

# LINE 3

## DEIS Comment Guide & Process Summary

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**Background:** This Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is the result of several years of battle in the regulatory arena between Enbridge, the MN state agencies, and grassroots groups working to protect the water; battles that began with the Sandpiper pipeline. The State of MN tried its best to avoid doing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project at all, but a grassroots-funded lawsuit by Friends of the Headwaters was successful in overturning that decision. In September 2015, the MN Court of Appeals revoked the permit for the Sandpiper and ruled that the MN Public Utilities Commission was required by law to start over and prepare an EIS. **The public comments are intended to help shape the final draft of the Environmental Impact Statement.**

**How to comment:** Anyone can submit written comments on the DEIS, even if you live outside the state. If you speak at a hearing, put it in writing too! **The deadline is July 10, 2017.** You can submit comments in 3 ways: **email** to [Pipeline.Comments@state.mn.us](mailto:Pipeline.Comments@state.mn.us), **fax** to 651-539-0109, or **mail** to: Jamie MacAlister, Environmental Review Manager Minnesota Department of Commerce, 85 7th Place East, Suite 280 St. Paul, MN 55101-2198. *Make sure to include the docket numbers (CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137) on all comments.*

**How to write good comments:** The best comments point to specific sections or page numbers of the DEIS and explain precisely how and why they are inaccurate, incomplete, biased, based on unfair assumptions, etc. It is also good to reference credible sources of information that you think the State should take into account. Feel free to include personal stories or accounts of how the project will directly affect you, your rights, your community, the resources you depend on, etc. Comments such as "Please build the pipeline because I need a job" or "Water is Life, No Pipelines!" *do not have much impact...but may be counted in an overall tally, so something is better than nothing!*

**Where we stand:** Last month, Minnesota released its DEIS. The *final* EIS is expected in August, followed by the “contested case process” in October and November, a final report from the judge in February 2018, and a final permit decision from the Public Utilities Commission in April 2018. At some point, the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will also go thru a permitting process for wetlands and river crossings. *If Enbridge receives the MN and USACE permits, they will start construction in MN immediately.* **Honor the Earth** is intervening in Minnesota’s regulatory process and supporting 3 tribal governments to intervene: White Earth, Mille Lacs, Fond du Lac.

### Other ways to take action:

- **Divest.** Withdraw your money from the banks funding the pipeline. Find a list of banks supporting proposed Line 3 at MazaskaTalks.org. For ways to take action through divestment, head to: <https://mazaskatalks.org/take-action/>.
- **Write.** Letters to the editor and op-eds can be extremely effective. If you have a knack for writing, submit to local publications in your community.
- **Attend public hearings.** Let elected officials and Enbridge representatives **see** their opposition!
- **Call.** Governor Dayton can be reached at 651-201-3400 or by mail at: 75 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd #130, St Paul, MN 55155, St Paul, MN 55155.  
**You can also call:** your local officials, county commissioners, and state and US senators and representatives.
- **Host an event.** Setting up a simple teach-in, info share, movie screening, or comment writing potluck is quick and effective. Start with your neighbors and friends. If you have questions or need support, **contact us** at info@honorearth.org.

### Stay engaged with the movement to #StopLine3:

- **Website:** [www.StopLine3.org](http://www.StopLine3.org)
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