

I SUPPORT THE LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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COMMENTS

WHY WOULDN'T A NEW PIPELINE TO REPLACE
THE OLD ONE BE A GOOD ONE? THERE'S
NO REASON THAT IT WOULDN'T BE!!!

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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Don Wagner <dwagner531@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2017 9:25 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Please approve pipeline number 3

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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Kirsten Wahlberg <kmw98589@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 08, 2017 3:48 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: "Public Comment: Line 3 Project (CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137)."

I believe that it is important to prioritize Enbridge's removal and remediation of the old line 3 before beginning any new projects. It is possible to go around the lakes that would affect state forests and lakes which we need to preserve. Enbridge needs to be a good neighbor, and therefore should provide the lowest risk of updates for their new pipes possible.

Thank you

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Kalene Walker <kalewalk@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 10:31 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Line 3 - DEIS Dockets CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

To: Jamie MacAlister,

Regarding Line 3 - DEIS Dockets CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137.

Please hear and respect the voices of those who have articulated valid and important reasons for the Department of Commerce to DENY THE PERMIT for the proposed Line 3. Also, please shut down the old line and remove it from the ground.

Thank you,

Kalene Walker

San Diego - CA

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Rachel Walker <rachel@robandrachel.org>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 11:18 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: CN14-196 and PPL15-137

I object to this pipeline project. Our environment will be at risk. The recent leaks of the pipeline in North Dakota despite assurances that the water would not be harmed are a clear signal that we should not expand, build, or add pipeline. Please stop line 3.

Rachel Walker
Minneapolis 55417

Sent from my iPad

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Greta Wallgren <gmckeand@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 12:29 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Line 3 Enbridge pipeline

I oppose the new replacement line Line 3. I've examined the current path proposed and I am very concerned about several things:

- There are several creeks and rivers that this line proposes to go over, including the Mississippi.
- The land development needed in order to build and maintain the line
- The risk of spilling into drinking water and natural resources used heavily by all Minnesotans for sport and recreation
- The old line will be abandoned rather than cleaned up and removed, restoring the land

Those are just a few of my concerns. Please reject this new line and force the old line to be cleaned up.

CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

**Greta Wallgren
Shakopee MN
native to the central MN area the pipeline is proposing to cross over**



Comment Form
Line 3 Project Draft EIS Public Meeting

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

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

It seems to me everything has been well planned. I
trust the line will go where it is the best place.
It appears that the alternatives line will be good. ~~Whatever~~
Whatever even works the best.

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

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COMMENTS

I support the line 3 replacement project

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Line 3 Replacement Project DEIS

- The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is an in-depth analysis that took more than 15 months and 27 public meetings to scope and develop.
- Years of environmental study: Enbridge conducted more than 1,200 meetings with local stakeholders over four years and has spent thousands of hours studying the replacement route.
- Infrastructure replacement: As a maintenance project, the time is now to replace and modernize Line 3.

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



Jamie MacAlister
Environmental Review Manager
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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Daniel Walter <mdmwalter@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 12:17 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Line 3

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

As a retired power company employee who used to work with Enbridge, I found them to be good citizens.

Line 3 runs within about 200 feet of my home west of Bemidji MN and if they say it is time to replace it, I respect their judgement.

Enbridge does not build lines just to build lines, rather to do the job needed. Their job is moving some of the product which we use in our lives.

Sincerely,

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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Mary Jo Walters <waltersmaryjo@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 7:18 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Line 3

I live in Wisconsin and do not support the Enbridge line 3 being used at all.

Mary Jo Walters

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Larry Wannebo <wannebo@uslink.net>
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 4:40 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Cc: Larry Wannebo
Subject: CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. Jamie Macalister
 Environmental Review Manager
 CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

July 7, 2017

To protect the waters of Minnesota, the best alternative route for Enbridge should be SA-04.

The only red mark SA-04 gets is for “drinking water areas of interest” because: 1.) it covers more miles, 2.) it crosses the Mississippi on which the TC metro depends for water, 3. it ends up near the heavily populated area south of Chicago. How can this one red mark trump all of the other concerns that directly impact the health, safety and welfare of all Minnesotans? (Much of SA-04 is outside of our state. If we share the oil, shouldn't we share the risk?)

As an alternative, Enbridge can replace in the current Line 3 footprint by removing the old Line 3 entirely. This is likely an issue across the country. It is time for the oil transportation industry to create new installation technologies to replace the old lines that are crowded into the narrow ROWs.

They need smarter technology, not smarter lobbyists.

With names like Big Trout Lake, Pine River, Loon Lake, and with the Mississippi River flowing through the heart of Minnesota, how can anyone in their right mind approve an oil pipeline that threatens the motto of the State of 10,000 lakes.

Most fifth graders know that oil and water don't mix. This is the only science that you need to justify denying the applications for all oil pipelines In Minnesota.

How can a bunch of educated adults in our state agencies prove to the kids and the public that oil and water do mix?

With millions of Minnesotans investing to protect the surface and ground waters, our elected officials and agencies should not be acting in any way to endanger these waters. Oil pipelines are a threat to theses waters.

It's time for the state agencies to shrug off the political threats and do your job to protect our natural resources at all costs...be a professional advocate, not a partisan party lackey. In doing your job right, you will help hasten the swing to a more open and sustainable natural resource-based economy.

Think long term.

“I believe there is only one conflict, and that is between short-term and long-term thinking. In the long term, the economy and the environment are the same thing. If it is unenvironmental it is uneconomic. That is a rule of nature.” *Mollie Beattie (1947-1996, former director U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)*

Thank you for allowing me this bottom-line perspective of Enbridge Line #3...the science still says that oil and water don't mix.

Larry Wannebo

Larry & Marilyn Wannebo
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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Larry Wannebo <wannebo@uslink.net>
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 10:27 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

I am resubmitting my comments as I neglected to include the document numbers on my original submission.

Attn: Jamie Macalister, Environmental Review Manager
 RE: CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

I am opposed to the proposed route of Enbridge line 3.

I find myself wondering when we became such a blasé society that we have allowed common sense and human welfare to be overridden by personal and corporate greed.

Regarding the proposed Enbridge #3 pipeline, I realize they are looking for the most economical (and consequently most profitable) route for placement. We have been told repeatedly about the economical gain in jobs with this installation, but we know that these jobs will be the lower paying and temporary positions of construction. The professional engineers and pipefitters will not be local nor will they be permanent to the areas.

Why don't we hear from Enbridge about the economic impact to these communities when a major leak contaminates their source of drinking water? Or makes their lakes so polluted that tourists no longer arrive? I believe these impacts are a much bigger negative than the positive one created by providing a few temporary jobs.

Leaks will happen, it's just a matter of when and the consequences can be disastrous for years, decades or generations. We all know that cleanup is expensive, time consuming and sometimes impossible leaving it to Mother Nature to try and recover for eons.

Yet here we are trying to convince you to not allow this pipeline through our State's most pristine waters. Can you honestly say you don't see the foolishness of what's being proposed? They do have other viable options. It may cost more but take a look at their financials...they can afford to make a concession to protect our waters.

As for the current line 3 which they have, rightfully, opted to no longer use or replace, it should be removed. They cannot blow out all the residual oil and it continues to degrade allowing for more seepage. There is also the possibility of a future explosion.

They claim they will continue to monitor this pipeline, but since many of the leaks they have previously had were found not by their monitoring but by residents affected by the leaks, this option is not comforting.

Please consider carefully all the comments you receive as your decisions will affect all of us for generations to come. We cannot afford to continue losing our waters to contaminations.

Without clean waters, oil will have no value to anyone.

