

Fact Sheet: Enbridge record of spills, safety violations, and property damage

Major incidents and community impact:

- **2002, [Cohasset, Minnesota](#) 250,000 gallons of crude oil spilled by Enbridge**
 - o Fish and Wildlife services [stated that](#) “the Trustees have determined that the Incident caused long-term injuries to wetland vegetation and wildlife habitats. It has also been determined that the Incident caused injury to air resources.”
- **2003, [Superior, Wisconsin](#) – 19,000 gallons of crude oil spilled by Enbridge** into Wisconsin’s Nemadji River, 189,000 gallons spilled at the company’s terminal two miles from Lake Superior.
- **2004, [Enbridge fined](#)** by the US Pipelines and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration for safety violations found in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Minnesota.
- **2007, [Clark County](#), Wisconsin 50,000 gallon of oil spilled** into a farmer’s field by Enbridge
- **2007, Rusk County, Wisconsin, 176,000 gallons of oil spilled** by Enbridge. [80feetisenough.org reported](#) that “some of the oil filled a hole more than 20 feet (6.1 m) deep and contaminated the local water table.”
- **2007, [Clearbrook, Minnesota](#), two workers were killed in an explosion** - Enbridge was fined for safety violations.
- **2008, [Enbridge reported](#) for over 100 environmental violations** on 320 miles of pipeline across the state of WI, including illegal clearing and disruption of wooded wetlands. The company was fined \$1.1 million.
- **2009, [Enbridge Pipelines LLC-North Dakota fined](#)** \$105,000 for a 2007 spill in which over 9,000 gallons of crude oil were spilled.
- **2010, [Kalamazoo Michigan Disaster](#)**. Enbridge took 17 hours to respond to a catastrophic leak, resulting in **over 1 million gallons of crude oil spilled**. It took over 6 years to clean it up. Billions of dollars went into the clean up, but [Enbridge paid](#) only \$177 million in fines.

[According to Enbridge](#), they transport 2.8 million barrels of oil a day at a 99.9994% safety rate. **That leaves room for 16.8 barrels, or 705.6 gallons, to spill each day, or 6,132 and 257,544 gallons each year.** According to a [National Wildlife Foundation report](#), Enbridge has spilled less than that quantity during only three years since 1999.

[DeSmog Canada reports](#) that “over the last 20 years, pipeline incidents have caused over \$6.3 billion in property damages. On average during this time period there were more than 250 pipeline incidents per year, without a single year where that number dropped below 220.”