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I appose anything that allows Enbridge to build a new pipeline through the watershed in MN. I live on a lake in this watershed and oppose Draft 401. Here's some of what I'm concerned about:

This route jeopardizes Minnesota's natural resources. Enbridge's proposed route traverses our best quality lakes, rivers and wetlands.

The risks posed by Enbridge's proposed route are many:

- This pipeline route crosses the clearest lakes area in MN based on the Census of Water Clarity (U of MN Water Resources Center).
- This pipeline route crosses an area with the highest susceptibility for groundwater contamination impacting drinking water aquifers (MPCA map).
- The pipeline route crosses the wild rice lakes area. According to the DNR, MN supplies 50% of the worlds hand-picked rice annually.
- The pipeline route crosses wetlands critical to waterfowl and other wildlife (DNR).
- The proposed route would cross 8 state forests (including the Mississippi Headwaters SF), 3 wildlife management areas, 13 trout streams (including the Straight River), as well as the North Country Trail.
- Line 3 would cross the Mississippi River twice in Minnesota. This river is a valuable source of drinking water for many cities on its 2,552-mile journey to the Gulf of Mexico, including Minneapolis and St Paul. 3.8 million gallons of water flow from Lake Itasca into the headwaters every day.
- The corridor will be covered with snow and ice for the long winter season. The Poplar pipeline spill (31,000 gallons) in the Yellowstone River in January of 2015 caused drinking water problems in Glendive, Montana. Clean up had to be postponed until spring. Imagine the effects of a similar spill in our Mississippi.

We know all pipelines have failed and Enbridge is no exception. Let's put our environment first and stop Enbridge from doing forget damage to Minnesota's pristine watershed that so much wildlife depends on, including use.