Thank you,

Marilyn Wannebo
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 Manhattan Beach, MN. 56442

Submitted July 7, 2017

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Larry Wannebo <wannebo@uslink.net>
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 12:55 PM
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Subject: Line 3 Project

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Submitted July 7, 2017

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Tammy Warcken <twarcken@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 12:26 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Proposed Enbridge Line 3 pipeline

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in opposition to the above stated pipeline. I find it hard to believe that this pipeline is being considered in these locations, putting our beautiful waters of Minnesota at risk. With its more than 80 river crossings, plus the other impacts to lakes and wetlands, the environmental impact of the maintenance alone will have severe consequences. A possible spill could be devastating. Enbridge's track record regarding spills - over 800 - is not good. Their handling of the Kalamazoo River spill and clean up is proof of that.

Specifically, DEIS Chapter 5.2.1.4, where Enbridge plans to store hazardous chemicals 100 feet from surface waters during the pipeline's construction and during its maintenance is inadequate. 100 feet is nothing in these areas, which will drain into those precious waters.

Also, DEIS Chapter 10.4.1 in regards to the 10 mile Region of Interest that is being proposed is also woefully inadequate. The Kalamazoo River spill is a prime example of that inadequacy, considering that spill's impact was 35 miles. The ROI should include at least 35 miles if not more. It is my understanding that this propose pipeline is going to be bigger, allowing Enbridge to pump twice as much tar sands oil than its old pipeline, and under greater pressure. That leads me to believe that the impact area will be large if and when a spill occurs.

I remember the Kalamazoo River spill and how Enbridge's methods for cleanup did not work for heavy tar sands oil. Because of that, the oil sunk to the bottom of the river bed, polluting the entire ecosystem of the river. Is this what we want for Minnesota's waters? I don't think so.

Thank you for allowing me to express my opposition to this pipeline and its proposed location, and my opinion on how it is detrimental to the health and safety of Minnesota's waters and people.

Sincerely,

Tamara Warcken

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Wendy Ward <wwbike63@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 3:26 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Jamie

As a St Croix River resident and policy analyst, I would suggest, among multiple other weak points, the following EIR portions as inadequate.

1) DEIS Chapter 10.2.4.1.1

the report states: "The annual probability of a spill incident for the Applicant's preferred route was estimated as 0.249 incidents per year with a recurrence interval of 4.0 years."

Mathematically that means that every year there would be a 25% risk of an oil spill, which means a risk of one spill every four years. This high and frequent risk should not be accepted.

2) The risk from Line 3 is in conflict with several of Minnesota Statutes:

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

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

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

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

Please record these public positions,

Thank you

Wendy Ward



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

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

The draft EIS meets and exceeds environmental
requirement.
The DEIS goes above and beyond what the law
requires, with a nearly 5,000 page comprehensive
review of the potential environmental impacts
of the line 3 replacement and proposed alternatives.

Thank You.



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

I support Line 3 replacement. Line 3 is out of date, and the proposed replacement is the best option to protect Minnesota's lakes, rivers, and streams ~~and pipelines~~ by reducing spill risks significantly. Pipelines are the safest and most efficient way to transport oil.

I SUPPORT THE LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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COMMENTS

The L3 Replacement project will provide a well deserved shot in the arm to boost local economies along the selected route by providing wellpaying jobs for many pipe line workers and allowing smaller businesses an opportunity to fulfill their needs for food, lodging, clothing and entertainment.

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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: James Watts <jwatts76@live.com>
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 5:55 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Line 3 Replacement CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

As a resident of Northern MN. , I have watched the regulatory process go on for more than 2 years. I think there has been ample time for review and public comment and the DOC should move forward to replace Line 3. The EIS is thorough and well done. The DOC should keep the EIS timeline to the statutory deadline of 280 days.

Sincerely,

James Watts
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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Andrew Weatherly <andrewweatherly@mail2world.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 10:48 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Line 3 comments

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Jamie MacAlister,

I oppose Line 3. Here are my reasons.

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.

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)

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.

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!

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).

Most 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 we have been able to see reviewed, and there are numerous flaws in their methodology.

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? No, I don't live in Minnesota: I live in North Carolina. this

concerns me anyway.
Best--Andrew Weatherly

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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Weber <anweber@gvtel.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 08, 2017 7:43 AM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Comment CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

We would like to see the Line 3 Replacement Line done. Transporting oil through the pipeline is a much safer method than rail or trucks. We have lived by the pipeline for the last 55 years. Through that time only 2 leaks and 1 accident have occurred. The leaks were dealt with quickly with no after effects. The accident like most accident were unnecessary and possible neglect on someones part. As for the old pipe being left in the ground we think as long as it is cleaned as was discussed at the meeting we attended it should be left undisturbed.

Sincerely,

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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Corey Weber <corey.weber@westwoodps.com>
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 11:09 AM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Line 3 Replacement Project DEIS CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

July 7, 2017

Department of Commerce
Ms. Jamie MacAlister, Environmental Review Manager Minnesota Department of Commerce
85 7th Place East, Suite 500
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

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

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

I wish to voice my full support for the Enbridge Line 3 Replacement. I believe it is in the best interest of the State of Minnesota and fellow Minnesotans for this project to move forward. Pipelines have been proving to be a far safer and a more environmentally friendly way to transport product. As much as the replacement of aging infrastructure is imperative to protecting our environment, increasing capacity of this infrastructure allows the United States to continue to strive to become the world's energy leader.

As a long-time professional in the pipeline industry, I have watched the pipeline construction and operation regulations and the industry response evolve to level of commitment and sophistication that makes transportation of liquids both safe and efficient. The stringent standards of Title 49 CFR Part 195 and the formation of the USDOT Pipeline and Hazardous material Safety Administration (PHMSA) in 2004 have created a structure and culture of safety and standards that ensure that ANY plan accepted and ANY route chosen will yield an infrastructure asset that is dependable, reliable, and safe. Advances in corrosion protection and operational integrity measurement and documentation also ensure that continued operations will pose little or no threat to both affected landowners and the environment. Weighing the minimal risks against the undeniable benefits of a facility such as Line 3, the choice is clear. Secondly, to continue to strain highway and rail infrastructure furthering the harmful economic effects to other businesses and industries when there is a sensible and dependable alternative is clearly ill-advised.

Enbridge has demonstrated through its commitment to acquiring social license within the communities it operates and an industry leading safety record that it is a responsible corporate citizen. Enbridge has earned our support in its efforts to contribute to energy security and make the United States and North America a standard bearer in the global energy arena.

Due to the thorough and well prepared Draft Environmental Impact Statement, there should be no need for additional time or study to evaluate any environmental impacts. It is with this knowledge that I strongly urge you to keep the EIS timeline to the statutory deadline of 280 days.

Corey Weber
Director, Westwood Professional Services, Inc.

Sincerely,

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

We do NOT NEED a
tar sands pipeline. Current
information suggests that
pipeline companies and
politicians are overbuilding
tar sands pipelines by
2.4 million barrels a day.
More oil is being pulled out
of the ground than is
being consumed.

SINCERELY, Bradley Weberg
1304 E. 88th
Bloomington,
MN



JAMIE MACALISTER
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW MANAGER
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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Mr. & Mrs. Scott Weems, Sr <joycelweems@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 2:00 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Can we help?

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

We live 12 miles north of Clearbrook, if you need to come through our land your welcome to.

Sincerely,

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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Darril Wegscheid <djwegscheid@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 12:06 AM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Enbridge Docket Numbers: CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137
Attachments: PUC Comments Jul 9 AM rewrite.docx

Ms. MacAlister - Good day,

Here is focused feedback on the lack of adequate analysis of potential – and real – oil spills and their impacts and the absolute need for independent and impartial assessment.

