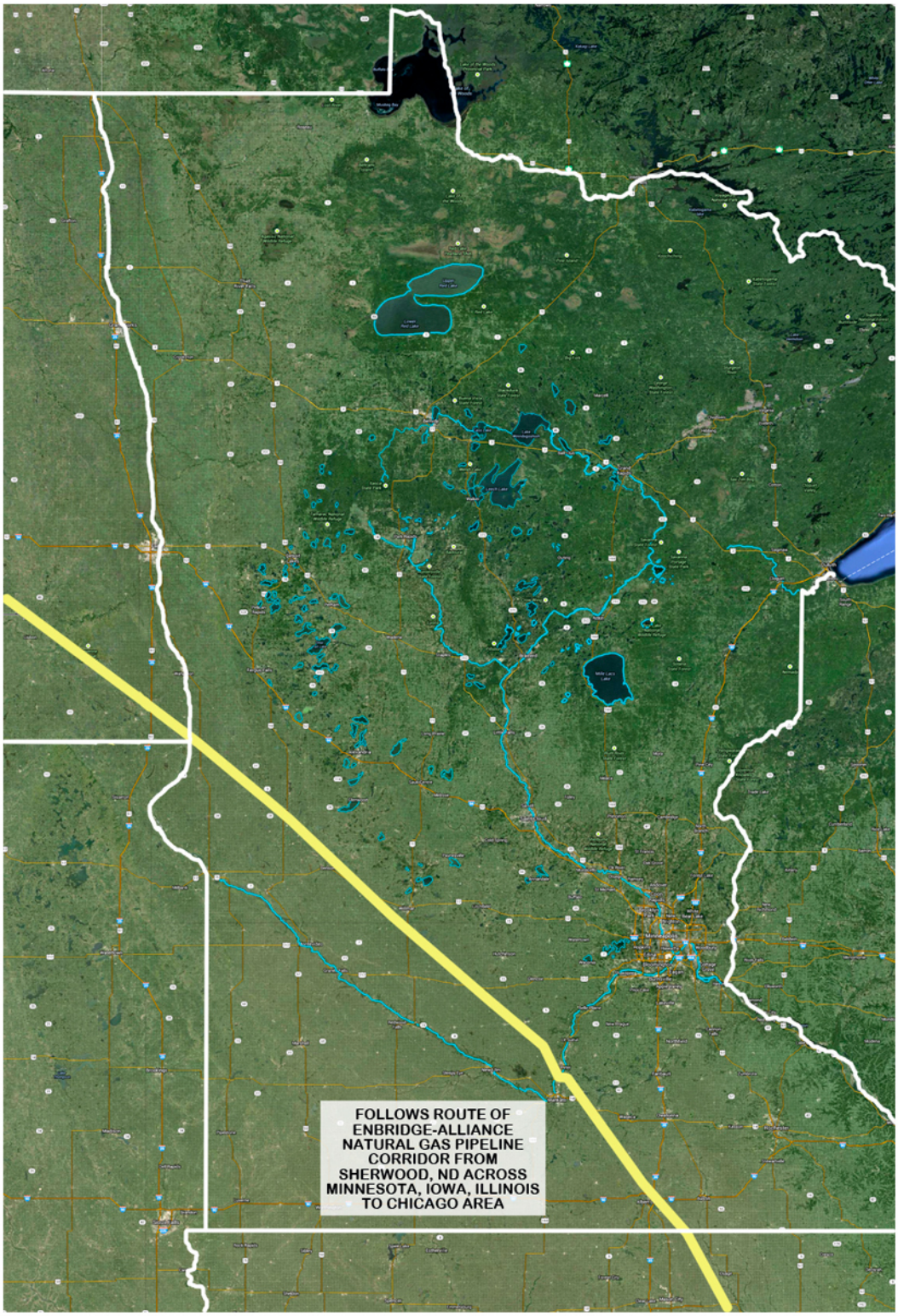
ALTERNATE ROUTE "A"

This ALTERNATE ROUTE A utilizes an existing energy corridor of which Enbridge is a 50% shareholder with Alliance Company of Canada. This corridor originates in Canada and ends west of the Chicago. The proposed Enbridge/NDPC pipeline route would intersect this corridor east of Minot, ND at which point NDPC would turn and follow the corridor to Illinois.



