck which is absurd and clearly demonstrates the impact of corporate interests in the State. There is zero discussion of how all this extra oil will go once it leaves Superior, Wisconsin. With 370,000 bpd of additional capacity, Enbridge will need a new pipeline departing its terminal in Superior. We know that they plan to build Line 66 through Ojibwe territories in Wisconsin, but they continue to deny this. Why isn't MN asking? The DEIS also contains no spill analysis for tributaries of the St. Louis River or Nemadji River, where spills could decimate Lake Superior and the harbors of the Twin Ports.

I could go on for days about this, but there are only so many hours in the day, but it wouldn't be feasible. It is a miracle I made it to the meeting in Cass Lake, which I should add is hardly inviting to your everyday community member. When you throw a 5000+ page draft at us, put up a bunch of posters in the bingo hall with a bunch of intimidating informational that even your everyday college graduate can barely make sense of, expect us to read it, comprehend it all, and make an official, cited, intelligent statements, I cannot help but sense the intentions of the State to push this through anyway and claim that they "tried to talk to the Indians."

I want the Department of Commerce to deny the permit for the proposed Line 3, shut down the old line, and remove it from the ground. Investing in alternative energy is investing in our environment, in our economy, in our futures, and in life itself.

#### Sincerely,

Alex Kmett, Bagwajinini

Native American Student Success Coach,

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From: Peter Knapp

To: MN COMM Pipeline Comments

Subject: Line 3 replacement

**Date:** Thursday, June 08, 2017 1:00:19 PM

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

Build it the sooner the better the old line needs to be replaced badly so build it!!!!

Sincerely,

Peter Knapp 603 Pembina Trl S Karlstad, MN 56732 catdieselpwr@gmail.com

From: Susan Knapp <knapp.ssn@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 11:09 PM
To: MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Enbridge Line 3 Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Minnesota Department of Commerce:

I find the Enbridge Line 3 Draft Environmental Impact Statement to be unacceptable. We need to protect our waterways more thoroughly than what is proposed. The damage would be not only to wildlife, habitat, water quality, the health and welfare of us — its citizens. We need to be better environmental stewards! Please protect the our beautiful scenic waters!

#### DEIS Chapter 5.2.1.2.4

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.

Sincerely,

Susan Knapp 144 Egret Lane Marine on Saint Croix, MN 55047

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

From: Candace F. Knudson < candace.knudson@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, July 09, 2017 9:36 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Comment for Enbridge Line 3 Project: CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

To: Pipeline.Comments@state.mn.us

From: Candace F. Knudson <candace.knudson@gmail.com>

Date: July 9, 2017

Subject: Comment for Enbridge Line 3 Project: CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Environmental Review Manager:

We live south of Tamarack, MN, an area rich in wetlands, and would like to comment on Enbridge's Line 3 project. It is our understanding that Enbridge's "Preferred Route" for its Line 3 replacement runs parallel to the Sandpiper route proposed by Enbridge a couple of years ago, a project which has been on hold. This preferred route would encroach upon the shores of Sheriff Lake, a small, tranquil lake approximately two miles south of our home — our favorite fishing spot. Naturally, we have concerns about potential pollution and defilement of "our" lake and the consequent death of fish and other aquatic wildlife, as well as the impact this would have on other animal and bird species, should a spill occur. (And we know that Enbridge spills do occur — we still recall news coverage of the Enbridge spill of 840,000-plus gallons into Talmadge Creek and the Kalamazoo River, in Michigan, in 2010, and the earlier 250,000-plus gallon spill in Cohasset, MN, in 2002.) Given that fishing is a primary source of recreation and tourism in Minnesota, we would like to see information in the final EIS about the taxes generated by fishing in Minnesota, as Enbridge's proposed route will affect many fishing lakes and protective wetlands, not just "ours."

Among other issues, we're very concerned about the effect of bogs on pipes, having read in the DEIS (Draft Environmental Impact Statement) that many types of peat "exhibit negative buoyancy and place upward pressure on pipelines, causing stress on the pipe." (Section 10.1.2.1).

We would like to see more information in the final EIS about pipelines that have been built in peat bogs.

The website https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/MNHUNTLICTAX shows that fishing and hunting licenses in Minnesota in 2015 (the latest data

reported) brought the state \$63,283,000 – a figure which dwarfs Enbridge's proposed \$25 million dollar annual tax payment to the state.

The \$63 million dollars is for license fees alone; it doesn't include additional income generated by fishing, such as money spent on hotels and restaurants and grocery stores. These are the same sorts of expenditures on local business that Enbridge touts as one of its main benefits, as pipeline workers would spend money in various communities during construction. The difference is that Enbridge's "benefit" would end when construction is complete, while income derived from fishing in Minnesota will be generated annually in perpetuity. Minnesota's reputation as a fishing destination could be damaged by a pipeline corridor, and most definitely would be damaged in the event of a spill.

If Line 3 is approved on Enbridge's preferred route, we stand to lose many more millions than Enbridge is promising with its nominal annual tax payment to the state.

More important than economic considerations is consideration of the very real potential of pipeline failure (Cohasset, Talmadge Creek and Kalamazoo River) and extensive damage to sensitive ecosystems along the path of Line 3. Exactly

where that should fit in the EIS we cannot say; however, it, too, must be addressed as part of any document on "environmental impact."

Thank you for providing this opportunity to comment, and for your diligence in carefully considering all submitted comments.

