

# Monitoring PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES *in northern Wisconsin\**

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By monitoring pipeline construction activities and reporting potential legal violations to the appropriate authorities, individuals can have a large impact ensuring that oil pipeline companies and their contractors comply with applicable local, state, and federal laws. Potential violations may include premature construction activities for which regulatory approvals have not yet been obtained or construction activities that are not in compliance with regulatory approvals or other laws.

## Monitoring for Potential Violations

Although not exhaustive, potential legal violations may include:

- Land disturbing activities such as clearing, grading, grubbing, access road construction, or other related activities, particularly adjacent to wetlands or waterways, without a wetland, waterway, or stormwater permit;
- Deposits of dirt or other “fill material” into wetlands or waterways;
- Contractors entering onto YOUR posted private property without express or implied consent or contractors remaining on YOUR unposted private property after being told to leave;
- Contractors harassing or interfering with individuals exercising treaty or public trust rights. Examples include confronting an individual engaged in lawful hunting, fishing, or trapping; impeding or obstructing a person who is engaged in those activities; or monitoring those individuals through direct personal or indirect electronic means;
- Signs—like an oil sheen on water or strong chemical odor—that a hazardous substance such as petroleum products and pesticides may have been spilled or misused; or
- Oversized or overweight trucks driving on roads without the appropriate permits from the local highway department.

### FELONY TRESPASS LAW

When addressing potential legal violations, make certain **NOT** to enter **energy provider property** (as defined in Wis. Stat. § 943.143) without lawful authority and consent from the energy provider, which is a Class H Felony subject to a \$10,000 fine and up to six years in jail upon conviction.

## Reporting Potential Violations to the Authorities

Tribal members should report potential violations of treaty rights related to harvesting, especially harassment, to the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission using the contact information found on this form: <https://glifwc.org/Events/Harvester.Harassment.Report.Form.pdf>.

Instances of potential trespassing onto private property that you do not own should first be reported to the property owner so that they can enforce their property rights. Some property owner information may be obtained from the Wisconsin Statewide Parcel Map at <https://maps.sco.wisc.edu/Parcels/>.

Other potential legal violations should first be reported at least one of these governmental authorities:

- **WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**
  - Report a Violation Hotline
    - <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/contact/Hotline.html>
    - Call or Text: 1 (800) TIP-DNR
    - Online Form: <https://dnrx.wisconsin.gov/rav/Report.aspx>
  - DNR Program Manager Ben Callan
    - [Benjamin.Callan@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Benjamin.Callan@wisconsin.gov)
  - DNR Emergency Spills Hotline: 1 (800) 405-0016
- **LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT**
  - For emergencies, dial 9-1-1
  - For non-emergencies:
    - Ashland County Sheriff: 1 (715) 682-7023 x 1
    - Bayfield County Sheriff: 1 (715) 373-6120
    - Iron County Sheriff: 1 (715) 561-3800
- **ADDITIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES**
  - Dial 2-1-1 or 1 (877) 947-2211
  - Go to <http://www.211now.org>



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## Reporting Potential Violations to Non-Governmental Organizations

Potential violations may also be reported to non-governmental organizations committed to monitoring pipeline construction activities in Wisconsin. E-mail the completed form below to [LINE5LANDOWNERALLIANCE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LINE5LANDOWNERALLIANCE@GMAIL.COM). Please attach any photographs documenting the violation to the e-mail. The form can also be filled online at <https://tinyurl.com/XLMonitoring>.

\_\_\_\_\_  
First & Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address

May we share your contact information?

Yes    No

Describe the violation:

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When did the violation occur?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Month                      Day                      Year                      \_\_\_\_\_                      AM    PM

Where did the violation occur?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address (Street/Fire No./Road)

\_\_\_\_\_  
City / Township

\_\_\_\_\_  
County

\_\_\_\_\_  
Latitude

\_\_\_\_\_  
Longitude

First and last names and affiliations of any individual involved in the violation?

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Make/model/license plate/notable features of any vehicles involved:

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Additional information:

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