Regards,
Darril

July 9, 2017

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

Jamie MacAlister, Environmental Review Manager
Minnesota Department of Commerce
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St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

Good day,

The Executive Summary – page ES-12 – begins a very naïve and simplistic (and gross misrepresentation / under representation) of potential oil spills – their occurrence, magnitude, disersion, spread, scope of damage and duration of impairment and virtually all factors related to such an event.

I have an advanced degree in Computer / Mathematical modeling and an employment history spanning nearly 40 years (see vita attachment), most of which was directly (and/or supervising experts) doing “computer modeling” of economic and operational scenarios.

This operation, like the HMS Titanic has multiple and complex vulnerabilities, which cannot be addressed with platitudes (as Enbridge is attempting to do here) – ala ‘Not even God can sink this ship’! The eventual disaster was – and here would be – a series of simultaneous and cumulative failures of equipment (pipes, valves, pumps, etc.), a summary lack of understanding / misunderstanding of conditions (changing conditions that are ‘ignored, ‘explained away’, or ‘presumed to be irrelevant’), etc., etc.

Enbridge would lead the public, and the PUC / DOC to be comfortable with the use of AVERAGES to compare “spills” – and lose people in the details. This must be corrected in the EIS so there are honest and independent values and impacts to evaluate for the environment, etc.

The manner in which the applicant is comparing a pipeline spill versus an oil tanker or rail spill is a false comparison. The use of averages is misleading, and self-serving in that it is false and significantly understates the potential of any / all large-scale releases from a pipeline. Applicant needs to produce expert independent modeling analysis of the system and known rates of component failures, and the rare – but real – combinations of concurrent failures.

To clarify:

This Line 3 – even if it only operated at the ‘proposed initial 760,000 bpd’ – is moving roughly 10,000 gallons per minute! Or 600,000 gallons an hour. Or nearly 14,400,000 gallons in a day – and could be STILL flowing out of control if equipment, procedures, personnel and nature “failed” sequentially or concurrently in ways that they all can. There is no ‘physical limit’, once certain failures begin.

By comparison, a ‘uni-train’ of 110 cars, each carrying full loads of oil (and for a TOTAL release of the entire train) would be a disastrous total spill of about 3.5 million gallons. (At 55 gallons per barrel, that is about 64,000 **barrels**. The entire train failing is unlikely, but could be a possibility.

And in reality, a tanker truck can ONLY leak ‘just so much’ as it is limited to its capacity – about 11,600 gallons. And MOST truck spills are at the load or unload station, and modest in size. And a truck-load could be a disaster, if it happened in a pristine environmental area or crossing a major river.

The applicant's failure to properly model the complex components of this proposed pipeline system, and this DEIS presentation suggesting that there is no way that multiple / concurrent / simultaneous failures are possible along a pipeline is nearly 'sheer idiocy' - not even to mention sabotage risks.

The size and impact of these pipeline spills are NOT a 'normal' distribution. They are a "long tail" distribution, certainly with quite low probability of a "huge / extremely large spill", but nonetheless it is a FINITE possibility. That risk, given the enormity of one of those spills, cannot be allowed to go without independent and comprehensive analysis.

The ONLY way to calculate spills and resulting size and impacts of a complex system is with stochastic modelling of the components, under honest, independently verifiable and public review. If there is any concern for 'trade secrets', they would be addressable with non-disclosure agreements. Not a reason to skip this – it is too essential.

The stochastic simulation must be required to run / "tested" under various weather / time-of-year parameters. Again, Murphy's Law, things that can go wrong will go wrong, and at the worst possible time. That is the reality of disasters – multiple and concurrent failures.

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Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 12:01 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: FW: Enbridge Docket Numbers: CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137
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Subject: Enbridge Docket Numbers: CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Ms. MacAlister - Good day,

Here is focused feedback on the lack of adequate analysis of potential – and real – oil spills and their impacts and the absolute need for independent and impartial assessment.

Regards,
 Darril

July 9, 2017

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

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Good day,

The Executive Summary – page ES-12 – begins a very naïve and simplistic (and gross misrepresentation / under representation) of potential oil spills – their occurrence, magnitude, disersion, spread, scope of damage and duration of impairment and virtually all factors related to such an event.

I have an advanced degree in Computer / Mathematical modeling and an employment history spanning nearly 40 years (see vita attachment), most of which was directly (and/or supervising experts) doing “computer modeling” of economic and operational scenarios.

This operation, like the HMS Titanic has multiple and complex vulnerabilities, which cannot be addressed with platitudes (as Enbridge is attempting to do here) – ala ‘Not even God can sink this ship’! The eventual disaster was – and here would be – a series of simultaneous and cumulative failures of equipment (pipes, valves, pumps, etc.), a summary lack of understanding / misunderstanding of conditions (changing conditions that are ‘ignored, ‘explained away’, or ‘presumed to be irrelevant’), etc., etc.

Enbridge would lead the public, and the PUC / DOC to be comfortable with the use of AVERAGES to compare “spills” – and lose people in the details. This must be corrected in the EIS so there are honest and independent values and impacts to evaluate for the environment, etc.

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To: [MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments](#)
Subject: Please do not build the pipeline
Date: Friday, June 02, 2017 1:01:48 PM

Hello,

I received an email about the pipeline and I would like to voice my opinion against it. It will bring harm to the environment and cause trouble for Native Americans. Please protect and preserve how wonderful Minnesota is.

Thank you,
Sarina Weinstein

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Irene Weis <ilweis@arvig.net>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 9:08 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Cc: Irene Weis
Subject: Proposed Line 3 Pipeline Project CN 14-916. PPL 15-137

Please accept this as a written comment against the route proposed by Enbridge for its Line 3 replacement. The possibilities for severe and long lasting pollution of water resources, including the Mississippi River, drinking water aquifers, wild rice beds, critical wetlands and state forests which are valuable to waterfowl and other wildlife.

The Friends of the Headwaters proposed alternate route SA-04 protects Minnesota's important natural resources. It is well know that the Enbridge preferred route is the cheapest to build. If the stakes weren't so high, with so many possibilities for a disaster, that might be fine. However, the risk is too great. If the state of Minnesota is going to allow our neighbor to the north pipe the diluted bitumen over our resources, it better make sure the damage can be better managed by locating the pipeline in areas which are less sensitive.

Another concern I have is that it is my understanding that in the E I S data was supplied by Enbridge. That seems to me to be "bad science", or certainly questionable. I would think that the data would be independently gathered.

This has gone on long enough. Do the right thing. Locate the pipeline where the least damage will be done, or don't build it.

Irene L. Weis
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Sent from my iPad



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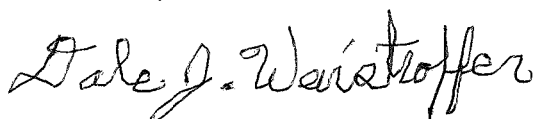
June 16, 2017

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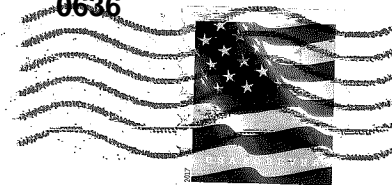


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From: Janie Wells <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 2:43 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Line 3

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

The infrastructure in this country is well passed repair, Enbridge Line 3 is a part of this infrastructure. Please let's start repairing or replacing pipelines before they break and cause disarray or death. Thank you. I have done 3 pipeline jobs for Lakehead/Enbridge and they are a wonderful company to work for and safety is their priority.

Sincerely,

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To: [MN COMM Pipeline Comments](#)
Subject: I support the Line 3 project
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Subject: Comment DEIS Line 3 Pipeline Project
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The attachment serves as comment on DEIS Line 3 Pipeline Project.