Donald and Candace Knudson 14624 404th Lane Tamarack, Mn 55787 From: Sean Knutson

To: MN COMM Pipeline Comments

Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Line 3 Replacement CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

**Date:** Wednesday, May 31, 2017 9:50:05 PM

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

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Sincerely,

Sean Knutson 1207 Valley View Dr Minot, ND 58703 seanknut@hotmail.com

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From: Dawn Knutson <dawnmknutson@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 8:15 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Opposition to Pipeline

I am a concerned citizen, writing to strongly oppose the proposed pipeline. In the DEIS, I understand there is not even a shut down option discussed, and no discussion of renewable energy, conservation, or assessment of the decline in oil demand. My special additional concern is the fact that pipelines leak and it is not a question of whether it will but when and how much. We need to discourage fossil fuel - not promote or support this

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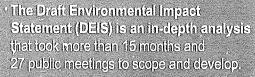
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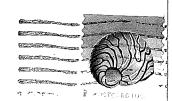


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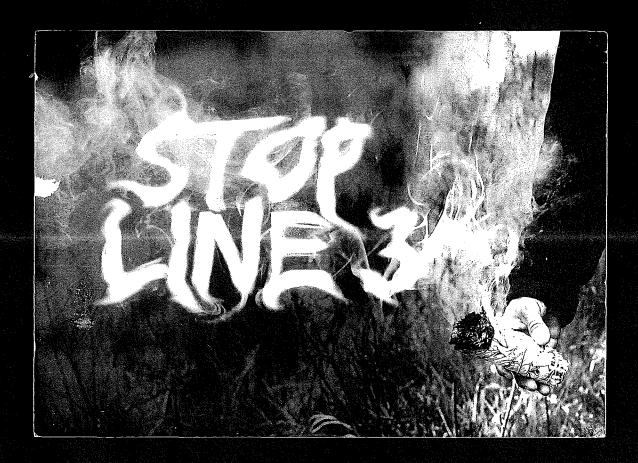
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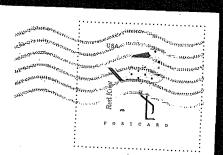
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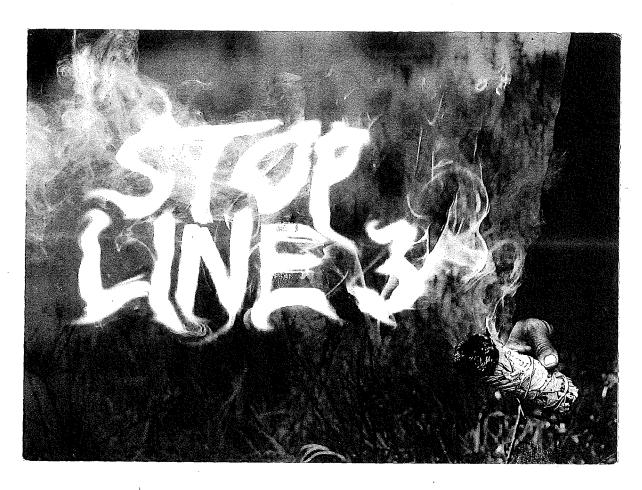
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DEAR DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AND THE DEIS FOR LINE 3 IN DOCKETS CN-14-916 AND PPL-45-134.

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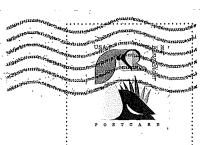
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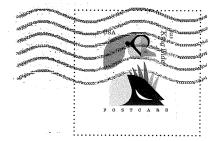
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From: <u>Suzanne Koepplinger</u>

 To:
 MN COMM Pipeline Comments

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

 Date:
 Sunday, May 21, 2017 9:36:37 AM

I am writing to provide input on the proposed Pipeline Project Line 3 (CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137). I am strongly opposed to this project and urge that this new route be denied. It puts at great risk not only Minnesota's lakes, but more importantly our vulnerable wild rice areas. Wild rice is not only sacred to Native people and communities, but is an important economic product in areas of high concentration of poverty.

Line 3 should not be allowed to be constructed. Suzanne Koepplinger 3317 21st Ave. South Minneapolis, MN 55407 612-722-2751

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From: koetsjo@gmail.com

Sent:Sunday, June 25, 2017 5:22 PMTo:MN\_COMM\_Pipeline CommentsSubject:Public comment: Line 3 Project

I attended the Hinckley presentation at the Grand Casino and was very impressed at the displays, hand-outs and representatives from public entities available for information and non-partial interpretation. I have chosen to take the written avenue to express my views. My concerns relating to the impending decision regarding the proposed Pipeline 3 expansion and routing are many, but I will concentrate on several that are of higher importance to me.

I am keenly aware of the need for job creations in our state, but building a new corridor is not an avenue to full-time permanent jobs. In the short-term, there would obviously be jobs created, but once a corridor is in, the jobs are over and once again there is a problem with unemployment. The current corridor can attest to that. Minnesota can do better than this; temporary jobs provide temporary paychecks. Attracting long-term businesses to our state is a much more proactive avenue to take, assuming part of any decision-making considers jobs.

I understand that the current line 3 pipeline has operated for 50 years and is to a point of needing more maintenance and replacement in the near future. I disagree that a 36" diameter pipeline carrying nearly double the current capacity is needed. Extracting oil from Canadian tar sands is not looking progressively to our energy needs. Exxon Mobile has admitted that they have \$3.4 billion in tar sands fields that are no longer economically viable. Oil prices have dropped so dramatically that it is no longer cost-effective for them to continue extracting oil at the same rate as was previously done. It has exploited and sickened indigenous people and ruined much of their land and water. Minnesota's oil needs are not increasing; we obviously do not require double the capacity to stay abreast of our energy needs. Minnesotans are not sharing in the profits of providing oil for exports to other places; foreign companies are! These profits are certainly not increasing the quality of life for indigenous peoples, in Minnesota, the U.S. or Canada. Reducing dependence of coal, oil and gas has been embraced by many companies and public utility entities in Minnesota and beyond; again a larger pipeline is not progressive thinking.

If line 3 pipeline must be replaced, I propose using nearly the same size of the current pipeline and following the existing route. This could run along side the current 6 pipelines if the replacement would jeopardize or create a hazard with the integrity of the other 5 lines. The right-of-way is already in place. Creating a whole new route, with a 750' swath of clear-cut trees and brush would create habitat fragmentation; keeping the current configuration would result in a greatly reduced impact to habitat. It would also not threaten other waterways and wild rice beds.

