



ENBRIDGE LINE 3 PIPELINE EXPANSION

Enbridge's Line 3 pipeline transports crude oil 1,660km from the Alberta tar sands, through the Prairies, and into the US. In operation since the 1960s, the Line 3 pipe has deteriorated substantially and is now operating significantly under capacity because of the aging and unstable infrastructure.

Enbridge is now planning to expand the pipeline, laying a new pipe next to the existing line which would nearly double its capacity while leaving the existing, decaying pipe in the ground. They cited a need for replacement to the Minnesota Public Utilities Council because the line currently has over 900 "structural anomalies" - a terrible accident waiting to happen. The pipeline is operating at half the capacity for safety reasons.

In Minnesota, the pipeline will carve a new line in undeveloped areas, **endangering some of the most delicate soils, aquifers and the Great Lakes, one fifth of the world's fresh water. For these reasons, the project has not been approved in Minnesota, has been met with significant resistance and is awaiting a final decision in June 2018 or later.**

If built, the new **Line 3 pipeline would transport 760,000 barrels of crude oil per day through Manitoba.** That's the equivalent of 48 olympic swimming pools full of oil, everyday.

At an estimated \$8.2billion, this would be the largest project in Enbridge's history.

It is not a matter of *if* the pipeline will leak, but *when*. This line poses threats to our lands and waters in Manitoba, as well as indirect local and global impacts through its contribution to climate change.

TAKE ACTION TODAY

- **Stay informed:** Sign up for the MEJC newsletter online at mbenergyjustice.org
- **Organize or attend** a town hall meeting in your community
- **Write op-ed articles** or letters to the editor (or get in touch with us to get one of our articles printed in your local paper)
- **Write letters** to your local elected officials voicing your concerns on Line 3
- **Support** the work of climate activists and concerned citizens in your community



Jobs

There will be **no permanent job creation** from Line 3, and only 2,211 temporary jobs in construction in Manitoba predicted by Enbridge.

Costs

Our tax dollars are supporting Line 3. Through federal and provincial tax breaks and corporate incentives, Canadian taxpayers are subsidizing fossil fuel corporations \$3.3 billion per year. But Enbridge, the multi-billion dollar corporation behind Line 3 hardly needs the help - evidenced by their \$2.1 billion in profits in 2016.

Through these subsidies we are indirectly paying for the construction of this new pipeline, while Enbridge will see most of the benefits.

Canadian fossil fuel corporations are not paying their fair share of taxes. An investigation by Canadian Business Magazine in 2014 found that over the course of a decade four oil and gas companies, including Enbridge, paid only 13.6% to 15.6% of their income in taxes, compared to the average citizen's tax rate of 42%.

New pipelines are not a good investment in the age of energy transition. The world is starting to transition away from conventional energy sources like oil and gas, to renewables such as wind and solar. A 2016 report by the government organization Policy Horizons Canada forecasts decline in the fossil fuel market globally, and urges caution in considering investments in new oil and gas infrastructure like the Line 3 pipeline, saying these projects could be "economically unviable" if renewable prices continue to plummet.

Risks

The communities, lands and waterways that the pipeline passes through are all at risk of oil spills. According to Enbridge's own data, the company was responsible for 804 spills between 1999 and 2010, spilling 161,475 barrels of crude oil. One of these spills was the largest inland oil spill in US history, when 1.2 million gallons of oil spilled into the Kalamazoo River in Michigan in 2010.

The choices we make now about fossil fuel infrastructure will affect future generations and lock us in to aging technology that does not follow market trends or environmental imperatives indicating a shift towards renewable energy. Your children, their children, the land where our food grows and the water we drink will all be affected by building Line 3.



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