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### **U.S. Army Corps to Require Critical Environmental Review of Enbridge Tunnel**

Lansing, MI – Members of the Great Lakes Business Network (GLBN) applauded [today's decision by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers](#) (ACOE) to require an Environmental Impact Statement for Enbridge's proposed Line 5 oil tunnel. Now the project will be subject to review under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) -- a decision hotly contested by Enbridge.

"This is a huge victory for the Great Lakes and the communities which depend upon them, said Joe Short of Short's Brewing Company. He continued, "There is little doubt that Enbridge's oil tunnel will not stand up to scrutiny given the overwhelming scientific and technical concerns already looming over the project. We expect the results of the EIS to show what we have long suspected -- that this is not a serious project, but rather a costly delay and distraction tactic by Enbridge."

"My business relies on Michigan's abundant clean freshwater resources for success," said Noah Marshall-Rashid of American Spoon. "We believe that through this independent environmental evaluation, the grave risks posed by Enbridge's proposed toxic tunnel will be exposed. We will continue to support the ACOE efforts to investigate all reasonable alternatives to the tunnel as required under the law."

"Today's decision has enormous significance because the EIS will entail an in-depth analysis of the pipeline tunnel's environmental impacts. This Line 5 tunnel project is already facing public and legal opposition from numerous Indigenous Tribes, businesses, and environmental public interest organizations, including the Bay Mills Indian Community, which is represented by Earthjustice and the Native American Rights Fund," said Whitney Gravelle President of Bay Mills Indian Community. "We are encouraged to see that the Army Corps of Engineers heeded our call to undertake a more rigorous analysis of the environmental impacts--and impacts on treaty-protected interests--of Enbridge's massive tunnel project underneath the Straits of Mackinac. Bay Mills remains very concerned that the pipeline threatens our way of life."

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