Minnesota has a vast tourist industry that relies heavily on it's natural resources. Instate and outstate visitors enjoy our great state that is known for its hunting, fishing, boating, biking, hiking resources. Creating a new pipeline corridor jeopardizes additional acreage to potential great environmental damage. This pipeline does not benefit Minnesotans; it benefits foreign interests and pocketbooks.

Thank-you for soliciting responses from Minnesota citizens. Sincerely, Josette Koets 6494 Finlayson Rd. Finlayson, MN 55735 Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From:

Ron Koetter <koett@paulbunyan.net>

Sent:

Monday, July 10, 2017 9:25 PM

MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

Soren.koetter@hotmail.com

Proposed Line 3 Pipeline Project

Docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

- 1. This additional pipeline will disrupt an additional corridor of natural vegetation, wildlife and native soils. It would be less disturbance to replace or add line in the corridor already established. Also the existing pipelines need to be periodically replaced to avoid failures. Not just create a new line when they get old and tear up more undisturbed land.
- 2. The corridor fragments land by not following next to the road corridor. If a new corridor must be used, put it adjacent to the roads, specifically Clearwater county road #2, not back away from the road which causes fragmentation by leaving a strip between the road and the pipeline route.
- 3. Revegetate the disturbed corridor with native vegetation and control weeds. The existing corridors are full of noxious weed that spread up and down the pipeline into adjacent lands.
- 4. The pipeline is proposed to run through our family lands, the 160 acre Koetter properties. This will fragment our land, and is not consistent with the goals of our certified family forest land that we have worked so hard to purchase and manage. We do not want it through our forest land and object to it being located on our lands. It would be a continual battle to control the invasive species and would fragment our forest.

Ron Koetter Chris Weir-Koetter Tanner Koetter Soren Koetter

From: Joseph Korbel <jjkorbel@hotmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, June 25, 2017 11:46 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Pipe line replacement

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

Moving oil in pipelines is a lot safer than by truck or rail especially in the frigid winter . The current line is old and needs to replaced.

Sincerely,

Joseph Korbel 4052 Blue Mayflower Rd NW Bemidji, MN 56601 jjkorbel@hotmail.com

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St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2198

From: <u>Leslie Korman</u>

To: MN COMM Pipeline Comments

Subject: Comment CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137 - Environmental Protection

**Date:** Monday, June 05, 2017 9:50:04 AM

#### Dear Ms. MacAlister,

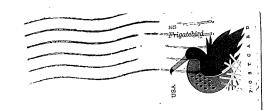
I am a Minnesotan and want to see the environment protected like most others. I believe replacing aging infrastructure like pipelines is imperative to protecting the environment. The MPCA has recently released the Mississippi River Watershed report that shows the cleanest waters in the state are in northern Minnesota. Energy infrastructure and clean waters can co-exist.

Sincerely,

Leslie Korman 22871 Balsa Ave Prior Lake, MN 55372 leslie.korman@enbridge.com



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## I SUPPORT THE LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PROJECT PHONE NUMBER FULL NAME 218 969 4297 **ADDRESS** COMMENTS DECLARE THE ES ADEO!

From: Dana Koskela <dakosk1112@gmail.com>

Sent:Friday, July 07, 2017 5:33 PMTo:MN\_COMM\_Pipeline CommentsSubject:I support line 3 maintenance

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

I believe that this is required for the safe keeping of our environment. Hopefully they will look into all of their lines they have and replace what needs to be replaced throughout so that they can keep the environment safe!! This is a great job on Embridge for keeping up with their lines that need maintenance done. I support this effort.

Sincerely,

Dana Koskela 5170 Gortin Rd Duluth, MN 55803 dakosk1112@gmail.com

From: Barbara Koth <Barbara.Koth@unisa.edu.au>

**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 8:18 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Comment on draft EIS - proposed Line 3

**Attachments:** Obama ES memo.pdf

July 9, 2017

Environmental Review Manager Minnesota Department of Commerce St. Paul, MN

I want the Department of Commerce to deny the permit for the proposed Line 3, shut down the old line, and remove it from the ground.

Being from Duluth, I opposed DAPL and went to Standing Rock last year, so I am again in opposition to continuing to build infrastructure that expands and supports the continued use of non-renewable resources, such as the Alberta tar sands or the Bakken crude. From a big picture, I think the EIS needs to emphasize even more how short-sighted it is to invest in technology and infrastructure that worsens climate change.

A priority concern for me is the spill risk given proximity to the Mississippi headwaters and the hundreds (thousands?) of lakes. There is the issue of the real damage to water quality, as well as the perceived quality of water that is important for tourism and Native American ceremony. President Obama put out a memorandum (attached) encouraging federal agencies to use ecosystem services valuation in decision-making (I don't think Trump has rescinded). That was a progressive action in terms of accounting for intangibles like water purification, climate regulation, and continuation of spiritual and cultural practices (attached). Where is the calculation of the valuation of ecosystem services that a northern Minnesota ecosystem - without threat and disturbance from pipeline removal and construction – and what that is worth? The draft EIS devalues that worth of the current ecosystem outputs, which means it doesn't allow a fair comparison with so-called (traditional) economic benefits.

I do think the disproportionate impact on the Anishinabe and Native peoples is reason alone to deny the pipeline permit; this fact is not given enough prominence and discussion. Given the long US history of environmental racism, we know better now. Make this a new day when we incorporate and make prominent indigenous wisdom about land and water management, and respect treaty rights. It is also old-school to pull out 'American Indian issues' as a separate chapter, rather than integrated discussion. We've moved now where the best documents integrate sustainability concerns throughout rather than a discrete analysis; the draft EIS needs to do the same and integrate Native American issues into the entire document at every level and on every issue.

