



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
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**SUBJECT: Public Hearing for Proposed Enbridge Sandpiper/Line 3 Pipeline
Projects Environmental Impact Statement**

The DNR will host a public hearing beginning at 4:30 p.m. and resuming at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at the Superior Public Library, 1530 Tower Avenue (1/2 block south of Belknap Street), in Superior, WI, for two purposes:

1) to receive public comment on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline construction and Line 3 replacement projects, proposed to be located in northwestern Douglas County. Additional information on this project, including the Draft EIS, is available at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/EIA/Enbridge.html>.

2) to receive comments on the Line 3 replacement project wetland and waterway permit application. Details on the permit application portion of the hearing will be provided under separate announcement.

Comments can be provided at the hearing, or in writing through the submittal date listed below.

The proposed projects would involve construction of a new 30-inch diameter (375,000 barrels per day) crude oil pipeline (Sandpiper), which would be the Wisconsin portion of the larger Sandpiper Pipeline project extending from the Bakken Shale region in North Dakota through Minnesota to Superior. The proposed project also would include replacement of an existing 34-inch diameter pipeline, known as "Line 3", with a 36 inch diameter (760,000 barrels per day) pipeline. Both pipelines would cross approximately 14 miles of land in the Town of Superior, Village of Superior and City of Superior and terminate at the Enbridge Superior Terminal.

Developed in compliance with the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA), environmental impact statements inform decision-makers and the public about the anticipated effects of a project as well as alternatives to the proposed projects. This draft EIS looks at direct local effects, as well as broader impacts at regional, statewide and global scales.

Hearings on the permit applications required for the proposed Sandpiper pipeline project in Wisconsin would be held at a later date, as yet undetermined. Completion of the Sandpiper permit applications is dependent upon regulatory decisions in the State of Minnesota. In addition, federal permits from the US Army Corps of Engineers are to be considered through a separate process.

Parking adjacent to the library is limited to two hours. Therefore, library staff recommend parking in the North Parking Lot, or on a nearby street.

The hearing will begin at 4:30 pm, with DNR staff presenting a brief overview of the environmental impact statement process. Any interested individuals at the hearing will then have the opportunity to provide comments on the draft EIS, orally or in writing. DNR staff will be on hand to receive either written or oral comments. DNR staff will present the overview information again at 6:30 pm.

DNR will consider all comments from the public hearing in preparing a final environmental impact statement. The public will be notified when the final EIS is available. No permit decisions will be made until after the environmental impact statement process is complete.

The DNR's draft EIS and other information can be found by visiting DNR.wi.gov and searching for "Enbridge Sandpiper."

Individuals can submit comments about the draft environmental impact statement through Friday, March 25, 2016. Comments can be mailed to Jeff Schimpff (EA/7), Wisconsin DNR, Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921 or sent by email to DNROEEAComments@wisconsin.gov. [See the separate announcement on the wetland and waterway permit application regarding comment submittal details for that application.]

To receive email or mobile alerts for updates to the Enbridge Sandpiper environmental impact statement, sign up [here](#).

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