

STOP THE SANDPIPER!

Join thousands of tribal members, homeowners, farmers, townships, businesses, and others in opposing an oil super-highway across the northland. Love Water Not Oil!



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BACKGROUND:

The development of new fossil fuel infrastructure is accelerating in Minnesota. We are becoming a superhighway for oil that we neither produce or consume, yet we take all the risk. Enbridge, a Canadian corporation, is proposing to transport 1.4 million barrels of oil per day through a new southern route, from the North Dakota border to Superior, WI. This is a dramatic increase from the original Sandpiper proposal of 375,000 bpd. To put this in context, this is more than triple the current capacity of the Alberta Clipper pipeline (450,000 bpd) and almost double the capacity of the proposed Keystone XL pipeline (830,000 bpd).

THE PIPELINES:

- **Sandpiper:** This new pipeline would carry highly volatile Bakken Crude oil, at an initial capacity of 375,000 barrels per day, with the potential to increase to 640,000 bpd.
- **Line 3 Replacement:** Enbridge is proposing to build the replacement of Line 3 along the same corridor as the Sandpiper, and abandon the old, rusted Line 3 pipeline, with unknown consequences. The new line would move up to 760,000 bpd of dirty Alberta Tar Sands oil.

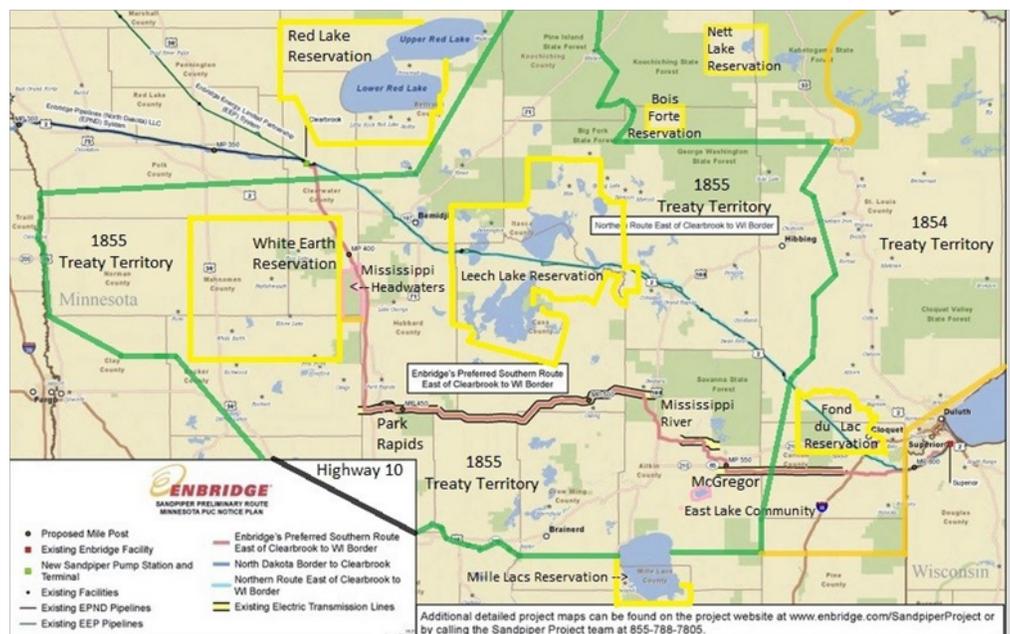
THE ROUTE:

The proposed route crosses through some of the most delicate soils, aquifers and pristine lakes in northern Minnesota, the watersheds of Rice Lake, the Mississippi Headwaters, Crow Wing, Big Sandy Lake, Rice Lake Refuge and into Superior.

THE PROBLEMS:

• Inevitable Spills:

Enbridge has promised that safety will be of the upmost concern, but their history suggests otherwise. They have had over 800 spills in the last 15 years, including the largest inland oil spill in US history (1.2 million gallons) on the Kalamazoo River in 2010. In late December 2014, an Enbridge line leaked in Canada, spilling 57,000 gallons of oil in a few minutes. On Jan 2, 2015, tanks exploded at its offices



in Williston, ND. In the last 2 years, over 300 pipeline spills went unreported in North Dakota alone! A full rupture of the Sandpiper would release over 20,000 gallons of oil per minute, making million-gallon spills entirely possible. Smaller spills are harder to detect and can last for days.

• **Refusal to Respond Appropriately:**

In the past MN legislative session, Enbridge lobbied aggressively against legislation that would improve disaster response, and refused to agree with many reasonable measures that would improve preparedness, prevention, containment, and cleanup.

• **Treaty Rights Violations:**

The US government has a responsibility under federal law to honor the rights guaranteed to tribal members in their treaties. The proposed pipelines would violate the treaty rights of the Anishinaabeg by endangering primary areas of hunting, fishing, wild rice harvest, medicinal plant harvest, and organically certified wild rice crops outlined in the 1867, 1855 and 1854 treaty areas. The US Supreme Court has upheld the rights of native peoples to hunt, fish, and subsist off the land. An important February 2015 decision by the US 8th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the rights of Ojibwe people to hunt and sell fish in the 1855 treaty area. These pipelines threaten the culture, way of life, and physical survival of the Ojibwe people.

• **Property Rights and Insurance:**

If Enbridge is granted the Certificate of Need for this pipeline (decision in April/May), it will receive powers of eminent domain, on grounds that it is a public utility providing a public benefit. This would allow them to take the property needed to build these new pipelines, without landowner consent, just as governments do to build roads and other public infrastructure. This is a problem: Enbridge is a private Canadian corporation that will earn billions of dollars in profit by carrying privately owned oil for a limited number of privately owned oil companies. Enbridge is now suing North Dakota farmer James Botsford for his land, and the case may set the precedent for their use of eminent domain. In the process, Botsford found that no insurance company would insure his farm in case of a spill, and that is after an Enbridge clean up.

GET INVOLVED:

Some feel that the Sandpiper is inevitable. We know that is false. We can stop this pipeline, but we have to work together. Here are action steps you can take today:

1. Stay informed: Follow us on facebook, use resources on our website, come to events, & contact us.
2. Speak out: Contact the Public Utilities Commission, your tribal leaders, your City Councilmembers, your County Commissioners, and Governor Mark Dayton. This is a state-wide public policy issue.
3. Get connected: Get involved with your local environmental groups or faith communities.
4. Support our work by donating thru our website.

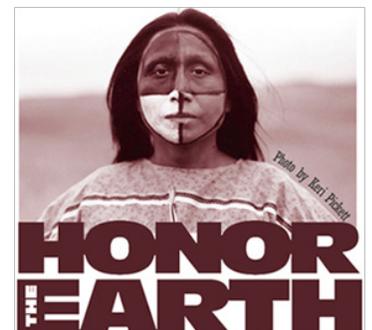


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