Enbridge is a profit-making corporation, not a benevolent do-good entity. The EIS needs to treat them as such and assess their track record of noncompliance and accidents in terms of risks to northern Minnesota ecosystems and communities. I don't believe my students when they say "I will..." and I always have alternative plans — why is Minnesota so trusting of Enbridge as evidenced in the draft EIS? I also don't think you pay enough attention to the bigger picture outside Minnesota that effects the pipeline viability; for example aren't the Brule tribe outside Superior, WI refusing to let a new pipeline cross their territory?

Where is serious consideration of the "Shut Line 3 Down" option considered? Completely, don't build it; remove the old line and rehabilitate land – end of story. The market often reward early adopters of new ways of doing business.

Given that the economic forecast for Minnesota pipeline operation jobs is small, and that the human future is in transitioning to renewable energy, redraft the EIS to recognize a shifting paradigm and an economy in transition. Minnesota can do better than this. You sure didn't give people a lot of time to look at the draft (3 weeks!) – surely Minnesota is not doing a 'North Dakota' and ramrodding this through. Thank you for serious consideration of these comments.

Cheers,
Barb Koth
1924 Vermilion Road
Duluth, MN 55803
(and Adelaide, South Australia for part of the year)
Barbara.koth@unisa.edu.au







October 7, 2015

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MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM:

Shayn Bonovan Director

Office of Management and Budget

Christina Goldfuss, Managing Director

John Holdren, Illirector

SUBJECT: Incorporating Ecosystem Services into Federal Decision Making

Overview. Nature provides vital contributions to economic and social well-being that are often not traded in markets or fully considered in decisions. This memorandum provides direction to agencies on incorporating ecosystem services into Federal planning and decision making. (Broadly defined, ecosystem services are the benefits that flow from nature to people, e.g., nature's contributions to the production of food and timber; life-support processes, such as water purification and coastal protection; and life-fulfilling benefits, such as places to recreate.)

#### Specifically, this memorandum:

- (1) Directs agencies to develop and institutionalize policies to promote consideration of ecosystem services, where appropriate and practicable, in planning, investments, and regulatory contexts. (Consideration of ecosystem services may be accomplished through a range of qualitative and quantitative methods to identify and characterize ecosystem services, affected communities' needs for those services, metrics for changes to those services and, where appropriate, monetary or nonmonetary values for those services.)
- (2) Sets forth the process for development of implementation guidance and directs agencies to implement aforementioned policies and integrate assessments of ecosystem services, at the

appropriate scale, into relevant programs and projects, in accordance with their statutory authority.

Purpose. The goal of this memorandum and subsequent implementation guidance is to better integrate into Federal decision making due consideration of the full range of benefits and tradeoffs among ecosystem services associated with potential Federal actions, including benefits and costs that may not be recognized in private markets because of the public-good nature of some ecosystem services. An ecosystem-services approach can: (1) more completely inform planning and decisions, (2) preserve and enhance the benefits provided by ecosystems to society, (3) reduce the likelihood of unintended consequences, and, (4) where monetization is appropriate and feasible, promote cost efficiencies and increase returns on investment. Adoption of an ecosystem-services approach is one way to organize potential effects of an action within a framework that explicitly recognizes the interconnectedness of environmental, social, and, in some cases, economic considerations, and fosters consideration of both quantified and unquantified information. This memorandum sets a course to implement this approach.

**Scope**. This memorandum complements but does not supersede agency activities prescribed by or pursuant to law, tribal consultation policy, Executive Order, regulation, or other relevant guidance. This document provides direction for relevant Federal programmatic and planning activities (including activities such as natural-resource management and land-use planning, climate-adaptation planning and risk-reduction efforts, and, where appropriate, environmental reviews under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)) and other analyses of Federal and Federally-assisted programs, policies, projects, and regulatory proposals. For example, should an agency's analysis require consideration of costs, the agency should consider ecosystem-services assessment methods, where appropriate and feasible.

Background. Ecosystem services provide vital contributions to economic and social well-being. These include, but are not limited to, provisioning food and materials, improving the quality and moderating the quantity of water, providing wildlife habitat and spawning and nursery habitats for fisheries, enhancing climate resilience, mitigating storms and floods, buffering pollutants, providing greater resilience for communities and ecosystems, and supporting a wide array of cultural benefits, recreational opportunities, and aesthetic values. Since the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) underscored the value of the Nation's natural capital in its 1998 report, Teaming with Life, successive Administrations have worked to develop methodologies and have convened interagency dialogues to advance ecosystem-services approaches in Federal decision making. In 2011, the PCAST revisited the 1998 report, making a specific recommendation to improve the capabilities of Federal agencies to promote consideration of ecosystem services in decision making. The Federal government has made progress toward this goal within individual agencies—for example, in the U.S. Forest Service's 2012 Forest Planning Rule—and in setting broad policy across agencies—for example, by including ecosystem-services concepts in the recent Principles, Requirements and Guidelines for Federal Investment in Water Resources (PR&G).

In recent years, considerable attention has also focused on the role that healthy and intact natural habitats can play in enhancing resilience of communities and ecosystems, including reducing

vulnerability to climate-change impacts. Multiple efforts are underway to incorporate natural and nature-based infrastructure (e.g., dunes and barrier islands) to enhance storm and flood protection, along with efforts to restore natural features (e.g., oyster reefs in the Chesapeake Bay) to benefit multiple ecosystem services, such as fish habitat and water quality. Increased emphasis on ecosystem services to enhance resilience underscores the need for a consistent framework for incorporating ecosystem services into Federal decision making.

Today, the links among land, air, fresh water, ocean, and human activities are better understood. Advances in science and technology have provided timely and usable information to guide decision making. For example, advances in the social sciences have further developed methods to articulate the value of ecosystem services in both monetary and non-monetary terms. By incorporating ecosystem services into Federal agency planning and decision making, and recognizing that healthy ecosystems are essential to human welfare, security, and the health of social and economic systems, Federal agencies will more effectively address the challenges facing the Nation and ensure ecosystems are healthy for this and future generations.

