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This photo shows Enbridge's pipeline right of way path near Clearbrook, MN with segments of pipe waiting to be welded together and a trench to be dug where it will be lowered into place for eventual operation.

Line 3 Replacement Project

Information for communities along our pipeline right-of-way in Northern Minnesota





Winter 2021

Dear neighbor

Message from Barry Simonson

After an extensive six-year review process, we are pleased to report that construction began to ramp up on this safety and maintenance driven project in Minnesota in late November. Photos in this newsletter provide a quick overview on how construction is progressing.

We remain committed to building this project safely, with integrity, and the utmost respect for our team and the communities in which we operate. We will communicate transparently with internal and external stakeholders every step of the way.

This newsletter is one tool to help us meet that commitment. We also invite you to attend one of the monthly online open house events or visit the Line 3 Replacement virtual meeting room at www.EnbridgeOpenHouse.com/line3.



are going to deliver. As always, Enbridge is interested in hearing from you. Should you have any questions or comments about this newsletter, or any other matter related to the Line 3 Replacement Project or the company, please contact your designated company representative as found on the back cover of this newsletter or visit enbridge.com/line3US.

Thank you for your continued interest in the Line 3 Replacement Project.

Pipeline Inspections

Pipeline welding inspections: building in safety

On Enbridge's Line 3 Replacement, we use automated ultrasonic testing to examine weld joints on all new pipeline segments to ensure those joints-like our pipes-stay strong, healthy and fit for purpose.

Automated ultrasonic testing shown here tests welds by shooting sound into the weld, which verifies the integrity of the weld to make sure there is nothing wrong. If something is found, the pipe is marked, repaired, rescanned, and reevaluated to ensure a quality weld.

Safety and reliability are built into Enbridge's energy infrastructure projects – before, during and after the construction phase.



The automated ultrasonic scanner examines every weld to ensure they meet or exceed stringent standards. Near Gonvik, MN



 The operator evaluates the automated ultrasonic data from the scanner. Near Gonvik, MN

Safety, integrity, respect and inclusion... that is what we live by and that is what we

Best wishes, Barry Simonson Line 3 Replacement Project Director

Learn more here:

- enbridge.com/L3welding- enbridge.com/L3weldinspection



Number of pipeline weld and coating inspectors. Feb 1, 2021

25,447+

Number of welds

100%

Every weld is inspected multiple times: visually inspected for uniformity, ultrasonic inspection for integrity, coating inspection for imperfections in epoxy coating.

The Line 3 Replacement Covid-19 Management Plan represents a new industry standard in pandemic response. We developed protocols designed to manage our response actions in accordance with the latest Minnesota Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines. The program has been revised multiple times to incorporate evolving guidance from health professionals.

COVID-19 Management Plan:

An innovative and evolving process

Currently, crew members complete daily health assessments and temperature screens. When a new worker arrives, they immediately take a COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction (PCR) swab test. They are tested again seven days later and about every two weeks after that while they are on the project. Testing is conducted in mobile health units located on the project site. All workers are required to wear masks and eye protection at all times while on the project site, in addition to their standard personal protective gear of high visibility vests, steel-toe boots, and hard hats. All crew members are strongly advised to follow state and CDC guidelines when off the project site, including wearing face coverings, maintaining social distancing, and minimizing errands to essential services. To address COVID-19, Enbridge has developed Pandemic Protocols with standards and expectations for contractors on our projects with a strong focus on protecting people and assets. If we can't do our work safely, we won't do it.

Trent Wetmore, Midwest Regional Director



Enbridge Line 3 Replacement in Minnesota



Enbridge's Line 3 Replacement Project is maintenance and integrity driven.

Enbridge is replacing Line 3 to maintain high safety standards, reduce future maintenance activities and resulting disruptions to landowners and the environment, as well as to provide long-term reliable delivery of North American crude oil.

Built in the 1960s, Line 3 is part of the Enbridge crude oil pipeline system.