ALT ROUTE A traverses almost exclusively agricultural lands below Minnesota's primary lake country. This area is sparsely populated with mostly small towns among the farmlands.

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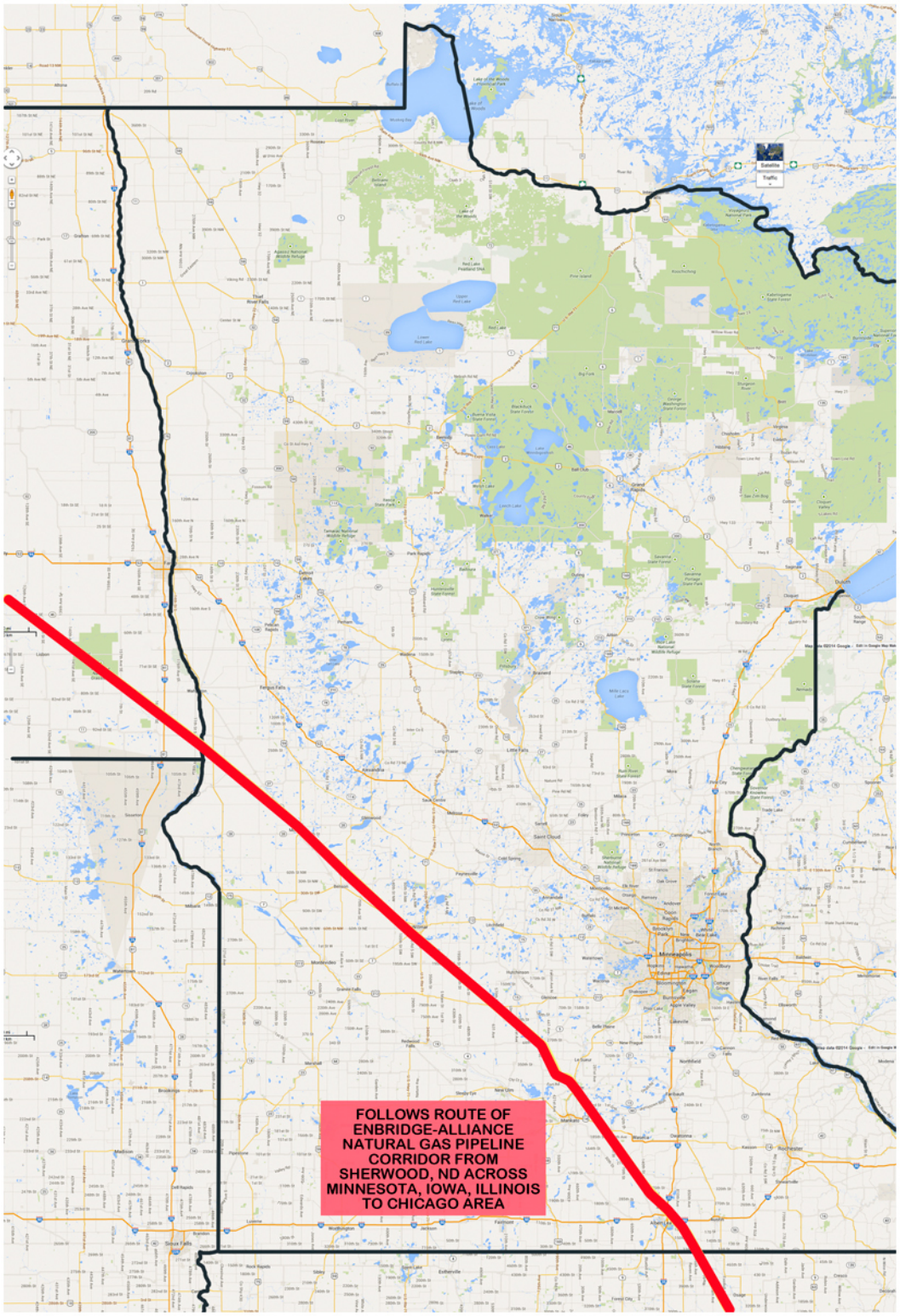
Note: Enbridge's Mark Curwin, Senior Director for Strategic Coordination of Major Project Executions in the US, stated their construction preference is to build pipelines across farmland. He made these remarks at a public meeting in Park Rapids on Jan. 29, 2014. In attendance were two Minnesota legislators, Roger Erickson and Rod Skoe,as well as local Hubbard County government, agency and business officials. Mr. Curwin gave the reasons of better soils, easier construction, easier access, less natural habitat destruction, cheaper and quicker. After construction the farmland can be put back into crop production. Access to leaks and spills is much easier. Winter wetland construction would be at a minimum.



