

TAKE ACTION AGAINST LINE 9

Under the Harper government, the National Energy Board approved Line 9 with little consultation, ignored First Nations concerns and treaty rights, ignored municipal and grassroots concerns and withdrew the need for an environmental assessment.

We must demand a pipeline regulatory process that is robust, transparent, representative and democratic. Such a process must consider current and future environmental and health impacts, contribution to devastating climate change and Indigenous, treaty and Constitutional rights. We must ask for a halt of Line 9 until this transformation has occurred and Line 9 has been evaluated by this new process.

Sign a petition addressed to the Prime Minister

Meet with or write to your local councillors, MPP's and MP's and demand that they stop Line 9 for all the above reasons.

***Join a local community pipeline action group.
Write to: tarfreetoronto@riseup.net***

***Donate to the Chippewas of the Thames
Court Case to the Supreme Court:
<https://www.gofundme.com/chippewas>***

STOP LINE 9

RESPECT THE TREATIES

***PROTECT THE LAND,
AIR AND WATER
WE ALL SHARE***



**STOP
LINE 9**

**Protect our community
from tar sands oil spills**

THE THREAT OF PIPELINES

Line 9 is a 40 year old pipeline which runs from Sarnia to Montreal, right through Toronto and across rivers which are the drinking water source of over 10 million people. Despite numerous cracks and corrosions, it has been given the go-ahead to carry toxic diluted bitumen from the tar sands in Alberta, as well as explosive Bakken shale oil, destined for export from the east coast.

Spills

Enbridge plans to use pipeline Line 9 to move toxic dilbit (diluted bitumen) and explosive fracked Bakken oil to overseas markets. Richard Kuprewicz, a pipeline expert, has predicted a 90% chance of leak within the first few years. A similarly aged pipeline in Kalamazoo Michigan spilled over one million gallons into the Kalamazoo River in 2010, which created a hazardous environmental situation and has not been adequately cleaned up to this day.

Water

Line 9 crosses every major tributary that flows to Lake Ontario and puts the drinking water of over 10 million people at risk if there is a spill.

Insufficient safety valves

Line 9 has only a few shut off valves in case of a spillage. The National Energy Board gave Enbridge an exemption from installing the necessary number of water-crossing shut-off valves.

Hydrostatic pressure testing

There also has not been the necessary testing for hydrostatic pressure. Only three small sections have been tested but not to the level of pressure that is the industry standard for such a test.

THE THREAT OF TAR SANDS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

First Nations

Prime Minister Trudeau promised a new partnership with First Nations, but Line 9 and other pipelines expand tar sands that are producing massive ecological destruction to Indigenous communities. There has been no Crown consultation with 18 First Nations whose territories Line 9 crosses, and the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation are appealing the lack of consultation to the Supreme Court. Any partnership with Indigenous people must respect their right to refuse dangerous extractive industries and pipelines that destroy or threaten their territories.

Climate Change

Climate change disproportionately affects people of colour and poor people, particularly in the Global South. These impacts are already being felt as water levels rise, more fatal droughts and violent storms occur and reckless industries destroy traditional territories. At the Paris climate conference, Prime Minister Trudeau promised that Canada will do its part to prevent a greater than 1.5 degree increase in global temperature associated with runaway climate change and a world climate crisis. But stopping climate change will be impossible as long as Line 9 and other pipelines continue to expand the tar sands, Canada's fastest growing source of emissions.

Green economy

In order to stop climate change Canada must stop tar sands expansion and transition to a green economy. Not only will this help the environment on which we all depend, it will also create far more jobs in renewable energy, energy efficiency and public transit.