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Thought you might be interested.

Regards,
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Michiganders have opportunity comment on Great Lakes Line 5 Tunnel Project

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On May 30, 2025, the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) published Notice of Availability in the Federal Register that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on the Great Lakes

Tunnel is available for review and comment on the USACE project website:
www.line5tunneleis.com.

Enbridge submitted its application to the USACE in April 2020. Since then, the USACE had been working on preparing the DEIS.

“The release of DEIS by the USACE is a significant milestone in the development of the Great Lakes Tunnel,” said Paul Meneghini, Enbridge’s manager of community engagement in Michigan.

“It is the result of more than five years of rigorous and comprehensive permit review and stakeholder engagement, including input from Tribes, and is a critical step forward in planning a project that will modernize energy infrastructure, protect the Great Lakes, and help ensure long-term energy reliability for Michigan and the broader region.”

The USACE is soliciting public comments on the DEIS, as well as from Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Tribal Nations, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity.

Comments may be submitted through the USACE project website at: www.line5tunneleis.com, or by mail to: Line 5 Tunnel EIS, 16501 Shady Grove Road, P.O. Box 10178 Gaithersburg, MD 20898. All comments must be postmarked or received by June 30, 2025.

Additionally, comments may be provided verbally at virtual public meetings. The USACE will hold two virtual public meetings:

- June 18, 2025, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Eastern
- June 25, 2025, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. Eastern

The USACE will post links and call-in numbers for the virtual meetings on the USACE’s project website, www.line5tunneleis.com.

“We support and welcome the public comment process now underway,” continued Meneghini.

“Public and stakeholder input is essential to the integrity of this process, and we look forward to hearing feedback, answering questions, and continuing to engage transparently with all interested parties.”

“Workhorse” machine ready to do its part for Michigan’s energy future

Along with receipt of final permits is another necessity for construction to begin on the Great Lakes Tunnel: A 600-foot long, 25-foot diameter “workhorse” machine is critical to Michigan’s energy future.

The “workhorse” is the Tunnel Boring Machine; it’s essential to constructing the Great Lakes Tunnel deep below the lakebed of the Straits of Mackinac. Working with world-renowned tunneling specialists, Enbridge is designing the Tunnel to eliminate the risk of a leak from its Line 5 pipeline, which ultimately will be attached to one of the walls of the concrete Tunnel.

Modern-day mining experts say this kind of tunneling is safe and proven, with projects taking place in the U.S., such as the [Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel Expansion](#) and around the globe like the new underwater tunnel connecting [Denmark and Germany](#).


Learn from Erika, a tunnel advisor to Enbridge, about how the Michigan [tunnel boring machine works](#).



Erika Moonin, a Tunnel advisor, explains how the Tunnel Boring Machine operates.

Click the photo to [view the video](#).

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