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Minneapolis, May 7 (RHC)-- Indigenous leaders and climate activists held a Global Day of Action to halt and defund the Enbridge Line 3 pipeline in northern Minnesota. Protests took place at banks in cities across the U.S., as well as in Japan, Switzerland, Sierra Leone, Costa Rica, Canada and across Europe.

Jackie Fielder of Stop the Money Pipeline told reporters: “And so, we have more than 50 actions across the U.S. and actions across seven other countries, as well as three other continents, protesting the banks that are underwriting loans to Enbridge, the company behind the Line 3 pipeline. Line 3 would result in an additional 193 million tons of greenhouse gases every single year, and it violates Indigenous rights of the Anishinaabe people and their right to free, prior and informed consent.”

Earlier this week, water protectors blockaded a so-called man camp at the Enbridge site to mark “Missing or Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2-Spirit” Awareness Week. Indigenous activists said: “The violence committed on our land becomes the violence committed on our people.”

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