

Director Greg Pils
Wisconsin DNR
GEF 2 Building
Madison, WI 53704

Dear Director Pils:

We are a coalition of Indigenous Water Protectors, climate justice organizers, and concerned citizens and residents of Wisconsin, the Upper Midwest, and Canada.

We call on the Wisconsin DNR to rescind Enbridge's permit for construction of the Line 5 reroute.

We call for the decommissioning of Line 5 to protect the water, land, and human and more-than-human life of Wisconsin and the Great Lakes.

The stated mission of WI DNR is:

- to protect and enhance our natural resources: our air, land and water; our wildlife, fish and forests; and the ecosystems that sustain all life;
- to provide a healthy, sustainable environment and a full range of outdoor opportunities, and to ensure the right of all people to use and enjoy these resources in their work and leisure;
- to work with people to understand each other's views and to carry out the public will;
- and in this partnership consider the future and generations to follow.

You have FAILED at this mission with your November 14 decision to grant Enbridge's permits for the Line 5 reroute.

You know of Enbridge's well-documented track record of oil spills and environmental damage, including the damage Enbridge caused to the land and aquifers of Minnesota during their construction of Line 3. You learned of the Line 6 oil spill in Jefferson County days before issuing the Line 5 permit. Given all this, **how can you say you are protecting our natural resources and the people and environment of Wisconsin?**

Over 100,000 citizens have issued public comments against Line 5. The sovereign Bad River Band has opposed the presence of Line 5 on their traditional territory since 2013. Given all this, **how can you believe you are carrying out the public will?**

Water is life. You risk the Great Lakes - the largest freshwater stronghold in the entire world- with this decision. We are very disappointed that you would ensure further dependence on fossil fuels at a time when all experts say that we must stop investment in any new fossil fuel infrastructure in order to avoid climate catastrophe. Given all this, **how can you say you are thinking of future generations with this decision?**

We are outraged that you would grant Enbridge license to continue operating in Wisconsin's precious lands and waters. We are appalled that you have capitulated to corporate interests when you are charged with protecting Wisconsin's land and water for all of us.

As Los Angeles burns, as global temperatures continue to increase, initiating more and more catastrophic weather events, we will continue to demand that you live up to your mission and revoke the license that foreign oil companies have to damage our lands and waters.

Rescind the permit for the Line 5 reroute.

Support the decommissioning of the Line 5 pipeline.

Sincerely,
Concerned residents and citizens of the Upper Midwest and Canada