

WAPOA To Hold Seminar

Pipeline Routing Threats to Our Water Quality

The Whitefish Area Property Owners Association (WAPOA) mission includes strong advocacy for actions to sustain and improve quality surface and ground water in this area.

The threat of new crude oil pipelines proposed for our area is in its sixth year of environmental review, legal challenges, and continuing activities to protect Minnesota “Lake Country” waters.

But the regulatory and legal work is “Not done.”

The proposed new, expanded Line 3 would be constructed through roughly 35 miles of the northern part of the Pine River Watershed.

This proposed route passes near and through the areas that flow into the Whitefish Chain of Lakes, Fifty Lakes area lakes, and Outing area lakes.

This proposed route represents all surface and ground water in the Watershed. It would be constructed through Hubbard, Crow Wing, Cass and Aitkin Counties.

WAPOA has invited Richard Smith, President of the Friends of the Headwaters (FOH), as the presenter for this workshop. FOH is a Minnesota non-profit.

The primary objectives for this workshop are to

- 1) provide an update on the proposed Enbridge Line 3 and the EIS, and to
- 2) discuss regulatory actions we can expect in the near future.

*The workshop/seminar will be held from 1:00 to 2:00 PM, Thursday, November 21 at the **Crosslake Community Center**, 14126 Daggett Pine Road, Crosslake, MN 56442.*

You may have read numerous reports by Enbridge stating that they have or will shortly have all the approvals and permits needed to proceed with construction of the New Line 3 through “Lake Country”. As FOH attorney Scott Strand stated – “Enbridge reports that it has or will have all approvals are greatly exaggerated”.

You should attend this event if you have an interest in learning and understanding what we in Lake Country are facing with this “new” Line 3 oil pipeline plan or a pipeline disaster.

Enbridge has a long history of disaster experiences like the over one (1) million gallon (27,132 gallons) 2010 Kalamazoo crude oil spill or the 1991 (then Lakehead) 40,500 barrel (1.7 million gallons) in Grand Rapids/Cohasset or the worker deaths in Clearbrook in 2007.

Please join WAPOA for this Line 3 update

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