**Directive.** Agencies shall develop policies to promote consideration of ecosystem-services assessments within existing agency planning and decision frameworks, where appropriate and practicable, in accordance with their statutory authorities and consistent with their specific missions.

- 1. Policies should describe approaches for conducting decision-relevant and scale-specific ecosystem-services assessments, as well as plans for effective monitoring and evaluation.
- 2. These policies do not need to be standalone documents and may be most useful when incorporated into existing decision-making frameworks and analyses. Agencies are encouraged to carry out the provisions of this guidance through existing planning and strategic processes such as: Agency and Departmental Strategic Plans, Strategic Sustainability Performance Plans, and Annual Performance Reports.
- 3. To support agencies in this process, a forthcoming appendix will provide implementation guidance for this memorandum to suggest best practices for ecosystem-services assessment. The implementation guidance will outline an assessment framework for integrating consideration of ecosystem services into existing agency decision process and will describe the elements and approaches for sound integration of ecosystem-services concepts, such as: (1) describing the Federal action; (2) identifying and classifying key ecosystem services in the location of interest; (3) assessing the impact of the Federal action on ecosystem services relative to baseline; (4) assessing the effect of the changes in ecosystem services associated with the Federal action; and (5) integrating ecosystem-services analyses into decision making.

**Implementation Process and Timelines**. This policy guidance is intended to support those agencies already using ecosystem-services approaches and to encourage other agencies to prepare for implementation in a manner consistent with the forthcoming implementation guidance.

All agencies should begin or continue developing their policies. Agencies already deploying ecosystem-services analyses are encouraged to continue their efforts, but should be prepared to demonstrate over time how their approaches relate to the standards of best practice identified in

the implementation guidance, or to make appropriate adjustments going forward. Implementation of this memorandum will follow the timeline below.

#### 1. Description of current agency practice and work plans (6 months; Agencies)

- (a) To inform future governance considerations, agencies shall describe how ecosystem services are currently defined, classified, and incorporated in planning, management, and regulatory decisions. This written description should characterize the current state of agency practice and provide a narrative description of current challenges, if any, which could or do impede the consideration of ecosystem services in Federal decision making. To help with this process, agencies are encouraged, but not required, to review or update existing inventories with relevant efforts, using common definitions and a common framework.
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- (d) Following the release of the implementation guidance (timeline below), agencies will be expected to revise and refine their work plans to show that they are consistent with that document. Revised work plans should be submitted to CEQ within 120 days of the release of the final implementation guidance.

#### 2. Implementation guidance (14 months; CEQ)

- (a) The implementation guidance will be developed in collaboration with subject-matter experts from relevant Federal departments and agencies and will be informed by the significant body of research published in the peer-reviewed literature. The guidance will be issued as an appendix to this memorandum.
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Governance and Interagency Coordination. Full integration of ecosystem services into agency decisions will be a long-term process, taking place over many years, as agencies modify existing programs and policies in accordance with the practices outlined in the implementation guidance. Ultimately, successful implementation of the concepts in this directive may require Federal

agencies to modify certain practices, policies, or existing regulations to address evolving understandings of the value of ecosystem services.

Moving forward, CEQ, in consultation with OMB, OSTP, and CEA, will facilitate interagency coordination and engagement around ecosystem services, including supporting agencies in their work to incorporate ecosystem-services assessments in decision making. CEQ, in consultation with OMB, OSTP, and CEA, will also coordinate with existing work groups and other governance structures to develop a longer-term strategy for providing sustained leadership and interagency coordination around ecosystem services. Such ongoing coordination is needed to provide support and oversight for agency work plans and to share best practices for integrating ecosystem services into Federal decision making, including policy development and institutionalization, alignment of data and tools, implementation of relevant research priorities, and integrating assessments into program and project analysis.



## Comment Form Line 3 Project Draft EIS Public Meeting

Please provide your contact information. This information and your comments will be publicly available. ANDREW KUZELONZEK VALLEY VIEW DR City: CLOQUET Phone or Email: andrew. Rozelovzek@enbridge.com. Please share your comments on the Line 3 Project Draft EIS. What could be improved in the EIS? What is missing? is very thoroughly written and The draft EIS addressed any potential CONCETAS. I request the DOC Move forward on the legally approved not delay the schedule, see with NO ISSUES I

From: Kraemer, Kelly (Faculty) < KKraemer@CSBSJU.EDU>

Sent:Monday, July 10, 2017 8:42 PMTo:MN\_COMM\_Pipeline CommentsSubject:Docket #s CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

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- > Sincerely,
- > Kelly Rae Kraemer
- > St. Cloud, MN

From: Kraemer, Kelly (Faculty) < KKraemer@CSBSJU.EDU>

**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 1:22 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Stop Enbridge Line 3

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Sincerely, Kelly Rae Kraemer St. Cloud, MN

From: rrkelk@comcast.net

**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 12:37 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Line 3 Pipeline Project

Dockets CN-14-916, PPL-15-137. Please favor the preservation of the environment of Northern Minnesota. Please consider the Ojibwe bands, and all those who live in , recreate in, and revere this area of Minnesota.

Thank you. Eleanor Krahn

Lake Elmo, Minnesota

Line 3 Replacement Project DEIS

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Docket numbers: CN-14-916; PPL-15-137



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From: <u>Michelle Kramer</u>

To: MN COMM Pipeline Comments

Cc: Michelle Kramer
Subject: Line 3 Pipeline Project

**Date:** Monday, May 22, 2017 1:56:03 PM

#### To whom it may concern;

I am writing because I am a resident of Minnesota and own a lake home in Emily, MN. It appears from the Star Tribune ad (Sunday, May 21.2017) that one or more of Enbridge's pipeline proposed routes could have an indirect effect on our property.

