

Sign up to be at the hearing to be held Feb. 2, 2022 on line. Obtain the link for a virtual conference with the WDNR. Present your findings and elaborate on your experiences.



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the industry*

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Following a listening session on Jan. 27, 2022, with well over 100 folks in attendance, attendees received a follow-up letter from Elizabeth Ward, the Executive Director of Sierra Club in Wisconsin. It is a wonderful repeat and addition to information provided during the conference call. There are many helpful clues to items you can use as you write your presentation to the WDNR regarding the plea to end approval of Line 5, the Enbridge project on Feb. 2 or mail your comments in by the deadline later in February. Enbridge is asking for WDNR's approval. Only public response and requests for non-approval is our only hope for ending this fossil fuel project designed to bring tar sands in from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, a true risk to Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan and other states and the Great Lakes and our very own quality of life and future of existence. This line would be put through the Penokee Hills area and would have the potential to destroy wild rice and

the existence of our own people who depend upon it for one of their main food sources.

Here are her suggestions:

Thank you for joining the Tips, Tricks, and Talking Points for Testifying at the Line 5 DEIS hearing. We hope it was useful and you are as excited to testify as we are.

Below, we have pasted all of the links we mentioned, but they are all in [this toolkit](#) filled with talking points, webinar recordings, resources, social media posts and more. (The recording for the webinar will be available in the 'calendar' section as well.) Also, if you haven't already, follow the *Shut Down Line 5-Protect the Water* facebook page for updates and breaking news.

A few reminders as we get ready for next Wednesday - The hearing is next Wednesday, February 2. It starts at 4:00 PM and will likely go until late into the night. [You should register to reserve a spot here.](#) You can watch the hearing on [youtube here](#), but you should register and join via zoom unless they are near 1000 because we want DNR to see how many people are watching and care about these issues.

A few resources that may help you put together your testimony:

Tips for Testifying

Testifying at a public hearing can seem intimidating, but it's actually easy and empowering! Read the tips below to make you feel as comfortable as possible. The key thing to remember is that you are the expert in your own story and opinion and you shouldn't feel intimidated:

[Tips for Testifying \(Handout\)](#) | [How to Testify \(Video\)](#)

Testimony "Pods"

If you're still feeling uncertain about what to say or what to do, we're coordinating "testimony pods" of groups of 4-5 that will work with each other to read over, offer support/edits, and you can practice with them. [Sign up for a 'pod' here.](#) We'll match you with whatever you're looking for.

Last minute questions?

The Sierra Club and 350-Madison are hosting 'Open Office Hours' the night before the hearing so you can hop on and ask any last minute questions or want to practice your presentation. You can [RSVP here](#) or just [join here](#).

Line 5 Hearing 'Watch Party' Email Thread

During the Line 5 EIS hearing, we will have an email thread where we'll respond with comments about what's happening, giving kudos for great testimony, and offer suggestions or ask questions based on what was said. [Fill out your email and we'll add you to the list as the hearing begins.](#)

Other links from tonight:

[Recording of the webinar Password- RejectLine5](#)

[Copy of the DEIS](#)

[Oil Permitting Guide from Midwest Environmental Advocates](#)

[Map showing various routes](#)

Thank you and we look forward to 'seeing' you next Wednesday! Please recruit friends and family to participate too!

P.S. If you opt to submit written comments instead or in addition to your testimony, we're having a comment writing party! [Join us on February 16 at 7:00 PM!](#) (We know there are a lot of dates to keep track of, so utilize [the 'Calendar' section of the toolkit](#) to help!) To make this "party" most festive, we are encouraging people to wear a silly hat! (Not obligatory, but fun!)

Please help this cause by taking action as a united people!

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