

Stop Project Maple is a multi-state coalition of nearly 100 community organizations in opposition to Enbridge's Project Maple methane gas expansion project.



Who is Enbridge?

Enbridge is a Canadian oil and gas corporation that is North America's largest pipeline company. They own thousands of miles of pipeline, including Line 3 (Canada, North Dakota, Wisconsin and Minnesota), Line 5 (Canada, Wisconsin and Michigan), and the "Algonquin" Gas Transmission (AGT) pipeline (New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts).

1. **Enbridge is an aggressive fossil fuel extraction operation that has done egregious harm to the environment, and is [responsible for much of tar oil sands development and delivery](#).**
2. **The energy giant has [piled up over 100 violations and over \\$250 million in fines for violations since 2000 and is one of the top 5 violators of environmental regulations in the United States](#).** They cause numerous oil spills releasing enormous amounts of oil; for example between [June 8th and August 5th of 2021](#), while installing the Line 3 tar sands pipeline under wetlands and streams in Minnesota, Enbridge unintentionally released between 10,000 and 13,000 gallons of "drilling mud" in 28 separate frac-out events. State and federal documents indicate that for years the Enbridge Line 5 pipeline under the Straits of Mackinac was [out of compliance](#) with easement rules that govern how far the twin pipes can span the lake bottom unsupported.
3. **Enbridge has incurred numerous air pollution violations.** This includes in Connecticut, where they are under [consent order](#) by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for emitting dangerous volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from their Cromwell compressor station at levels that exceeded regulations since 2014.
4. **Enbridge surveils and harasses Native people.** "Canadian pipeline company Enbridge has paid Minnesota police nearly two and a half million dollars for services including the [surveillance and arrest](#) of Water Protectors resisting the company's construction of a new [Line 3 pipeline](#)."

They're also accused of violating Indigenous sovereignty and human rights.

"Representatives of fifty-one Tribal and First Nations located in what is now the United States and Canada submitted a report to the United Nations Human Rights Council calling on the Government of Canada to stop violating the human rights of Indigenous peoples through its support for Enbridge's Line 5 crude oil pipeline. First constructed in 1953, Line 5 runs between Wisconsin and Ontario, traversing major waterways posing direct threats to Tribal Nations, communities, and ecosystems along its path." ,

5. **Enbridge carefully uses regulatory loopholes to circumvent public scrutiny.** The company filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to build a new Metering and Regulating (M&R) Station in Coventry CT and to enlarge miles of pipeline

under the Sakonnet River in Rhode Island using nearly 40 year old permits that were issued to cover "routine maintenance". "Blanket authority" approval under these archaic permits means no public participation without quick filing of protests. Even protests filed in these cases were dismissed by FERC.

They sued the towns of Cambridge and Lincoln MA for the right to build an enlarged M&R station under eminent domain, then claimed "emergency" in order to avoid open meeting laws in the town of Lincoln MA during negotiation. [Protests of tree cutting for work space](#) around this project yielded no relief from the project. Dubbed a maintenance project, this kind of work requires very little, if any permitting.

Visit stopprojectmaple.org, and return often as this project and its opposition unfolds.

