



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

February 10, 2011

Enbridge Energy Partners, LP
c/o Mr. Rich Adams
Vice President, Operations
Superior City Centre
Second Floor
1409 Hammond Ave.
Superior, Wisconsin 54880

Re: U.S. EPA Notice of Written Approval of Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership's December 10, 2010 Supplement to Operations and Maintenance Work Plan ("Winter Containment Plan") submittal in response to the Removal Administrative Order issued by U.S. EPA on July 27, 2010, pursuant to §311(c) of the Clean Water Act(Docket No. CWA 1321-5-10-001), the Supplement to the Removal Administrative Order issued by the U.S. EPA on September 23, 2010, and U.S. EPA Letter's Dated October 2, 2010

Dear Mr. Adams:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has completed its review of *Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership's Line 6B MP 608 Pipeline Release, Marshall, Michigan, Supplement to Operations and Maintenance Work Plan, Referred to as Winter Containment Plan*, (referred to as "Enbridge") on December 10, 2010, pursuant to Paragraph 18.k and 19 of the above-referenced Order and Supplemental Order. The Winter Containment Plan supplements the Operations and Maintenance Work Plan approved with modifications on October 15, 2010. Pursuant to Paragraph 20 of the Order, I approved the Winter Containment Plan verbally on or about December 10, 2010. This letter confirms my previous approval of the Winter Containment Plan.

The U.S. EPA approval provided herein does not represent assurance that activities undertaken are in compliance with laws and regulations outside the purview of the U.S. EPA during these response actions, including but not limited to the laws and regulations of the State of Michigan. Enbridge is not relieved of its obligation to comply with other laws and regulations if omitted in these comments. Undertaking activities directed by the U.S. EPA does not obviate the need for Enbridge to acquire all necessary permits and comply with other applicable regulatory requirements.

Enbridge shall implement the O&M Supplement, as modified by the Winter Containment Plan, in accordance with the schedule set forth in Paragraphs 18 and 19 of the above-referenced Order (as supplemented on September 23, 2010).

Five copies of the Winter Containment Plan shall be submitted to U.S. EPA no later than 12:00 hours Eastern, February 14, 2011.

If you have any questions regarding this conditional approval, please contact me immediately at (231) 301-0559.

Sincerely,

Ralph Dollhopf
Federal On-Scene Coordinator and Incident Commander
U.S. EPA, Region 5

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