

Stop Line 3 - July 20, 2021

Huge thanks to Indivisible St. Paul for this action.

Description of the Issue:

Enbridge's Line 3 pipeline is going through untouched wetlands and the treaty territory of Anishinaabe peoples, through the Mississippi River headwaters to the shore of Lake Superior. The proposed new Line 3 carries up to 915,000 barrels per day of one of the dirtiest fuels on earth, tar sands crude. Every other state agency that has reviewed the project has expressed serious concerns. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has serious concerns. Experts from the UofM indicate that this amount of water removal would have an adverse impact on water tables and threaten the wild rice beds - especially during a drought.



Recent Actions:

- Governor Walz has not taken forceful steps to stop the pipeline construction.
- Enbridge requested amended water permit from the DNR for 5 BILLION gallons of water on top of original 510 Million.
- UPDATE JULY 16: DNR pulled water permits due to drought, including Enbridge's ability to drill under the Shell River - [BUT THEY ARE DOING IT ANYWAY!](#)
- [Star Tribune Article](#) on the amended water permit

Calls to Action:

1. Tweeting example:

Drilling has started at the Mississippi headwaters. Even though the MN DNR has pulled water permits due to drought, Enbridge continues to drill. Accountability needs to happen #stopline3 cc: @POTUS @ginamccarthy46 @mndnr @LtGovFlanagan @SecDebHaaland

Retweeting

Follow Indigenous Orgs/Leaders and retweet their tweets. Retweet anything you see regarding Stopping Line 3

Honor the Earth [@HonorTheEarth](#)

Resist Line 3 [@ResistLine3](#)

MN350 [@MN_350](#)

Sierra Club MN [@SierraClubMN](#)

2. Write/Call Lt. Gov. Flanagan

Lt. Gov. Flanagan - 651-201-3400

Email Lt. Gov. Flanagan - [email form](#)

Sample Script:

Hi - my name is _____ and I'm with Women's March Minnesota, calling/emailing from [city], Minnesota.

First, I want to thank you for speaking out, again, in opposition of Line 3. You are modest in your assessment of not being able to stop Line 3. You have the ear of our Governor and subsequently, the leaders of the agencies that continue to allow water displacement to happen during a drought. You have Governor Walz's ear about the importance of stopping the drilling under Shell Lake, in accordance with the permits recently pulled by the DNR. Why should corporations be allowed to ignore the law? Peaceful protesters are being arrested every day for breaking trespassing laws. Enbridge should be held accountable to our laws as well.

I ask that you continue to discuss this with Governor Waltz and agency leaders. You are fully aware of treaty and climate considerations and I have every confidence that using your voice consistently and persistently on this issue will make a difference.

Thank you for living your values as an Indigenous woman and leader.

3. Call/Write our Senators who remain "on the fence" about Line 3

Senator Klobuchar: 202-224-3244 [Email Form](#)

Senator Smith: 202-224-5641 [Email Form](#)

Dear Senator Klobuchar/Senator Smith

(Klobuchar) First, I want to thank you for your visible support of For the People Act. Keep up the good work! Senator Smith, First I want to thank you for publicly supporting For the People and ask that you continue to amplify this message. I know you juggle many priorities - but everything rides on free and fair access to voting.

I'm writing/calling today to ask that you encourage the Army Corp of Engineers to re-evaluate the permit awarded in November of 2020 and request a more comprehensive environmental review. It's been a challenging summer with high-temperatures and severe drought lowering our water tables. Even though the MN

DNR has pulled water permits, Enbridge continues to drill under critical water sources, like Shell Lake. Why is Enbridge allowed to keep drilling? What about the rule of law? Please publicly encourage Enbridge to stop drilling, in accordance with the permits that have been rescinded and encourage a more comprehensive environmental review. Thank you for your ongoing work on behalf of Minnesotans.

4. [Sign the Sierra Club's petition to the Army Corp of Engineers](#)

Join Women's March MN every other Tuesday for Time to Act - an online event where we gather to take action together on specific issues. Check the calendar for dates: <https://www.womensmarchmn.com/calendar-of-events> (We are taking August off.)