July 10, 2017

To: Jami MacAlister, Environmental Review Manager

Minnesota Department of Commerce

85 – 7th Place East, Suite 280

St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: Comments on DEIS Line 3 Pipeline Project

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

We live and own property in the area of the proposed route selected for Line 3 proposed Pipeline Project. We are members of local conservation efforts, have attended the Straight River Groundwater Management Plan meetings and are involved in monitoring river water quality through native fresh water mussel surveys with the DNR for the past 11 years. The DNR has just completed a 2 year mussel survey project encompassing all of the Crow Wing Watershed with additional supporting information.

MN State “special concern” species currently struggle to survive in the Shell and Crow Wing Rivers where the pipeline project threatens to contaminate them at least three crossing areas under the rivers if breached or ruptured. Two mussel species are identified from the Club mussel survey summary results below.

Species	Common Name	State Status	Collected Live by DNR/Shell City	Expected to be present	MCC/SWCD 2006 Shell City	MCC/SWCD 2007 Confluence Shell/Crow Wing	MCC/SWCD 2008 Shell City	MCC/SWCD 2009 Shell River at Twin Lakes	MCC/SWCD 2010 Confluence Shell/Crow Wing	MCC/SWCD 2012 Shell City	MCC/SWCD 2013 Confluence Shell/Crow Wing
<i>Anodonta imbecilis</i>	Cylinder Papershell	None	2	X	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
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<i>Lampsilis siliquosa</i>	Flat Mucket	None	179	X	21	921	345	464	487	340	257
<i>Lampsilis compressa</i>	White Heatpitter	None	0	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Lampsilis compressa</i>	Creek Heatpitter	Special Concern	38	X	3	2	2	21	8	1	7
<i>Ligumia recta</i>	Black Sandshell	Special Concern	8	X	0	53	8	19	83	8	38
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<i>Littorackia irrorata</i>	Paper Pondshell	None	0	X	0	10	5	0	0	0	0
<i>Sorophanus undulatus</i>	Creeping	None	22	X	1	4	0	2	0	0	0
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The Pineland sands area we live in is evident throughout the north central state of Minnesota. The soils are sandy loam and till, which are coarse textured and rapidly permeable. The glacial geology and area well logs indicate the aquifers contained in this area are quaternary unconfined water table aquifers (QWTA) which is extensive in this part of the Pinelands Sands aquifer extending throughout Becker, Cass, Hubbard, and Wadena counties. The surface water resources in this area are in the form of streams, lakes, and wetlands. The soils in this area are primarily outwash sands and gravels which are excessively drained and have high saturated hydraulic capacities. Studies have shown that shallow groundwater and surface water in this area is interconnected and because of the interrelatedness of the surface water and groundwater, there are no hard groundwater flow divides set by lakes or rivers. There are also no bedrock groundwater divides as bedrock is 400+ feet in depth in this area. A leak from a pipeline that runs into the watershed of the Mississippi or a wetland fed aquifers would contaminate the drinking water of many people in addition to devastating the economy of the lake areas from tourist dollars that are crucial in northern Minnesota.

The alternate pipeline route of SA-04 through the agricultural areas of southwestern Minnesota where there are clay soils, areas that are easily accessible with relatively few stream crossings may make the route longer but will protect our pristine watersheds of northern Minnesota which provide drinking water for millions.

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I want to voice my strong objections to Enbridge's appeal to create a new Line 3. I am gratified to note that most of those present at the Saint Paul June 13th meeting spoke eloquently in favor of defending the environment against the degradation this pipeline poses to our land and water. I share their detailed concerns. What follows, in bullet fashion are my major concerns and objections:

- *Stewardship and Responsibility:* Why aren't we holding Enbridge responsible for funding and removing all of the original pipeline before granting them permission to lay an alternate line? Also, if Enbridge is issued a route permit, why isn't Enbridge required to set aside funds in escrow to cover potential mishaps and disasters while its pipeline exists on our lands? Individual landowners should not be expected to pay for the clean-up of potential Superfund sites left behind by companies like Enbridge, which may go bankrupt or dissolve or otherwise change – and so escape accountability for the problems such projects will create.
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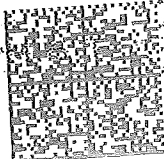
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COMMENTS

I support the Replacement pipe as it is needed and it's the safest and most cost effective way to move crude

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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Ben Whalen <bwhalen520@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 3:59 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: comments

1. Some of the dirtiest oil in the world, the pipeline will account for over 2.2 megatons of CO2 spewed into our air every week. The science is in. We are metaphorically sitting in a car, parked in a garage with the motor running and the garage door closed.
2. A recent report by 14 scientists at the University of Iowa, Ames indicates that Midwest corn, soybean and wheat crop yield will be reduced by 49%, 40% and 22% over the next eighty years. Corn yields in particular decrease 0.6% for every day over 86 degrees Fahrenheit.
3. The Des Moines Register, "By the end of the century, the average Midwesterner likely will suffer through 22 to 77 days a year of temperatures above 95 degrees, compared with only three on average the past 30 years."
4. If we don't do anything, crop losses in Minnesota will be \$470 million over the next decade not including losses from droughts.

Who is going to pay for this and why is it not accounted for in the DEIS? We have better alternatives.

From: [Allyson Whipple](#)
To: [MN COMM Pipeline Comments](#)
Subject: Comment on docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 3:28:36 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am an environmentalist and teacher who has serious reservations about Enbridge's proposed Line 3 pipeline.

The pipeline is a bad idea on three fronts. First, it's yet another assault on the environment. What is the point of having more and more oil if we're not going to have a planet left on which to use it? We need to be focusing on how to preserve our environment, not tear it apart.

Second, this pipeline is an assault to indigenous rights. I think our government has done enough damage to native people. We need to respect their agency, and the sacredness of their tribal lands.

Third, it would be a better financial investment to focus on greener, cleaner forms of energy. That's where the real money is. The renewable energy industry generates billions of dollars. A focus on that isn't just good for the environment, but it makes better financial sense.

Thank you for the time to read my comments.

Sincerely,
Allyson Whipple

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Brianne Whitcraft <bresist999@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:28 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments

Please do not approve this pipeline. Docket numbers (CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137. See the Minnpost article below for reasons why I do not support this pipeline or visit: <https://www.minnpost.com/community-voices/2017/07/reading-between-lines-minnesota-s-draft-eis-enbridges-line-3-pipeline>. It will negatively affect our environment, Native lands, and doesn't even make financial sense. Stop the pipeline.

Thank you,
 Brianne Whitcraft
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Reading between the lines of Minnesota's Draft EIS for Enbridge's Line 3 pipeline

By Thane Maxwell | 07/07/17

Residents of the Great Lakes area should [submit comments](#) on the State of Minnesota's [Draft Environmental Impact Statement \(DEIS\) for the proposed Line 3 oil pipeline](#) before the public comment period ends on July 10. But be warned, the DEIS is not designed to inform a rational, science-based policy decision; it is designed to approve the pipeline without getting sued. We are witnessing a performance of good governance, not the real thing.

Given the history, this is not surprising. Let's not forget that grassroots environmental groups dragged the State of Minnesota to this EIS kicking and screaming. The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) rubber-stamped the Sandpiper pipeline in June 2015 without doing an EIS, and when that permit was revoked by the Minnesota Court of Appeals in September 2015, Enbridge and the attorney general appealed the decision to the Minnesota Supreme Court, where it was upheld. Let's also not forget that in the face of common sense and a crystal clear docket of testimony in May 2016 outlining why the study should be conducted by the state's environmental agencies, the state insisted on putting it in the hands of the [Department of Commerce](#) instead.

