Line 5 Imperils the Great Lakes

Daily, enormous tanker trucks with 1 million gallon capacity pumps 700,000 gallons of propane from the North to the West. This occurs across the Ohio River, through the Great Lakes, and along the St. Lawrence Seaway. Millions of gallons of molasses, ethylene, and other chemicals are also shipped through the Great Lakes.

Won’t Upper Peninsula residents freeze without propane from Line 5?

NO! The small amount of propane delivered from Line 5 can and is used to comments to relocate the pipeline, or to find a safer route.

The U.P. doesn’t need Line 5. There are reasonable alternatives.

Line 5 delivers 20,742 gallons of propane per day to the U.P. The same amount could be achieved by 9-11 tanker trucks or 1 tanker ship per day. Transportation is already tracked around the Upper Peninsula, including the products currently derived from Line 5.

Alternatives to Line 5 propane.

OPTION #1: The Upper Peninsula utilizes propane processing at the beginning of Line 5 in Superior, Wisconsin. This processed propane can then be delivered via a trailer truck or rail car.

OPTION #2: An all-new rail line is a better option for the Upper Peninsula processing plant. Connecting the rail lines to the plant would allow a new, fully-inclusive supply system.

OPTION #3: Increasing the storage capacity at the Kitchener processing plant would allow the facility to meet all of the Upper Peninsula’s propane needs.

We can live without Line 5, but not without the Great Lakes.