I know I will join the ranks of a majority of homeowners in Northern Minnesota who are adamantly opposed to this proposal and feel that the potential disaster that a pipeline leak would have on the pristine lakes/wetlands of Northern Minnesota should outweigh any benefit the state would receive from allowing this pipeline to cut through an area of our state that is enjoyed by so many Minnesotans and is a Hallmark of Minnesota tourism.

I am not an activist and have never taken the time to write to someone within the state department to voice an opinion on something being considered by the state. However, I can't believe that this proposed pipeline and the potential locations are the only viable alternatives the state of Minnesota has at this time.

Why is it necessary to add yet another pipeline? I understand that it is to replace the existing pipeline but why does this have to run through Minnesota? Why not extend it through Canada to get to feasible shipping?

If one of these pipeline routes is approved then why wouldn't you require Enbridge to remove the existing line from underground as it will continue to decay (and I can only assume the residuals in that line will then leech into our ground water)?

Why isn't there an alternative route that will not potentially affect the numerous lakes/rivers/wetlands of Northern Minnesota?

I'm not confident that my letter will be considered in this decision making process but I want you to know that as a Minnesota tax payer and voter, I am very much against this pipeline. Regardless of whether or not it is "in my backyard" I would not be in favor of allowing another oil pipeline to run through one of our state's most treasured areas with numerous lakes/streams/wetlands and wildlife.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michelle Kramer

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From: Bruce Kriens <rkriens@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 02, 2017 7:41 AM
To: MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** About Time

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

It is about time that MN got back on board - we need the jobs, we need the oil from the US worse than we need it from the Middle East! I have personally worked with Enbridge and they do a good job!

It is good to see progress being made - let's do this and get going on the infrastructure in Minnesota also - one bridge collapse is enough!

Time to let the Saudi's keep their oil for themselves.

Sincerely,

Bruce Kriens 2050 County 41 NW Backus, MN 56435 rkriens@gmail.com

From: Robin Kriens <br/>
Sent: Sunday, July 02, 2017 7:35 AM<br/>
To: MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Line 3 Replacement

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

Great news - it's about time we got things done in MN and the US instead of taking oil from countries that hate us! We have the resources, so let's create jobs and get people off welfare and every other hand-out that is given for able bodied people that can work! It is a win-win situation! It is time to stop letting the protesting liberals and tree huggers get in the way of progress in America. Many, I am sure, find their check in their mailbox from the government and then DRIVE to the store to spend it. Thankful to see things happening again! WhooHoo!!

Sincerely,

Robin Kriens 2050 County 41 NW Backus, MN 56435 bkriens@tds.net

**From:** Gary Kroening <G.Kroening@stategroup.com>

**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2017 11:56 AM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Line 3 Replacement

#### Line 3 Replacement.

In regards to Line 3 Replacement. When a company wants to replace something that is existing to make it more safe, I do not understand? I have worked on Enbridge projects since 1991. As far as a company, they are the leader in being Safe! Over the years Enbridge has implemented an unbelievable amount of Safety standards as far as being Safe! You cannot dig next to a Pipeline any more. You have to use the Hydro VAC Method these days. This method will never allow a mechanical hit. This method is a very costly method and is just an example of the extreme precautions they take. They have so many different methods of detecting any type of problem that may occur it is unbelievable! I have worked for many different pipeline companies and Enbridge far exceeds any other company in this industry. If people think we should haul our oil by rail or truck they should be standing in line in their local Walmart as I am writing this with a Bicycle in their hands or over at the neighbors Horse farm. By the way the Bicycle will not have Tires, that is based on an Oil Product and Horse is going to starve because we will have no fuel or gas to put up hay! Enbridge has a unbelievable track record for what they have done and are continuing to improve on. Let's get started on the Line 3 Replacement and stop listening to the paid off protestors. We have many existing Lines in the state presently, By allowing this one and future lines is only going to benefit our state.

Thank You!

**Gary Kroening** 

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From: Christopher Krolak <cjkrolak@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, July 09, 2017 9:38 AM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

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

Dear Environmental Review Manager:

I believe there is missing data in the Line 3 DEIS. There is apparently no information from a dilbit study done by the National Academy of Sciences, which you can find here: <a href="https://www.nap.edu/catalog/21834/spills-of-diluted-bitumen-from-pipelines-a-comparative-study-of">https://www.nap.edu/catalog/21834/spills-of-diluted-bitumen-from-pipelines-a-comparative-study-of</a>.

With so much at stake with the remaining clean lakes in Minnesota, it is important that an analysis of the findings of this study be included in the final EIS.

Thanks,

Christopher Krolak

From: Sandi Krueger <Sandi.Krueger@live.bemidjistate.edu>

**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 3:28 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Line 3 Replacement Route Comments on DEIS

Attachments: Promote Love.docx; Clean Water Map.pdf; Pipeline Routing.pdf

Included here is my Oil Pipeline Comments on DEIS for Final Environmental Impact Statement, concerning the Line 3 Replacement Route through the Northern Minnesota Tourism Lake Country. Docket #'s are CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137.

The 2 Maps are; A map showing the last of the clean water in Minnesota as the green NE half, and the polluted SW half is in red.

And a map showing alternative routes that avoid the cleanest lakes like the currant route proposed in black. Rather they should

consider the blue line, red line, and purple line routes.

