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Public hearings set for draft environmental impact statement on proposed Enbridge projects

SUPERIOR, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will host two public hearing sessions on the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Enbridge Sandpiper Line 3 project at 4:30 p.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 10 in Superior.

The hearings provide one of several means for stakeholders to deliver comments on the draft environmental impact statement for the Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline construction and Line 3 replacement projects proposed for northwestern Douglas County. Additional information on this project, including the draft environmental impact statement is available at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/EIA/Enbridge.html>.

Comments can be provided at the hearings as public testimony or in writing and written comments also will be accepted through March 25 at the address below.

The proposed Sandpiper project would involve construction of a new 30 inch diameter pipeline with a capacity of 375,000 barrels per day of crude oil. The Wisconsin portion would be part of the larger Sandpiper 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 pipeline capable of carrying 760,000 barrels per day. 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, 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 environmental impact statement 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.

The March 10 hearings will be at the Superior Public Library, 1530 Tower Ave., 1/2 block south of Belknap Street. The hearings will begin with a brief overview of the environmental impact statement process. Interested stakeholders will then have the opportunity to present comments orally or submit in writing. The process will be repeated at 6:30 p.m. Parking adjacent to the library is limited to two hours so library staff recommend parking in the North Parking Lot, or on a nearby street.

DNR will consider all comments from the public hearing in preparing a final environmental impact statement. The public will be notified when the final environmental impact statement 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.

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

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