



**Oil & Water Don't Mix**  
Keep Oil Out of the Great Lakes

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## **Media Advisory – Press event to tell Gov. Snyder: Straits of Mackinac oil spill threat demands real action, not task force meetings behind closed doors**

Environmental, business, community and tribal leaders at a Monday, October 6, press event will call on Gov. Rick Snyder to take immediate and meaningful action to prevent a catastrophic oil spill in the Great Lakes from a pair of 61-year-old Enbridge pipelines in the Straits of Mackinac, about two miles west of the Mackinac Bridge.

**What:** Telepresser and in-person media availability with Great Lakes advocates, community leaders, and Michigan businesses demanding action from Gov. Snyder to prevent an oil spill in the Straits of Mackinac.

**Who:** Speakers will include:

- Liz Kirkwood, Executive Director, For Love of Water (FLOW)
- George Goodman, Board of Trustees, Mackinac Island Community Foundation (by phone)
- Chris Shepler, owner of Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry (by phone)
- Wayne Blomberg, Owner of Ryde Marine on Crooked Lake in Emmet County (by phone)
- Stephen Brede, Great Lakes Canoe
- Aaron A. Payment, Tribal Chairman of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians
- Jim Lively, Program Director, Michigan Land Use Institute

**When:** **Monday, October 6, at 10:30 a.m. Eastern**

**Where:** Michigan Environmental Council, **602 W. Ionia St., Lansing.** Please enter at the back door from the parking lot, where spaces will be available.

**How:** Attend at MEC in Lansing or call statewide teleconference line:

- **Dial** (517) 999-0409; **Passcode** 497786

**Video:** Underwater footage of the oil pipeline and a TV spot available at <http://bit.ly/owdm-video>.

University of Michigan simulation of a Straits oil spill available at <http://bit.ly/1r6smWb>.

**Why:** Nearly 23 million gallons of oil pass through the pipelines in the Straits of Mackinac each day in what a renowned University of Michigan water researcher called “the worst possible place for an oil spill in the Great Lakes.” Enbridge, which owns the pipelines, was responsible for more than 1,000 oil spills between 1999 and 2013, including the 2010 Kalamazoo River disaster—the largest inland oil spill in U.S. history.

Members of the Oil & Water Don't Mix campaign are urging the governor to immediately open a transparent public process to evaluate the threat the Straits pipelines pose to the Great Lakes and determine what actions should be taken to prevent a catastrophe. For more information, visit [www.OilandWaterDontMix.org](http://www.OilandWaterDontMix.org).

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