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> **Steamfitters Local 601 out of Madison, Wisconsin** represents pipeline welders who are eager to join other union members on building the Line 5 Wisconsin Segment Relocation project in northern Wisconsin.

Line 5: Why the relocation of this vital pipeline is critical to Wisconsin

Line 5 safely and reliably delivers the essential fuels that heat homes, schools and businesses, and powers transportation and industry, in Wisconsin and throughout the Great Lakes region. But this vital energy infrastructure may be shut down by a court order in June of 2026 unless the proposed Line 5 Wisconsin Segment Relocation project is completed.

"A federal court has ordered Enbridge to cease operation of Line 5 on any parcel on the Bad River Reservation where the company lacks a valid right-of-way by June 16, 2026 – this decision could effectively shut down the entire pipeline," explains Charles Drayton, associate general counsel at Enbridge. "We have a 1992 contract and many easements with the Band that provide us the necessary permission to be on the Reservation until 2043 and while we appeal this latest decision, the company is also seeking permits which we applied for in April 2020 to construct a relocation of the pipeline around the Reservation."

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To meet the deadline, the project needs to start soon

The Line 5 Wisconsin Segment Relocation project is a 41-mile project to relocate the pipeline around the Bad River Reservation in northern Wisconsin. It will create about 700 family-supporting, union construction jobs, but construction needs to start soon in order to be completed prior to the court-ordered deadline. To date, the project is still awaiting federal, state and local permits and approvals.

"The segment relocation project is necessary to keep Line 5 operating beyond June 2026," explains Tom Schwartz, SVP liquids pipelines, Enbridge strategic projects and partnerships. "Any shutdown could lead to energy shortages and price increases for the millions of people who rely on the pipeline for their energy."

What Wisconsin would lose if Line 5 stopped running

Wisconsin has no domestic petroleum production or reserves. Line 5 transports up to 540,000 barrels of light crude oil, light synthetic crude oil and natural gas liquids each year across the Great Lakes region. These resources are refined and converted into the essential fuels that Wisconsin residents and businesses use every day.

Stopping Line 5 could affect the production of:

- Gasoline to fuel 1 million passenger cars and light-duty vehicles per day
- Propane to heat 240,000 homes
- Diesel fuel to fill up 6,000 freight-carrying semi-trucks per day
- Aviation fuel to move 883 commercial and cargo planes per day

Energy demands will not decrease. The energy currently moved on Line 5 might be diverted to slower, less efficient, less safe, and more carbon-intensive modes of transportation like rail, water or road. Additional infrastructure like rail lines and loading facilities will need to be designed, permitted and built. These projects may take years to permit and build – if they ever are.

Fuel for Wisconsin manufacturing

Wisconsin's industrial sector accounts for close to one-third of the state's energy consumption, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. Taking Line 5 out of service could disrupt Wisconsin's energy supply, potentially crippling manufacturing.

"Manufacturing accounts for nearly one-fifth of the state's gross domestic product and provides employment for close to half a million Wisconsin residents," says Scott Manley, vice president of government relations at Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce, the state's chamber of commerce.

And the stakes are high

- Manufacturing in Wisconsin generated $65.72 billion last year, or about 18.2% of the state's total GDP.
- About 480,000 jobs in Wisconsin are in manufacturing. This state ranks second in the U.S. for manufacturing jobs per capita.
- Close to one-quarter of these jobs are in Milwaukee – the epicenter of manufacturing in Wisconsin.

A relocation plan built on safety and protection

"The plan for the Line 5 Wisconsin Segment Relocation project, which is based on comprehensive studies that include a Tribal cultural resource survey, effectively balances the impact to protected environments and surrounding communities," says Paul Eberth, director, Tribal engagement U.S. at Enbridge. "There's also a great deal of environmental and regulatory oversight in relocating Line 5, involving a number of federal, state and local agencies."

The Line 5 Wisconsin Segment Relocation project is effectively ready to go. There's a solid plan in place and each one of the roughly 300 landowners along the proposed route has agreed to the project.

"We need to make sure Wisconsin families and businesses continue to have the energy they rely on every day," adds Schwartz.

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