The \$2.6 billion Minnesota portion of the Line 3 Replacement Project includes installing a 36-inch diameter pipeline to replace the existing 34-inch diameter pipeline generally along the existing Line 3 pipeline corridor from the North Dakota/Minnesota border to Clearbrook, Minnesota. The replacement pipeline will follow other existing pipelines and electric power lines for more than 90 percent of the route east of Clearbrook to the border near Superior, Wisconsin. See the green dashed line on the map above that illustrates the route of the replacement pipeline.

Indigenous-led ceremonies with prayers for safety for all workers and observers as well as for healing the Earth are part of the process.

Community investments and grants associated with the Line 3 Replacement

141 Minnesota Tribal Band

members and an additional 249 other Band members are working on Line 3 Replacement, Dec 2020

\$180 million Tribal spend and growing

1,300

1,300 Local 49er operators union members from Minnesota working on Line 3 Replacement, Jan 2021

\$334 million

in payroll to workers 50% workers are members of local union halls.

The photos at right illustrate construction activities along the Line 3 Replacement route in December and January.



Tremendous community support shown to workers

As of the end of January, the workforce on the project has steadily climbed to over 5,200 people who work in groups averaging about 20 people. Many work close to home and are able to sleep in their own beds. Others are visiting and filling campgrounds and hotels.



Pre-construction involves removing brush and trees from the right-of-way. Near Floodwood, MN



Wood mats are placed to help protect the ground and provide temporary access roads for heavy equipment. Near Floodwood, MN



 Trucks haul in sections of pipe to be prepped for welding sections together. On Fond du lac Reservation.



Little white welding shacks move along the temporarily elevated pipe to each connected joint and shelters the specialized equipment that welders use to join the pipe sections together. Near Gonvik, MN



Some locations are already seeing pipe placed in trenches where the pipeline will soon have three to five feet of soil coverage. Near Clearbrook, MN





Empowerment trainings held in partnership

with Five Skies, a native-owned company,

alternative formats developed in response

to the COVID-19 pandemic. The goal is to

train Native Americans with skills to move

to next steps in preparing for a career in

the trades, including work on the Line 3 Replacement Project. As of February 1,

Line 3 Replacement project.

119 people have completed empowerment

training. Many graduates are working on the

are underway. To date twelve, five-week

classes have been completed including

Jobs training

Learn more at fiveskies.org or Facebook: @5SkiesTraining



across Northern Minnesota

Gift cards are a win-win for hosting communities and project workers

This past December, the project team purchased 3,600 restaurant gift cards totaling more than \$90,000. The gift cards served both as a thank you to the crews building the pipeline and an important economic boost to some of the businesses hit hardest by the pandemic.

"We wanted to find a way to give back to the communities and businesses in northern Minnesota who we know have experienced significant economic strain due to the pandemic, while also thanking the construction crews who are building the Line 3 replacement project," says Lorraine Little, director of Community Engagement for Enbridge. "Purchasing these gift cards is a win-win because they help support local businesses and provide some holiday cheer for the crews."



L3R provides significant economic benefits for counties, local communities, businesses, Indigenous groups, union members and others in our project area. The hospitality industry is seeing relief from the influx of workers after experiencing challenging times due to the pandemic. Laundry mats and convenience stores are also seeing an up-tick in customers.

And, who would guess campgrounds in the middle of a Minnesota winter would be full. Some business groups in Thief River Falls have even collaborated to produce stickers welcoming Line 3 workers. More than 80 businesses in this small northwestern Minnesota town have posted the stickers in their windows.



An anticipated \$164 million will be spent locally by project workers.

It threw businesses a lifeline so they could get through this tough winter. It's a huge economic impact from a taxation standpoint to better our community and our county. I say thank you for being here.

Butch De La Hunt, President & CEO Park Rapids Lakes Area Chamber

 Eight pump station facilities are also being built to support the replacement pipeline. Temporary tents have been erected to provide for winter construction that includes setting foundation and placing the pumps and piping for the facility. Near Backus, MN



Pump station facilities like the one under the temporary tent are adjacent to the right of way, which provides the path for the underground pipeline. Near Backus, MN