Alternatives that really aren't alternatives

Now the public is asked to comment on a Draft EIS that is missing critical information. Despite the DOC's vehement objections, [Enbridge](#) is so far successfully fighting to withhold spill volume estimates from the public, for "security" reasons. There is no analysis of the economic need for the pipeline. There is no plan for addressing the contamination they will inevitably find when they shut down the existing Line 3. Indeed, only 16 of the 5,000+ pages are devoted to the issue of pipeline abandonment — just enough to acknowledge all the liabilities we pass on to our grandchildren if we let Enbridge walk away from its mess. Frankly, this is a public policy crisis for Minnesota, as Enbridge has three more ancient lines waiting to be abandoned and rebuilt in a new corridor.

The most astonishing magic trick in the DEIS, however, is the choice of alternatives to which it compares the proposed pipeline. The DEIS considers seven project alternatives, but each one is defined in a way that makes it utterly unreasonable. The “rail alternative” would require the construction of a new rail terminal at the Canadian border, where 10 trains a day would transfer product from a new but partial Line 3, to the pipeline terminal in Superior.

This is ridiculous — Enbridge would never do that. The “truck alternative” is similar but even more absurd (4,000 trucks a day), as are the two hybrid alternatives. The “use of other pipelines” option is simply not considered, based on the unsubstantiated claim that other pipelines “have been (or would be) evaluated in other jurisdictions (4.2.4).” One different pipeline proposal is considered that would go to Joliet, Illinois, instead of Superior, but very little analysis is offered except the repeated point that at double the length, it would have double the impact and carry double the risk. And the “no-build” option is defined incorrectly as “continued use of existing Line 3,” despite a recent U.S. Department of Justice Consent Decree ordering Enbridge to shut it down. Clearly the DOC wants everyone to simply throw up our hands and say, “Oh, well, I guess Enbridge’s plan is the only option!”

Glutted oil market ignores public need

The underlying assumption is that if Enbridge says it can sell X amount of additional Canadian oil, it is our responsibility to figure out a way for it to do that, and assume all the risk. The entire process prioritizes the corporation’s “right” to make profit, and ignores the real questions of public need and purpose. There is a glut of oil supply everywhere, global demand is declining, and so is Minnesota’s.

This oil is meant for export. Plus, prices have been too low for profitable tar sands extraction for years, and major oil companies are withdrawing their investments. The tar sands industry is a house of cards propped up by billions in taxpayer subsidies, and unfathomable debts that may never be repaid. Meanwhile, renewables are skyrocketing, and electric car infrastructure will dominate world markets in a matter of years. Any rational discussion of energy policy would consider these factors, but you won’t find a single one mentioned in the DEIS.

Impacts to Natives and the environment

Also missing is a discussion of Enbridge’s track record in complying with regulation, despite state law requiring that consideration before issuing the permit (Administrative Rules Part 7853.0130 (D)). Many of the environmental impacts and plans for mitigation are copied and pasted directly from Enbridge’s permit application without any evidence of compliance. And since Minnesota agencies don’t have the jurisdiction or capacity to monitor construction, the DEIS proposes that the fox watch the henhouse: Enbridge inspectors will have stop-work authority, and “third-party monitors” that relay information to the agencies will not (2.7.1.1).

The DEIS also fails to discuss the profound ecological, cultural, and sexual violence taking place at the point of extraction in the Alberta tar sands. Tunnel vision like that relies on the myth, easily refuted, that new infrastructure has nothing to do with new extraction. This oil comes from

somewhere, and if Minnesota approves this pipeline, it will also approve the poisoning and murder of the Dene and Cree communities in the Athabaskan River Basin.

Despite all these blatant omissions, the DEIS nevertheless contains all the data necessary to deny the permit. The international standard of obtaining the Free, Prior, and Informed Consent of impacted tribal communities, as outlined in the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, has not been met. Spills would violate treaties with the Ojibwe tribes that protect critical resources and the right to hunt, fish, and gather on ceded territories.

The meager chapter on environmental justice concludes that “disproportionate and adverse impacts would occur to American Indian populations” (11.5) and acknowledges that those impacts “would be an additional health stressor on tribal communities that already face overwhelming health disparities and inequities,” documented in the Minnesota Department of Health’s 2014 study as “part of a larger pattern of structural racism” (11.4.3). And the project would create zero permanent jobs, but contribute significantly to climate change.

This is a political process, not just a regulatory one. Any child can see the right thing to do: deny the permit for a new Line 3 and require Enbridge to clean up the old one. But the false assumptions, glaring omissions, and twisted framing of alternatives in the DEIS show that the state’s morality and common sense are still blinded by the temptation of temporary construction jobs and tax revenue. It is our job to demand better.

Thane Maxwell is an organizer with [Honor the Earth](#), a Native-led environmental organization based on the White Earth Reservation in Northern Minnesota and directed by writer, activist, and economist Winona LaDuke. He holds a master’s degree in regional planning from Cornell University.

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Stephanie White <stephwhite86@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 12:16 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Pipeline Comment

Dear Environmental Review Manager:

I would like to know, in the final EIS for Line 3, what Enbridge's plans are if their preferred route is approved? Will it be just the one pipeline, or will they eventually move all six pipelines to the new corridor? This would have a huge effect on how people feel about Enbridge's preferred pipeline route. Being a resident in the Crow Wing Watershed District, which would be implicated in the preferred route, this is a very important consideration. This needs to be addressed in the final statement.

Thank you,

Stephanie White
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From: Stephanie White <stephwhite86@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 12:18 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Pipeline Comment

Dear Environmental Review Manager,

I am curious, who were the private contractors used to compile the EIS? Do they have previous work histories with the Applicant? If so, was "conflict of interest" considered in their employment? Where they hired by the State of MN or Enbridge? This information should be included in the final EIS.

Thank you,
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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Stephanie White <stephwhite86@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 12:14 PM
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Subject: Pipeline Comments

Dear Environmental Review Manager:

There is nothing in the DEIS for Line 3 about the general economic picture for Minnesota if this project is approved as Enbridge prefers. Minnesota lakes are the source of revenue for fishing, water recreation, fisheries, and tourism in general. Where is the analysis of how a pipeline through some of the best lakes country in Minnesota will affect the fishing, tourism, and recreation industries (and others) in Minnesota? How would the towns along the route be affected (positively or negatively)? Does this pipeline provide enough benefits for Minnesota to balance the risk? I don't see anything about this in the DEIS. There must be an economical analysis for the EIS to be complete.

I am also concerned about the Mississippi River Basin Watershed, as a whole entity, and the money being invested to our local watershed districts to clean up existing pollution. Many funds are directed to the Upper Mississippi River Watershed from downstream communities. It seems counter intuitive to these clean up efforts to consider the risk of an oil pipeline through the headwaters. We owe it to those invested to continue trying to clean up the Upper Mississippi Watershed, not putting it at additional risk. I have not seen any mention of accountability regarding the investment into those cleanup efforts.

Thank you,
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From: [Signa Whitley](#)
To: [MN_COMM_Pipeline_Comments](#)
Subject: Pipeline3
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 9:36:28 PM

To Whom it may Concern,
My single statement is this.

What kind of WORLD are you leaving your Children and Grandchildren?

One where oxygen masks are a fact of life? Or one where they have clean water and air, life's TWO most valuable resources. The Truth is anyone involved with these pipelines DOES NOT Love or Care about their Children or Grandchildren. It does not matter to me, I have no Children and no Grandchildren to worry about. My descending line ends with me. But can you say the same thing.

There is no place to go, either take care of this world now or prepare for your descendants to die horrible deaths.

