

No Pipeline Expansion (NOPE) Northeast is a multi-state coalition of 100+ community organizations opposed to Enbridge's gas expansion projects in the Northeast.



Who is Enbridge?

Enbridge is a publicly traded Canadian **oil and gas corporation**. They are **North America's largest pipeline company** and own thousands of miles of pipeline, including:

- Line 3 oil pipeline (Canada, North Dakota, Wisconsin and Minnesota);
- Line 5 oil pipeline (Canada, Wisconsin and Michigan);
- The "Algonquin" Gas Transmission (AGT) gas pipeline (New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts).

ENVIRONMENTAL HARM

- Through aggressive fossil fuel extraction operations, Enbridge has done egregious harm to the environment. They are responsible for much of the [tar oil sands development and delivery](#).
- Enbridge has piled up [over 100 violations](#) and **over \$250 million in fines** since 2000.
- Enbridge is one of the [top 5 violators of environmental regulations](#) in the United States.
- Enbridge has caused **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.

HEALTH HARM

- 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), which increase lung cancer risks, from their Cromwell compressor station at levels that exceeded regulations since 2014.

VIOLATIONS OF TRIBAL AND INDIGENOUS SOVEREIGNTY

- **Enbridge surveils and harasses Native people.** [The Guardian found](#) that Enbridge paid Minnesota police about \$2.4 million to arrest and surveil water protectors opposing the construction of their Line 3 pipeline.
- **Enbridge is accused of violating Indigenous sovereignty and human rights.** According to an [Earth Rights International press release](#), “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.”

AVOIDING PUBLIC SCRUTINY

- Enbridge uses **regulatory loopholes to circumvent public scrutiny**. For example, the company used nearly 40 year old permits to cover “routine maintenance” for two expansion projects that they filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. One was to build a new Metering and Regulating Station in Coventry CT. The other enlarged miles of pipeline under the Sakonnet River in Rhode Island. “Blanket authority” approval under these archaic permits means no public participation.
- **Enbridge flouts U.S. judges and the Michigan governor.** Governor Whitmer of Michigan revoked Enbridge’s permit to operate Line 5 under the Great Lakes in 2020, in part because the original 1953 permit is not considered valid by Michigan. [Enbridge ignored the order](#), continues to operate the pipeline, proposes an expansion, and is now suing the state. They deny that Michigan has any rights to control the land under the lake.

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