

1 SUPPORTING A FULL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF ENBRIDGE LINE 61
2 EXPANSION AND EXPANDING PUBLIC INPUT
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4 Enbridge Energies Line 61 runs from Superior to northern Illinois, entering Dane County near Marshall, where
5 siting a new pumping station to increase line pressure has been proposed. Enbridge Energies seeks to expand Line
6 61 from an initial flow-rate of 400,000 barrels per day to a proposed 1.2 million barrels per day and the material to
7 be transported in this pipeline is tar sands oil, which is more corrosive and acidic than traditional oil and leads to
8 more pipeline ruptures and spills. Tar sand pipelines in the Midwest spill 3.6 times more per mile than traditional
9 pipelines. Tar sands oil is denser than traditional oil with toxic diluents and does not float, and it is extremely
10 difficult to clean up any spill.

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12 Enbridge Energies has a record of approximately 800 pipeline-related incidents, which include the accident at Grand
13 Marsh here in Wisconsin, as well as a massive tar sand oil spill on Michigan's Kalamazoo River. The Kalamazoo
14 River spill resulted from a failure in a pipe with a flow-rate one-sixth what Enbridge proposes for Line 61 running
15 through Dane County. The Kalamazoo River spill of 2010 has still not been successfully cleaned up, despite an
16 expenditure of \$800 million, making it more costly than any onshore spill in U.S. history.

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18 The DNR held a public hearing pertaining to an air permit in Superior, Wisconsin on May 5, 2014, and this remains
19 the only public hearing scheduled anywhere in the state regarding the proposed expansion of Line 61. It is desirable
20 to have further public input as well as a full environmental assessment before approving this expanded pipeline use,
21 particularly where failure would constitute a significant threat to the waters and property values in Dane County.
22 The Wisconsin DNR would be a logical choice to hold a public hearing in Dane County as well, but if they do not
23 they are not the only institution that could do so.

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25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Dane County Board urges the Wisconsin Department
26 of Natural Resources to reject the air permit for this project and undertake a full environmental assessment before
27 authorizing Enbridge to expand Line 61 in Dane County; and

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29 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board urges a public hearing be held in Dane County
30 on this proposed project and its potential environmental impacts; and

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32 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution are sent to the Governor, the Secretary of the
33 Department of Natural Resources, and the Department of Natural Resources Air Quality Staff.
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