Nature finds a way to correct Human corruption. The world has restarted six times, go ahead, I DARE you to force a final solution. It's not me you hurt but your family, your friends. THE PEOPLE have survived before, They will again.

But I doubt many others will. No amount of money will save you, only the Native People's know the way.

May Father take mercy on you and yours for Nature will not.

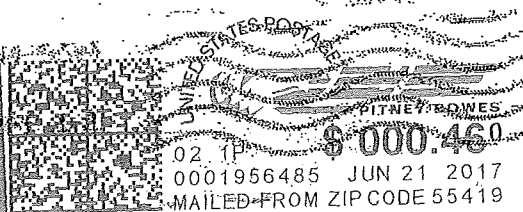
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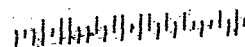
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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: marylwick@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2017 7:26 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Pipeline 3 cleanup

My comment is that those in charge need to be protectors of the environment. If Embridge is hesitant to cleanup, because it's close to a new one they want to build, how would they ever clean that up in the future? We need to look ahead. Oil is on the way out and MN needs to stand up for itself to protect the beautiful water and land for the future. Mary Wick, landowner close to the pipeline on beautiful Lake Roosevelt.

Sent from my iPad

E Wick Mary 07.09.17

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Stacia Wick <stacia.wick@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:24 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Stacia Wick, I live in St. Paul, MN, and I am writing to comment on the proposed Enbridge Line 3 Pipeline Replacement Project.

First and foremost, I would urge you to carefully consider whether this project is truly needed to address "known integrity risks, reduce apportionment...and restore flexibility". In my opinion, this project is driven by Enbridge's desire to increase its own current and future profitability rather than the company's stated concerns about safety and concern for the environment. The starting point for this conversation shouldn't be is a new pipeline 'better' than the current one. Of course it is more safe than the current one, it would be brand new! However, the question I believe the MN PUC must focus on is whether the proposed change is a wise decision in light of the environmental risks a new pipeline would pose. More capacity in the new line means more risk of high-capacity leaks. Tar sands oil is energy-intensive and environmentally damaging in the first place. Furthermore, my own family, neighbors and community are committed to reducing fossil fuel use overall in order to protect the planet from the impact of unchecked climate change (for example, we have been a 1-car family for the last five years, we chose to live near our children's schools and our own workplaces so that we can walk and bike daily, and we elect to purchase/participate in Excel Energy wind power program to power our home's electricity). The MN PUC should consider the efforts of its citizens in this regard as it makes this decision about Line 3.

Second, as a Minnesotan who respects and the historically ignored/silence voices of Native American/tribal neighbors and friends, I believe it is important for the MN PUC to weigh the risk to the tribal people, waters, and land that Line 3 presents. As was demonstrated at Standing Rock, tribes and tribal waters have for too long been asked to bear unfair oil pipeline (and other environmentally damaging or risky) burdens. My sense is that MN tribal member and their allies are willing to put their lives and bodies on the line if Line 3 is approved. This could be averted by you now.

Finally, as a member of a family that owns land along the proposed Line 3 (my parents own a lake cabin in Cass County on Lake Roosevelt near Outing MN) I object to the re-routing on behalf of those of us who pay taxes, vacation, and spend considerable tourism-related dollars annually along the path of this line. The reason my family (from South Dakota) chooses to spend time and money in Cass County is precisely because of the pristine lakes, streams, and entire watershed region that this project puts at risk.

Thanks for your consideration,
 Stacia Wick

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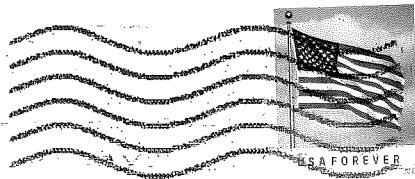
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Re: Enbridge Line 3 EIS; CN-14-916 & PPL-15-137

My name is Tara Widner. I am Pembina Band Anishinaabe (Ojibwe) from the White Earth Reservation. My ancestors have been on this land called Minnesota since well before it was recognized as a state or even a territory. Like my ancestors, I am a ricer. I canoe through the clean lakes and rivers of this state to hand harvest manoomin/wild rice each autumn.

Manoomin is sacred to the Ojibwe. Prior to colonization of the U.S. & Canada, the Ojibwe were led by a prophesy to migrate from the east coast of North America to the Great Lakes region to live where the 'food grows on the water' and that food was manoomin. Manoomin is central to our culture, spirituality and all religious practices.

Manoomin is the first food to be eaten by Ojibwe babies, it is served at meals throughout our lives, until it is served during our funeral ceremonies. The manoomin harvest continues to be central to Ojibwe families for it's spiritual, nutritional and economic value.

This pipeline and expansion run through the 1855 and 1837 Treaty areas in Minnesota. These Treaties are recognized as the highest law of the land in the 6th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The Treaties guarantee that the Ojibwe retain the right to hunt, fish, trap and gather within the boundaries of both the unceded land on the Reservations and the ceded land. In order to maintain healthy harvest the water and land must remain unpolluted. A bitumen spill from this pipeline would prevent the Ojibwe from exercising those rights by destroying whole ecosystems supporting those harvests.

The first time I took part in the manoomin harvest we travelled off the beaten path, deep in the woods of the Leech Lake Reservation. It was far from the highway, there were huge beaver dens and a crane rookery. At one point we had to get out of the canoe, stand on a pipeline and pull the canoe up and over the pipeline to continue down the stream to the manoomin. The freezing and thawing of the ground during our harsh Minnesota winters move rocks and pipelines. It is not a question of if the pipeline breaks, but when.

This EIS is inadequate. The oil passing through the line is not crude oil but tar sands bitumen that is more toxic. There is no supplemental review of this project from the Chippewa National Forest to consider the increased flow of more toxic tar sands bitumen, nor is the U.S. Army Corps doing a Federal EIS. This is a delicate ecosystem with a high water table, wetlands and considerable amount of clean surface water.

The SEIS recognizes the environment justice issue of passing this pipeline through Treaty land but rates the impact as “negligible” and “minor”. The pipeline runs through the heart of Ojibwe Reservations and Treaty areas, land the Ojibwe and many others consider sacred. When the pipeline fails, the impacts will be devastating to the Ojibwe people that have lived off this water and land for hundreds of years. The water is sacred. The manoomin is sacred. Allowing an increase flow of tar sands bitumen would put countless foods, medicines and livelihoods of the Ojibwe people at substantial risk, the impact would be devastating.

The most toxic tar sands bitumen is being moved through the most pristine waters in Minnesota to be exported. Where is our benefit? We don’t get cheaper gas, a foreign company is moving this tar sands bitumen through our waterways to be exported overseas. There is no job creation, the bitumen is being mined in Canada and processed overseas. We get no of the benefits from this project but carry the risks.

As an Ojibwe Ogichidaakwe, I am tasked with protecting our water. I would respectfully request that you to protect the water and reject this proposed Enbridge Line 3. Anything that threatens both our sacred water and manoomin is simply unacceptable.

Sincerely,

Tara Widner

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Barb Wiebesick <sunhands@arvig.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2017 10:54 PM
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Subject: CN-14-916, PPL-15-137

First, you need to address the issue of Enbridge leaving the old pipeline in the ground. This ground is already contaminated from myriad leaks, and Enbridge wants to just leave it? Why would we allow that? NOT ACCEPTABLE! We clean up our own messes!

Second, your EIS is deeply flawed because you relied on Enbridge to supply the data, and they are not known for their truthfulness. Inaccurate, incomplete and biased data, false assumptions, glaring omissions, twisted framing of alternatives riddle the whole statement, making it worthless. Don't buy into Enbridge's lies!

