

Health Professionals and Climate Action as Wellness Practice

AIHM Wellness Webinar, April 30 2021

Concerned about climate change? There is strength and solidarity in numbers -- Join a climate action organization!

[Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate](#)

We primarily focus on climate action in Minnesota

[The Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health](#) supports and sponsors [multiple state groups](#). If your state doesn't have one yet... you can start one!

Join the movement to stop tar sands oil!

See this document for links including ways to support frontline Water Protectors

Find news and updates at the [Line 3 Resistance Dashboard](#) maintained by [MN350](#)

Sign and SHARE petitions that call on Biden to his executive power to stop Line 3 and keep Line 5 shut down:

[Cancel Line 3 Petition](#), HPHC

[Michigan Line 5 Petition](#), Oil and Water Don't Mix

There is also an ongoing effort to **stop the banks from financing Line 3**. Please follow

<https://stopthemoneypipeline.com/>

May 7 is a #DefundLine3 day of action: [join an event near you](#)

Tweet at key decision makers:

Suggested text:

Climate change is a health emergency. @POTUS, your actions will define the health of our future generations. As a *[insert your health professional title]*, I call on you to stop the Line 3 tar sands pipeline. #StopLine3

Decisionmakers to tag:

[@JoeBiden](#) [@POTUS](#) and [@KamalaHarris](#) [@VP](#)
[@Gina_McCarthy](#) and [@alizaidi46](#)

Hashtags to use:

[#StopLine3](#) [#Honorthetreaties](#) [#WaterisLife](#)
[#NowDoLine3](#) [#BidenStopLine3](#) [#ActOnClimate](#)

LEARN MORE

Line 3

- [HPHC: YouTube video on Line 3](#)
- [Line 3 Report: A Giant Step Backward](#)
- [Health Risks of the Enbridge Line 3 Pipeline](#)
- [Line 3 Fact Sheet: Health Impacts](#)
- [News: Resignation of the MPCA Environmental Justice Advisory Group](#)

Line 5

- [Key facts about Line 5](#)
- Line 5 crosses over 400 waterways in MI. The Straits presents the largest magnitude of harm from a catastrophic oil spill, but we should be concerned about all these waterways/wetlands.

Economics:

- Shareholder investors in pipelines often see a 10-14% profit from their investment, even if there isn't demand for the fuel — since resident ratepayers pay for the pipelines regardless. [Read More >>>](#)
- The question of who is buying the oil is an important one. Enbridge never submitted a demand forecast to state regulators for Line 3, despite it being required. Some of the current lawsuits are about this.
- Jobs- Building pipelines takes a few highly skilled welders and their construction crews (not a large group). Jobs created are temporary (once built, workers are laid off), and generally not local: [Read More >>](#)

Tar Sands:

- Pipelines add benzene to make tar sands flow, benzene is a very volatile carcinogen. [Read more about benzene in water supply >>](#)

- An additional hazard that is specific to tar sands oil is that it is more corrosive than typical crude oil, which makes it more likely to result in spills and refinery accidents.
- [Tar Sands Impacts in Canada](#)
- [Tar Sands and Health Impacts, NRDC](#)

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

- [2019 report](#) of Canada's National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
- [Minnesota Women's Press Issue on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives](#)
- [Recent reporting](#) on gender-based violence perpetrated by Enbridge pipeline workers

Other Groups Involved in efforts to stop Line 3:

- See the signers of this letter: <https://www.stopline3.org/take-action#letter>

Other Enbridge Pipelines:

- [See maps here and information here](#)

Why your Involvement Matters

- [Health Professionals work to stop the Keystone Pipeline](#)

Contact Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate:

www.hpforhc.org

hpforhc1@gmail.com

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/hpforhc>

Twitter: @HP4HC