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State extends public comment period on draft documents related to analyses of Straits pipelines

LANSING, Mich. – The state of Michigan today said it is extending the public comment period on two draft requests for information and proposals (RFIs) that will be issued for prospective contractors who are interested in performing an [independent risk analysis](#) and an [independent alternatives analysis](#) related to the pipelines in the Straits of Mackinac known as Enbridge Line 5. Comments on the draft documents are now due by February 16.

The Pipeline Safety Advisory Board has reviewed previous drafts of these proposals and provided input. Additionally, the proposals have been available via the Pipeline Safety Advisory Board website for several weeks.

The draft RFIs are located on the michigan.gov/pipelinesafetyboard website. Instructions for submitting comments are also located there.

The analyses were [recommended](#) by the Michigan Petroleum Pipeline Task Force in July 2015. Implementing the recommendations of the task force continues as the [Michigan Pipeline Safety Advisory Board](#) works toward ensuring the safety, upkeep and transparency of issues related to Michigan's network of pipelines.

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