Sandi Krueger Bemidji, Minnesota Friends of the Headwaters Promote Love, Beauty, and Balance, not the continued terror of Industrial rule polluting our environment, and destroying people's lives, forever. I have been forced to move 2 times now because of Industrial take-over of little Tourist Towns, and their surrounding areas of million dollar lake homes. First the air and water was polluted by a factory in my hometown, and then a polluting loud gravel pit at the lake cabin. Now northern Minnesota, in the Land of 10,000 Lakes, is being threatened by a Tar Sands pipeline bigger than Keystone X, called Replacement Line 3, which is just as much a NO as the Sandpiper oil from the ND Bakken was. I first heard about this some years ago when Senator Cravaak at a HS Auditorium said, China wanted this pipeline along this route...because we owe them so much money that we can't even pay back the interest...and so we have to give them what they want or they will Own us. Wow...what if the world goes to hell and this is used as a weapon? There goes the Mississippi river from the source, and crossed several times, by amounts of oil beyond recovery, ever. People cannot believe you are even Considering going next to Itasca State Park, and crossing the Mississippi several times, they say it is Sacred! Also beware that gravity flows in 3 directions from there. Rather, there is a map on the Friends of the Headwaters site that has 2 possible routes more south, that should work out better and we wish they would try for those. At the last hearing in Bemidji on May 2017, a man said he comes up here to his cabin every summer of his life, but if you allow this pipeline through here, he won't come here anymore. He speaks for thousands who pay millions for the privilege to be here, and you are going to Risk taking our Tourism away? Water is our oil, and it needs to be Protected, not Polluted by even the Risk of this pipeline! Once the pipeline route has taken-land, it requires the land owners to patrol and report any oil spills or explosions, providing they didn't vaporize. That is too much Stress to Live With! People are here to relax and have fun in The Lake Country! Thank god

their is some clean lakes left in this State! On a surveyed map from The Friends of the Headwaters Facebook site, the southern half of Minnesota is polluted, and the top third is still clean. But it is clean where you are trying to bully your way through with a huge dirty pipeline! We cannot afford you! And if you have a problem we cannot Trust you to clean it up, and we are not equipped! Especially since winter has a lot of below zero weather, and the only time we have a lot of population is in the summer. People paid high prices to come here for Fun, not to constantly Fight Big Industries! We need to keep the reasons why we are here, and for the environment of what we always expected to be held sacred, to be protected! When I showed what I'd written to an Enbridge man at the door of a meet and greet in Dec. 2016, he pointed to the words "lies and denial" and said Enbridge didn't want to be known for that anymore. But at the May hearing, environmentalists pointed out problems with Enbridge spills and pollution that can never be cleaned up, and then the pipeline people lie and deny and say they have a great track record and leave a place better than before they arrived. Also, he laughed and said, "sex trafficking" when he read about that. It Is Not Funny! People who might not be motivated to speak at your hearing events, are behind the scenes building shelters along the proposed pipeline route. Previous pipelines have proven to have "social problems," and even some pipeline supporters are not thrilled about it this time. In the winter during the last icy road snowstorm, 4 theaters were packed, and an auditorium was filled the next day, to learn about this problem that is so big. People plan to rescue girls and children from Pipeline Areas where too many of the men have enjoyed this problem for too many years. I know of someone who was kidnapped for this, and she was continually told she was "just a commodity," and that "everything he did he learned in prison." At a pipeline panel discussion, when we first began to learn about the Sandpiper route which is now Replacement Line 3, we studied the problems with

this proposed route. The union guy for ND and MN said, "When criminals get out and start families they need jobs." I said to him later in the hall that, "You need to hire quality people who Care to do these high risk pipeline jobs." And then we discussed options for the men's employments. Years ago I worked on a pipeline in ND, and am aware of how girls are treated, and the character of what goes on. I was a flag girl and rock picker, and locals would ask me why the pipeline was working on a Sunday, because back then nothing was open on Sundays in that state. So the pipeline doesn't follow the rules, and is a rule changer. At a job seminar on the same college stage as the panel discussion had been, the Governor was asked by an aggressive big man what he was going to do to employ the felons. For sure there are many great employees, but Pipeline experiences have been quite awful for a lot of people, and a lot more care should be taken to respect the areas you go through.

In the 5 County Tourism Lake Area on this proposed route, The Second Homeowners Survey said that by far, most important was clean water, then beauty, and peace. After 2 years of Enbridge continually delivering oil pipes to fields in preparation, and terrorizing us with their constant big truck traffic, we hope to instead keep our life sane and kind and wonderful. We Wish for them to find an already polluted route elsewhere, sorry elsewhere, but there is not much clean Minnesota water for the lakefront left. To live with the stress of waking up to black lakes is too much, and should Not be allowed in this part of the Land of Lakes.





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Health scores rank the condition of Minnesota's landscapes from 0 (poor health condition, red) to 100 (good health condition, green). This example shows remaining perennial cover.

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From: lyle <pahacetan@brainerd.net>
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 3:02 PM
To: MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Pipeline Proposal

Date: July 7, 2017

To: Minnesota Department of Commerce Attn: Jamie MacAlister, Manager Environmental Review 85 7th Place East, Suite 280 St. Paul, MN 55101-2198 (651) 539 - 0109

From: Lyle Krych

Whispering ^^ Pine ^^ Beach 23013 North Platte Lake Road Hillman, Minnesota 56338-4047 ( 320 ) 360 - 9318

Dear Jamie.

This letter cannot emphasise enough for You to understand fully, my opposition to another pipeline proposal. My Mother who owns a farm in Morrison County ask me to also extend Her opposition to pipeline proposal.

When I state we, it includes my 3 Children, Friends and many Neighbors.

So, we have real estate interest in .....

Crow Wing County Mille Lacs County Morrison County

Please let us know that our voices have been heard and recorded by return e-mail.

We wish to be documented and counted as opposing all aspects concerning Minnesota involvement in dirty Canadian tar sands oil distribution . That would include Minnesota financial divestments from Canadian tar sands oil investments. We have researched / studied these issues for a long time .

We have been appalled by the abuse observed against people and property, so are prepared to stand as advocates in opposition of the Canadian business of waste, destruction and pollution anywhere Minnesota .

No tankers / No Pipeline / No enbridge / No problem!

Water Is Life - Mni Wiconi - Hoka hei

From: Beth/Dan Kucera

To: MN COMM Pipeline Comments

Subject: Line #3

**Date:** Thursday, May 25, 2017 7:02:54 AM

I am a resident of NW MN and have had the current pipeline in our "backyard" for as long as I can remember. The current pipeline goes under and by many rivers, ponds, etc and have never had any problems. I know people whom have the line going through their land now and have no problem with it. I am strongly in favor of the new line #3 replacement and feel it will be a boost to our economy, energy independence while preserving our natural wildlife and environment. I am also an avid outdoorsman, hunt and fish in these same areas. Thankyou.

