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Dear Al,

It's been another rocky year for Enbridge. You've had some ups (getting off with minimal fines for a number of spills), and some downs (you lost the battle against the EIS for the Sandpiper and Line 3, there's continued and growing protests along your entire mainline system). What I want to talk to you about today is your shoddy record keeping.

Back in 2009, the US Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration issued Advisory Bulletin ABD-09-01 on potential variability in pipeline chemical and mechanical properties. These variabilities resulted in yield and tensile strength properties that did not meet safety specifications. The issues originated from a number of new and questionable steel manufacturers, namely Jindal/JSW, Welspun and Camrose. PHMSA's response to this issue was quite lax, only investigating two pipeline companies, issuing the advisory and hosting a few workshops. In the subsequent years, there were also issues with pipefitting and welding qualities. These issues occurred during the last decades boom in pipeline installations, and were most likely the result of lax quality assurance, both by parts manufactures and installers.

Recently, the NEB has finally decided to address the problems by issuing the safety advisory NEB SA 2016-01 on the Potential for Substandard Properties of Pipeline Fitting Materials. One has to wonder why the NEB waited so long to issue the advisory (money well spent on lobbying, no doubt). But that's not my point, my point is that after the advisory was issued, Enbridge claimed that while they may have installed some of the parts, there's no telling *where* they were installed. This is alarming.

Do you not keep purchasing records? Do you not keep construction records? Is the issue complicated by the fact that you use a web of subcontractors to keep you from any real liability?

We at Honor the Earth did a quick review of your annual reports to PHMSA. From this we discovered that you installed at least 748 miles of pipes between 2007 and 2009 in the US. It really shouldn't be too hard to verify that none of these pipes came from the above named shady manufactures. Or other off-shore, subpart factories. See how easy that was? Now all you have to do is review your records, see how many miles you installed during the five year or so period in question. Once you know that, you can review your purchasing records and see how many parts and pipes were purchased from Jindal/JSW, Camrose, Canadoil, or Welspun. Shouldn't there also be records of where these purchases were shipped? Seems like a day or two or work to me. IF you had properly kept records. One has to wonder, if you can't match purchase orders to work orders for a four to five year period, how do you manage North America's largest pipeline network without a massive spill...

Oh, right. You don't.

Now your plan is to scrap the Sandpiper Pipeline project and invest heavily in the Dakota Access Pipeline and the Energy Transfer Crude Oil pipeline hoping, maybe, to sidestep those pesky Indians. But we're there too. Now, even with the Camp of the Sacred Stones gathering media attention, your gang has stooped to a new low, trying to demonize the protectors, cut off our water supply, and other underhanded tactics.

You have become, in so many ways, like the black snake our prophecies speak of, slithering your way out of any unpleasant situation. Be assured, we and our allies will be there to stand against you wherever you slither.