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EPA rolls back PFAS drinking water protections

Decision dismantles first-ever national standards for ‘forever chemicals’ in drinking water, endangering health of Americans everywhere

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Great Lakes PFAS Action Network (GLPAN) today issued the following statement condemning the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) decision to roll back the country’s first-ever drinking water standards for four of six PFAS chemicals finalized just last year.

“Today’s decision by the EPA rolls back monumental science-based standards meant to protect our health. These actions will undoubtedly make the drinking water of millions of people across the country less safe,” said Tony Spaniola, co-chair of the Great Lakes PFAS Action Network.

“Communities in Michigan, like Oscoda, have grappled with toxic PFAS contamination for years. Rolling back the drinking water standards undoes years of progress to protect the health of these communities.”

The drinking water standards, which were finalized in April 2024, established legally enforceable individual Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) for PFOA and PFOS at 4 parts per trillion (ppt), MCLs for PFHxS, PFNA, and GenX at 10 ppt, and set a Hazard Index MCL for chemical mixtures containing two or more of either, PFHxS, PFNA, HGPO-DA, or PFBS.

“The EPA has the fundamental role of creating and enforcing safeguards for our water. Today’s action by the Trump EPA does just the opposite,” said Sandy Wynn-Stelt, co-chair of the Great Lakes PFAS Action Network. “Drinking water contaminated with toxic PFAS chemicals is linked to numerous health impacts and threatens the health of communities in Michigan and beyond. We are calling on members of Congress to do everything they can to oppose these rollbacks and protect our drinking water from toxic PFAS contamination.”

The final rule required public water systems to begin PFAS monitoring and compliance practices by 2027, implement solutions to reduce PFAS levels above MCLs by 2029, and be subject to penalties for violations. Today’s decision rescinds MCLs for all but PFOA and PFOS and extends the compliance timeline from 2029 to 2031.

Despite state-level drinking water standards in place in Michigan, the EPA’s decision to roll back drinking water standards will have devastating effects on Michigan communities, particularly those already impacted by toxic PFAS contamination. While the EPA cites sources of PFAS like paper straws, the vast majority of Americans are exposed to PFAS chemicals through drinking water. Today’s decision goes against the best available science and further endangers the health of families across Michigan, and the nation.

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WHEATLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL

September 5, 6 and 7

Hello all CACC kitchen volunteers, it's time again to sign up for your shifts at the Wheatland Music Festival. As you all know, Wheatland is CACC's biggest fundraiser of the year. We serve meals starting Friday morning until around 5pm on Sunday. Each shift is 6 hours long.

When you volunteer with us you will be reimbursed a portion of your ticket cost and receive 50% off meals at CACC for the entire weekend. If interested, please call the volunteer coordinator Laura at (989) 529-1495 or email her at volunteer@caccmi.org to purchase a ticket and get a shift assignment.

We have scheduled a pre festival clean-up for Saturday August 23 at 9:45 am. Let Laura know if you'd like to participate in this as well.

NOR'EASTER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Thanks to our new kitchen Manager, Barry Sherlock, we have been invited to "feed the masses" at a smaller music festival in Mio, MI. Located at 1889 Caldwell Rd. The Nor'easter dates for 2025 are June 13 - 15. Check out the Performers line up, see the workshops and events scheduled and get tickets by going to <https://www.noreastrfest.org/>

We will be serving our already famous Barbeque Chicken Dinner on Saturday night. Which includes Grilled half chicken, homemade mac and cheese, coleslaw and a bakery fresh dinner roll. Advance tickets will be \$17 and can be purchased at the CACC kitchen. Breakfast and lunch will be served on other days as well. Come support CACC and sample our culinary talents, you'll be glad you did!

We have been working on updating our website and refreshing our Social Media presence. If you have talents you would like to share in this area, please contact board@caccmi.org

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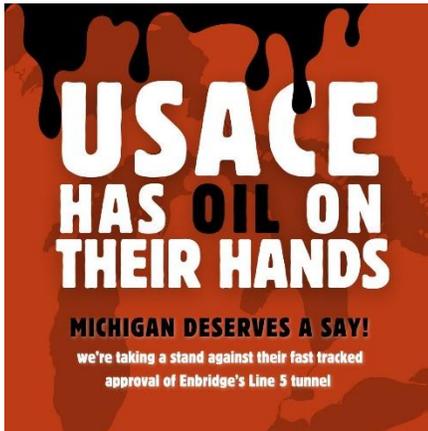
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Act now to protect the Great Lakes!

The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has fast tracked their approval process for Enbridge's Line 5 (tunnel) project and **the public has been given just 30 days—from May 30 to June 30—to submit comments.**

Let your voice be heard.

We're calling on advocates like you to submit public comments before the deadline. The USACE must hear from thousands of advocates across the state **demanding that they pause all approvals until a full environmental review is completed**—including assessments of climate impacts, Indigenous rights, and public health.



Scan the QR code to make a comment now!



CACC participated in the “Fish for the Future” campaign initiated by the Wisconsin Sierra Club. Where we folded origami fish to create awareness and educate people about the dangers that the Enbridge Line 5 pipeline poses to our Great Lakes. The Sierra clubs’ goal is to create a record breaking display of over 18,304 origami fish. As of the printing of this newsletter, they have already received 15,519 fish with a week to go. They will be displayed on July 12 in Milwaukee, WI sending a message to decision makers that will be hard to ignore: Shut Down Line 5!

Although we did not meet our original goal, we had some fun folding fish with kids and adults alike at the Earth Day Action Expo in Midland in April. We will be sending 50 folded fish to Wisconsin to be included in the display.



A note from the Chairman:

An update on the Ann E. Hunt Memorial Scholarship. Our scholarship committee is comprised of Sarah Gray / Chairman, Kathy Snooks, John Witucki and Barry Sherlock. We hope to award our first scholarship for winter semester of the 2025-2026 school year. Our Scholarship fund has been established, and we will gladly accept any donations via check mailed to: CACC PO box 175 Pinconning, MI 48650, or use the drop-down selection for scholarship under “donation” on our website.

Many of you have been receiving this newsletter without renewing your membership. Please indicate your continued support by updating your membership today. This will allow us to continue our efforts in protecting our environment.

Remember we have strength in numbers!! Thank You, John Witucki / Chairman

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