We live in the area affected, but this is not just about us. The Native American population is deeply affected by this, and their views were not adequately taken into account. Are we really going to just steal their land again? This is extremely dirty oil going into lots of inaccessible areas, and WHEN (not if) it leaks, they won't be able to clean up these pristine wild rice lakes that the natives rely on.

Millions of tourist dollars flow into this area, just to enjoy our pristine lakes also. Water here is much more valuable than oil. Those construction jobs will be quickly gone, and there will be zero permanent jobs. Yes, you will be getting tax revenue from Enbridge, but is that worth losing all the tourism income? We certainly don't think so.

This is a Canadian company. Why would we allow them to pollute our beautiful state?

Barb and Roger Wiebesick
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June 9, 2017

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Re: Comments pertaining to Docket Numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

I appreciate the ability to provide comment on this matter and I am writing to support the efforts all parties have taken in the development of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement including proceeding as soon as possible with the Line 3 Replacement Project. Based on my knowledge of the process and result, I feel the DEIS is well prepared and the regulatory timeline should continue according to the current schedule. I also believe that moving the process forward with the good work that has been done can help insure the Project is able to begin in a timely manner and afford stakeholders a myriad of benefits associated with the replacement. I believe the following two points underscore why this project should move forward as soon as possible and in accordance with schedule requirements:

- The L3 replacement project will help ensure that both environmental and economic benefits accrue to the State as well as other stakeholders and landowners along the right of way. From an economic perspective, the billions of dollars that will be spent completing this project will directly impact many communities along the ROW as well as individuals working on the project. When the Alberta Clipper project was built, businesses from café's to grocery stores, hotels, and merchandise stores both large and small benefited. These impacts were real and appreciated by many. In addition, the State and communities also benefited from sales tax collections as well as increased property tax allotments. Environmentally, replacing an older line with a new state of the art line and facilities will help ensure the integrity of the system and process and the protection of the environment. In addition, the new line will be more energy efficient, a goal of the state for both business and homes.
- The L3 replacement project will ensure safety for the public while meeting the nation's and Minnesotan's requirements for energy. According to PHMSA, use of a pipeline is the safest most effective way to transport crude oil. It is safer than trains or trucking oil. In-fact, if this is not built, the decision would be a "double whammy" to many communities who would both lose out on the economic benefits to them and have to deal with increased safety concerns due to added train traffic through their communities. Safety is a guiding principle of Enbridge and by approving this project as soon as possible, safety for many in Minnesota can be maintained and enhanced.

I respectfully urge you to approve the route that Enbridge has proposed as well as adhere to the schedule for orchestrating this project to ensure that safety, the environment and economic benefits to Minnesotans, their communities and the State can be promoted. Thank you for your consideration.



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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Tom Wilczek <tom_wilczek@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 6:26 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Figure ES-4

I think it is important to have a graph of what percentage of oil is released in incidents involving the three main modes of transporting the product. If someone would divide the released oil by the total volume transported, we may get a better picture of the risk involved.

Tom Wilczek
Little Falls, MN

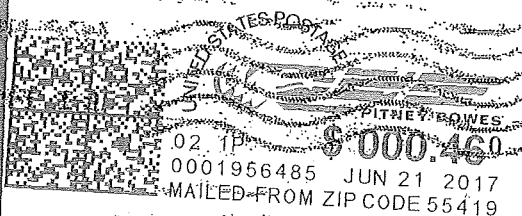
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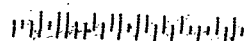
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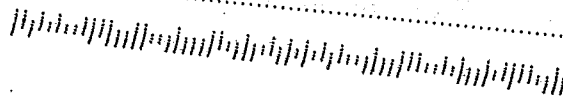


Climate Change,
sink holes,
lakes becoming dirtier
each year. Lake Michigan
was clean & beautiful as
a kid; now it's dirty w/
dead fish.

This is God saying
Keep it in the Ground
Love letter
NOT ON

SINCERELY,
Charlynn
E.
Williams

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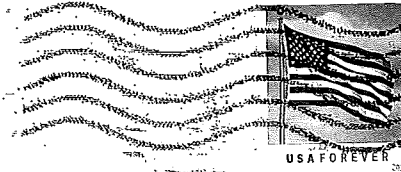
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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Gail Williams <gail009@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 5:15 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Re Enbridge Line 3 Project -- Docket (CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137)

July 6, 2017

TO: Pipeline.Comments@state.mn.us

RE: Comment on the DEIS for the Enbridge Line 3 Pipeline

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

This letter is in regard to the State of Minnesota Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Enbridge Line 3 Project (CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137)

As a citizen of the United States concerned with the future health of our planet and all who reside here,

I strongly oppose allowing Enbridge to build the Line 3 pipeline.

These are some of my reasons:

1. This project violates Treaty Rights

The US government has a responsibility under federal law to honor the rights guaranteed to tribal members in their treaties. The proposed Line 3 corridor would violate the treaty rights of the Anishinaabeg by endangering primary areas of hunting, fishing, wild rice, and cultural resources in the 1855, 1854, and 1842 treaty territories. The US Supreme Court has upheld the rights of native people to hunt, fish, and subsist off the land.

Line 3 threatens the culture, way of life, and physical survival of the Ojibwe people. This is unjust and unacceptable.

2. This Project, and previous Enbridge Projects are poorly constructed, dangerous and polluting. Why should we trust that this one will be safe?

The steel and coatings are defective on other Enbridge lines. Many spills have already happened on the other lines Enbridge has built.

Data shows that for a given pipeline in any 10-year period, there is a 57% chance of a major spill. It's not a question of if these pipelines will poison water and destroy life, but when. That is unacceptable.

Enbridge has NO Legal Right to continue this destruction; and how can they in good conscience continue? Their only motive seems to be making a lot of money. The citizens of Minnesota and the rest of the United States do have legal rights to health and safety.

I am sick and tired of fossil fuel corporations in the U.S. and globally, putting their profits before the health and safety of people, animals, plants and Mother Earth. It's time to think about the future and health of ALL life.

3. This project makes only negative impacts on all concerned.

Enbridge should be making positive contributions to the state of Minnesota like job creation via clean energy development.

There is a real opportunity here for Enbridge to create jobs by maintaining, cleaning up, and dismantling their old lines. There are also many ways for them to invest in creating clean and sustainable energy systems: solar, wind, etc.

The State of Minnesota needs to insist that Enbridge invest their huge amounts of money in these positives. It's time for a win-win for everyone.

Sincerely,

Gail Williams

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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Robert Willis <yooperbear@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 2:32 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Line 3 Replacement CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

I believe that pipelines are the safest and most economical way to transport needed energy for the United States. I support the Enbridge Line 3 replacement project. I believe that the DEIS has been well prepared and that the regulatory timeline should continue on schedule. This is my comment on docket # CN-14-916 and PPL- 15-137

yours truly,

Robert Willis
Eveleth, MN

Sincerely,

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From: [Molly Willms](#)
To: [MN COMM Pipeline Comments](#)
Subject: NO to the pipeline!
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 9:31:19 PM

M. MacAlister,

I am a Minnesota resident and I'd like to register my strong dissent on the new Enbridge pipeline.

Oil pipelines leak. It's what they do. As I'm sure you're aware, the controversial and illegal Dakota Access Pipeline has already had multiple leaks even before it has even reached full capacity.

Every day we non-Indigenous people spend on this land, every step we take on stolen soil, we owe to the brutality of our ancestors. Colonizers who raped and murdered people for the sake of money.

It is a tradition I'd as soon eliminate.

But this pipeline only continues that bloody, greedy terror that settlers started hundreds of years ago and continue in ever more insidious ways.

