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***Concurrently, Honor the Earth's 8<sup>TH</sup> Annual "Ride Against the Current of Oil" Arrives at the Clearbrook Terminal Today Around 1:30 PM—Where Enbridge Pierced an Aquifer in January – Without Notifying Authorities -- and Was Subsequently Fined \$3.2 M by the DNR Recently***

## **NEW FRAC-OUT REPORTED IN THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER HEADWATERS FROM LINE 3 CONSTRUCTION**

NORTHERN MINNESOTA – September 22, 2021 -- Separate but related Line 3 incidents today continue to demonstrate the deleterious environmental impacts Line 3 is having before oil even begins flowing through the almost-completed tar sands oil pipeline from Alberta, Canada.

### **New Frac Out Discovered in Mississippi Headwaters**

According to Anishinaabe artist and photographer Ron Turney of the Indigenous Environmental Network, a new frac-out has been reported in the Mississippi River headwaters near the Camp Firelight Encampment site. Recent Frac-outs have occurred during Enbridge's constructions of Line 3 as it threads the pipeline under water bodies and accidentally release drilling fluid or drilling mud containing questionable – **and trade-secret-protected -- chemical additives harmful to plant and aquatic life.**

Turney made the discovery on September 17, 2021, and posted images of the frac-out – this one substantially bigger than the original one [reported](#) earlier this summer in the area.

<https://www.facebook.com/ronturneyjr>

In total, some 28 frac-outs have occurred as Enbridge races to bring Line 3 operational. **More unreported ones such as this recent one, are suspected.**

## **Horse "Ride Against the Current of Oil" Visits Bagley/Clearwater Area to Protest and Pray Against Rupture of Aquifer**

As news of the frac out spread on social media today, Winona LaDuke will lead a group of riders to **Enbridge's Clearbrook Terminal today around 1:30 p.m. to protest and pray about Enbridge's puncture of an aquifer in January that was not reported by the company.**

Due to its negligence and destruction to the water source – and apparent cover-up – Enbridge has now been fined \$3.2 million in a [served in a criminal complaint](#) by The Minnesota DNR.

**"Before even one drop of oil is pumped through this line, every Minnesotan should demand of its leaders at the local, state and national level all the way to Biden that a Federal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) be done on this totally unnecessary and destructive pipeline," LaDuke said. "Anyone concerned with climate impacts from fossil fuels or protection of Indigenous rights, lands and waters need to join us in this fight."**