



# Wisconsin Safe Energy (WiSE) Alliance

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### **Local Residents Call on Zoning Commission to Safeguard them from Potential Tar Sands Spill**

**MADISON:** Residents near Enbridge's proposed Waterloo Pumping Station came together to call on Dane County's Zoning and Land Regulation Committee to ensure that Enbridge's Conditional Use Permit for the pumping station includes conditions that protect the public. The pumping station is necessary for Enbridge to triple the capacity of their Line 61 pipeline from 400,000 barrels per day (bpd) to 1.2 million bpd.

"We are facing an unprecedented risk," said Lori Van Caster, a resident of Marshall, "and no one has approved Enbridge's plans for the pumping station. The pumping stations built in 2007 for Line 61 were approved by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). We deserve to be protected as well."

One of the other big requests of the Zoning Committee is to require Enbridge provide an insurance bond in case a spill were to occur. This would ensure that even after spill cleanup, that funds are available to restore any damaged area to its prior state. "The residents impacted by the Kalamazoo Spill had their lives change forever. Four years later, the spill is still not cleaned up and costs have exceeded \$1.2 billion. With Enbridge's track record of over 800 spills, the question is not *if* a spill will occur, but *when* and *where*. If Marshall and the surrounding communities are the location of the next spill, we want to know we are protected," said Nikki Spoon, Waterloo resident.

One of the things residents are asking for is that an independent party ensures that all relevant state and federal air quality standards are applied to Enbridge's retention reservoir design and construction. Ronni Monroe, Public Health Nurse who formally lived on the pipeline explained, "The chemical cocktail mixed with the tar sands oil contains a number of toxic substances. The pumping station is designed with an open air holding tank. If there are no plans to stop these chemicals from being released into the air, it could be a serious health hazard."

The Zoning and Land Regulation Committee could vote on the permit tonight at their meeting at 7:00.

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*Wisconsin Safe Energy (WiSE) Alliance is a coalition of community members, leaders, and organizations concerned about the safety, land, and environmental threats posed by proposals to expand tar sands throughout Wisconsin, especially along Enbridge's Line 61 tar sands pipeline.*