From: hkuchinka@yahoo.com

**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 11:58 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Please reject the permit for Enbridge's Line 3 Pipeline project.

The pipeline poses too big a pollution risk to the lakes, rivers and Native American cultures in Minnesota.

Enbridge's plan to decommission the existing Line 3, leave it in the ground, and build a new line along a different route, is unacceptable in its lack of corporate-citizenship responsibility.

Enbridge's plan also needs clear accountability in planning for disaster prevention and response.

The company has already shown a lack of foresight and responsibility, by choosing not to remove failing lines as was possible and instead leaving a pollution-filled mess to remain behind indefinitely.

Thank you. Heather Kuchinka 402 Bunker Drive Northfield, MN 55057

From: Carl Kuhl <carl@connollykuhlgroup.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 20, 2017 10:25 AM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Draft EIS for the Line 3 Replacement Project CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

Pipelines are cost effective energy transportation channels that provide North America with necessary crude oil. The Line 3 Replacement Project is part of Enbridge's on-going pipeline maintenance program that will reduce the amount of future maintenance activities and landowner disruption otherwise required to maintain safe operations.

Enbridge has worked diligently with land owners and community members, including members of my extended family, to ensure voluntary statements of consent were signed and public comments and concerns were addressed. Enbridge holds it as a priority to engage with the community and work in partnership.

Enbridge has held more than 1,200 meetings with local residents in the past four years. Those most directly impacted by the project - more than 95% of the landowners, including my family in the Clearbrook area whose property would be crossed - have given Enbridge permission to cross their land.

The prompt replacement of Line 3 will ensure the safety and environmental protection of our important natural resources as well as the continued safe transportation of crude oil to refineries in Minnesota, the Midwest and beyond.

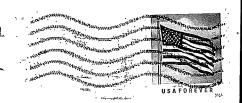
Sincerely,

Carl Kuhl 1256 Nursery Hill Ct Saint Paul, MN 55112 carl@connollykuhlgroup.com

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**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 2:49 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Attn Jamie MacAlister re: proposed pipeline 3

To: Jamie MacAlister, Pipeline.Comments@state.mn.us

re: Line 3 DEIS, Dockets CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137.

I am from your neighboring state of Wisconsin.

The Line 3 Pipeline concerns me because of its high potential for irreversible pollution of a pristine wilderness area.

The DEIS concerns me because: I do not feel that a proper study has been done of the IMPACT a pipeline like this could have, both to the water and to tourism in the region. The boundry water area, which I have canoed many times both with my family and my scouting troops, should remain unscathed by mankind and its pollution SO THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS MAY ENJOY ITS BEAUTY.

I would like to see the Department of Commerce to deny the permit for the proposed Line 3, shut down the old line, and make the corporation who put it there remove it from the ground & clean up their mess.

Please, think 7 generations ahead, what kind of planet will future generations inherit?

What will they think of US if we do not act to protect our few wild places?

Do not let big oil destroy this beautiful wilderness area.

All pipelines leak, eventually. Its just a matter of time before they do.

Please deny Line 3.

Sincerely,

Debbie Kujawski

Menomonee Falls WI

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**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2017 9:24 AM

**To:** PUC, Docketing (PUC)

**Subject:** CN-14-916

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I am a graduate of SCSU and received my Master's degree in Aquatic Biology. We are blessed to have the cleanest, freshest, most natural water in the country. Water is the most precious resource to life period. This resource should be of national interest and regarded as economically, culturally, and socially necessary to a healthy state overall. There is no place, especially with modern understanding of the chemical materials, for these two complex substances to be anywhere near each other. As part of my education I was taught that these substances are not uniform from place to place; meaning they are chemically different, from one area to another, one lake to another, one counties lakes from another, one geographical region to another. There are no two perfectly analogous bodies of water. The chemical differences tell the story of what could happen if oil contaminates the water resources whether at the surface or underground. Some places due to chemical interactions will result in harmful distribution to surrounding ecosystems much faster than others. The illustrations of this abound across the country and are extremely well documented in a very similar substance to oil in this regard; creosote. Creosote was an important treatment for railroad ties and plants to create them for a growing country were necessary. Containment of creosote waste was nonexistent and holding ponds were little more than earthen pits. This was the standard for a very long time and in hindsight very bad. Every creosote tie treatment plant that was ever built is a Superfund site and uses tax dollars to continually remediate the toxic effects to the environment. An excellent example comes from the long lasting effects in a town I grew up near named Baxter. Baxter had a large tie treatment plant closed decades ago and recently when the booming town decided to build wells for the citizens to have city water they found the water was contaminated by creosote chemicals everywhere they tested to the point they could not use the water, it was untreatable for safe consumption by any reasonable method, and had to engineer long lines from the nearby town Brainerd for water supply. The chemicals continue to meander via the underground aquifers continually contaminating the environments as they go. There really is no way to stop them. Some chemicals in this concoction are heavy and sink down and some chemicals are light and flow on the surface, the same would be true of crude oil. When a spill occurs there really is no way, in the areas the line is proposed to run, that containment and proper cleanup could occur, not to mention our changing seasons hampering or even completely halting such an operation. Why on earth would we allow crude oil to even have the potential to come into contact with our precious water.

The existing lines should be removed carefully and quickly. Leaving them in the ground and any arguments for this are truly disturbing. This will turn inevitably into a future environmental disaster. The line will deteriorate as it is already and will break down leading to contamination all along its route. This should be common sense. What is better; to remove pipe intact or have to dig oily rust chunks out of the ground later. Any arguments against removal are highly suspect.

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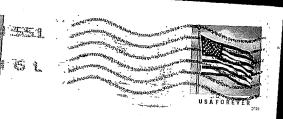
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