If you value humanity, the earth, goodness in any form, you will see that this project goes no further.

Please contact me with any questions or comments.

Regards,
Molly Willms
218-310-6032

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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Cheryl Wills <cjwills2006@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 8:25 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Pipeline (CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137)

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

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

I am from: Lakeville, MN 55044

The Line 3 Pipeline concerns me because the negative impacts to our environment far outweigh the benefits. I believe we should be working to build renewable energy infrastructure instead.

The DEIS concerns me because:

- 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!**
- 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).

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,

Cheryl Wills

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: leslie wilson <lesliekj@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 10:20 AM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Jamie MacAlister,

I understand the corporate and economic argument for placing a pipeline in a path which reaches a delivery port on Lake Superior in the most expeditious fashion. It would be interesting to approach this decision from the perspective of how it affects humans, the wildlife and environment in Minnesota 150 years from now. It is certainly possible that Enbridge will exist in 150 years, but it is more probable that it will have either folded into another corporation or have been completely dissolved. Our descendants will most certainly be here, as will the land.

Creating and maintaining jobs is of vital interest to citizens of Minnesota. Not only those which will oversee the construction and maintenance of a pipeline, but also those which already exist and depend on the pristine resources which are at the center of the conflict. Whether it be outdoor guides, summer camps, native American wild rice production, national parks, camp sites, motels, supply stores, restaurants, etc. Those jobs, and countless others, depend on a pristine environment and will not exist without one.

There is no need to provide you with a list of spills from other pipelines, as you are certainly educated in your field and well aware of them. We can all agree that it is not a question of *if* a pipeline leaks, spills, gushes or ruptures, but a question of how to react and protect the environment *when* it does so. The safest route for the pipeline is the alternative recommendation of SA-04. This route will support local economies and create jobs on a route which is more accessible.

You are in a unique position to be able to make recommendations and take decisions which will benefit future generations of Minnesotans, both economically and environmentally. In a perfect world we would not need the resources this pipeline transports and some day we will not. Until that day arrives it is essential we all work to protect the resources which make the great state of Minnesota unique and spectacular. This decision will live long beyond our time. I implore you to please do your part to ensure the state lands on the right side of history on this issue. Our children and their children depend on you.

Thank you for your time.

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Alisha Wilson <wilson.alisha8@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2017 5:55 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Opposition to the Enbridge Line 3 proposal Docket numbers (CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137)

To whom it may concern,

I am writing today with great concern for the citizens of Minnesota, those who live in the Great Lakes region, and the country as a whole. The Enbridge oil pipeline, Line 3, is 56 years old and runs underneath Lake Superior, putting North America's largest source of fresh water at risk. The aging pipe has ten times more corrosion anomalies per mile than any other Enbridge pipeline in the same corridor, yet Enbridge wants to abandon this contamination in the ground, walk away, and build an entirely new corridor through Anishinaabeg treaty territories. This new pipeline would destroy Minnesota's best lakes and wild rice beds. Not only would it negatively effect the Native American populations whose land would be disturbed and water quality degraded, but a spill or leak would negatively impact all those who depend on Lake Superior for their drinking water. The DEIS 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. This is a huge oversight that needs to be addressed. Especially given Enbridge's history of continually violating permit conditions in this state and others.

I am also concerned about the effects a new pipeline would have on the people living on tribal lands. Treaty rights are one of many problems for Enbridge with this proposal. The state of Minnesota has treaty responsibilities to tribal members that are neither acknowledged or addressed. **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). **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). **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. As well as, "the impacts associated with the proposed Project and its alternatives would be an additional health stressor on tribal communities that 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. The DEIS ultimately 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!* For these reasons and more this pipeline proposal needs to be rejected and renewable energy alternatives need to be explored!

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns and to consider them carefully along with concerns from all the other citizens.

Sincerely,

Alisha Wilson

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Winkler <winklerbk@juno.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 8:53 AM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Line 3, Oil Pipe Alignment

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

As I read the proposed Enbridge Pipeline stories it appears that the northernmost parts of the route for the pipeline are following the old in-place locations (replacing the old pipe with a new pipe in the existing trench). This seems like the right thing to do. However, as the alignment follows to the south and east a new alignment (not following the pipe in-place trench) is proposed. This seems wrong. If the pipe can be replaced up north in the existing trench why not in the south? I don't believe the logic that excavation in some areas would be too disruptive to other utilities. However, if that is the case, a temporary shut-off of the possibly-affected utilities might be the answer, if possible.

Also, I hope the materials to be transported in the new pipe do not include the more corrosive oil from tar sands. Why should the pass-through states be expected to accept this risky accelerated wear-prone pipeline technology?

Sincerely,

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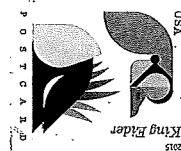
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From: Jill Wooldridge <jwool17@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 8:16 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: CN-14-916 and PPL15-137

Please Do not build the Line 3 pipeline!

It adversely affects the Native American community and directly threatens watersheds.

Thank you,

Jill Wooldridge

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Minneapolis, MN 55407

From: [Nina](#)
To: [MN COMM Pipeline Comments](#)
Subject: Enbridge Line 3 Pipeline docket numbers (CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137) - AGAINST
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 2:27:51 PM

None of Enbridge's proposed pipelines are safe for children or other living things. The safety record of existing oil pipelines is abominable. Nobody has any business building any more of them.

Sincerely,

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RE: ENBRIDGE PIPELINE

IM WRITING IN REFERENCE TO DOCKETS:

CN-14-914 PPL-15-137

WHY IS THIS SITUATION ANY DIFFERENT
THAN THE SANDPIPER PIPELINE THAT WAS
GIVEN UP? ALL OF THE SAME CONCERNS FOR
LIFE AND PROPERTY DAMAGE IS THE SAME;
AND ALL ABOUT MONEY FOR THE BIG CORP
ENBRIDGE.

PLEASE, PLEASE REALIZE THE AREA THEY
"COVEY" IS PART OF THE NATURAL
BEAUTY AND REASON MANY FROM OTHER STATES
VISIT & CONTRIBUTE TO THE ECONOMY IN GENERAL,

AND THE LIVELIHOODS OF RESIDENTS.

LAKES, WETLANDS, WATERSHEDS, WILD LIFE, WILD RICE,
RECREATION AND QUALITY OF LIFE TO MILLIONS IS ~~AT~~
IN JEOPARDY ONCE AGAIN:

1991 RECORD SPILL OF 1.7 MILLION GALS. AT GRAND RAPIDS, MI
2002 RUPTURE NEAR CONASSET
2007 EXPLOSION AND FIRE NEAR CLEARBROOK - TWO DEATHS.

DID ANY AMOUNT OF MONEY OFFERED BY ENBRIDGE COVER THE
AFTEREFFECTS? LIVES CANNOT BE BOUGHT OR REPLACED !!

I LIVE IN THE PINE RIVER AREA, THE WHITEFISH
CHAIN ^{AREA} AND THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER ^{AREA} WHICH JOIGINS
IN ITASKA STATE PARK, MN.

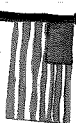
ALL OF THESE PROPERTIES AND MANY OTHERS ARE
LIKELY TO LOSE VALUE, VISITORS AND PEOPLE.

FRANKLY, IT FEELS ABSURD TO HAVE TO PLEAD FOR

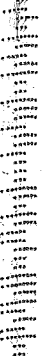
THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF OUR SURROUNDINGS!!

ENBRIDGE SHOULD NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO DESTROY
AGAIN.

Thank You, Joanne Wojcik
12048, HARBOR LN. CROSSLAKE, MN.

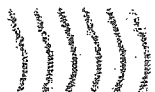


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