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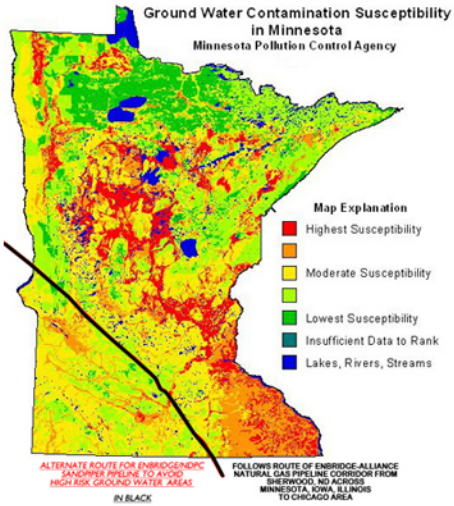
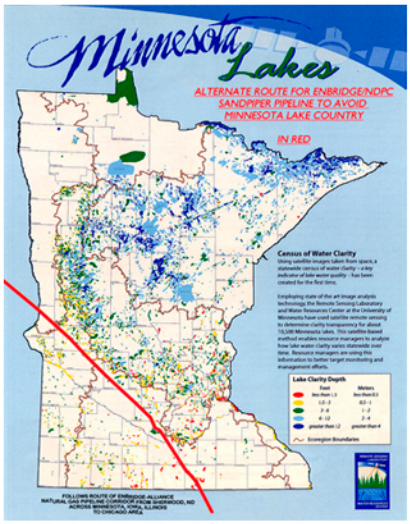
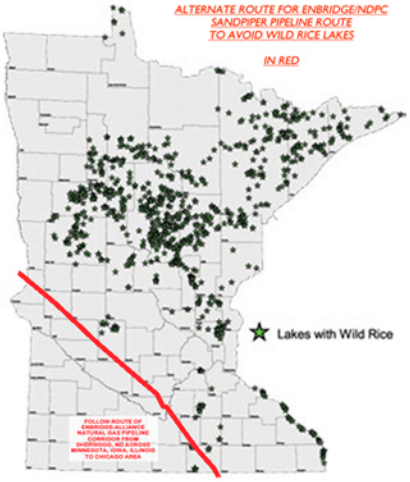
ALT ROUTE A avoids all the major risk areas of the lake country: high quality lakes and streams, sensitive aquifers, culturally significant wild ricing waters, and valuable lakeshore and vacationland assets.







Minnesota still gets to keep jobs the construction will provide as well as North Dakota plus Iowa and Illinois. Jobs for Americans.

Although the route does not end in Superior, it still ties into the existing Enbridge system in Illinois with routing options to Michigan and Ontario that avoid our greatest freshwater lakes of Lake Superior and the Mackinac Straits of Lakes Michigan and Huron. The Illinois Hub also allows Enbridge access to its pipelines to Oklahoma and points south.

Since it's an existing corridor the company should have access to the mapping previously done for the pipeline already there. ALT ROUTE A also intersects in southern Minnesota pipelines owned and operated by other companies which provide the option of re-routing Bakken crude to the refineries in Rosemont and Saint Paul Park in the south Twin Cities Metro. Perhaps Minnesotans will actually get to fuel their cars and trucks with gasoline from Bakken crude.

As currently planned with the exception of a few tax dollars and short term construction monies Minnesotans derive no long term benefits from these pipelines and assume all the risks from leaks/spills/ruptures. And eventually these pipelines will leak or break. THE EPA Pebble Mine statistics said so and Enbridge's spill history in Minnesota proves it true.

Friends of the Headwaters therefore recommends to the PUC, DOC and other state agencies that they enforce our MEPA statutes and deny the Certificate of Route permit for the Enbridge/NDPC's proposed Sandpiper pipeline corridor through Minnesota's prime lake country. A perfectly viable, low risk alternative is available south of our best waters.

Friends of the Headwaters believes a barrel of water IS worth more than a barrel of oil.