

Contrary to what Enbridge and term-limited Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder want us to think, their Line 5 oil tunnel agreement is NOT a done deal nor a solution. Enbridge acknowledges the October 3 pact is merely “a commitment to explore the replacement of the Mackinac Straits section of Line 5 with a tunnel under the lakebed that could contain a new pipeline.” Meanwhile Enbridge’s decaying, 65-year-old oil pipelines would continue running indefinitely and threatening the open waters of the Great Lakes.

5 Troubling Facts from Gov. Snyder’s Agreement with Enbridge

1. Increases Risk to the Great Lakes

Line 5 will continue to pump 23 million gallons of oil per day through the Straits of Mackinac during a decade of tunnel construction, if ever built; adding minor safety measures won’t prevent a catastrophic spill.

2. Ignores the Law

The agreement attempts to bypass Michigan’s public trust and environmental laws that protect the Great Lakes and require the pursuit of alternatives by applying the 1950’s law that authorized the iconic Mackinac Bridge to support exploration of an oil tunnel.

3. Ties Mackinac Bridge to Private Oil Tunnel

Snyder’s pact seeks to saddle the Mackinac Bridge Authority with owning the risky tunnel and leasing it for 99 years to Enbridge, which is notorious for major oil spills across Michigan and misleading state and federal regulators about Line 5’s condition in the Straits.

4. Lacks Full Oil Spill Insurance

The pact caps Enbridge’s financial responsibility to \$1.88 billion, the low end of the estimated range of up to \$6.3 billion in likely economic and environmental impact damages from a Line 5 oil spill. Also, the estimated coverage is not adjusted for inflation over the next 10 years, and general liability policies often contain pollution exclusions that do not cover clean-up costs, restoration costs, and associated natural resource damages.

5. Risks an Explosion and Oil Spill

Proposing to combine a replacement Line 5 crude oil pipeline in a tunnel with natural gas and/or electric lines would increase the risk of an explosion and catastrophic oil spill from failed design, materials, or operation.

The Great Lakes belong to all of us, and right now they need our help! Here are some opportunities to hold Michigan leaders accountable and urge them to shut down Line 5 and scrap the oil tunnel scheme.

Here's what you can do:

CALL:

Call or email your [state senator](#) and [state representative](#) to seek their support for shutting down Line 5 in the Mackinac Straits and opposing a pipeline tunnel to replace it. [Click here](#) for a message that you can personalize.

Governor Rick Snyder:
(517) 373-3400

Attorney General Bill Schuette:
(517) 373-1110

**Robert Sweeney, Secretary & CEO
of the Mackinac Bridge Authority:**
(906) 643-7600

ATTEND A MEETING:

Attend an upcoming meeting & speak up during the public comment.

Mackinac Bridge Authority Board Meeting
9:00 a.m. | November 8 | St. Ignace, MI
[Click here](#) for details.

**Governor's Michigan Pipeline Safety
Advisory Board Meeting**
December, 2018 | Details to be announced



Vote on November 6 for leadership in Michigan that will shut down Line 5 and oppose an oil tunnel to protect the Great Lakes.