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Battle Creek
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Kalamazoo River/Enbridge Spill Decision Memo

Date: August 10, 2010

~~U.S. EPA~~

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This decision memo codifies the operating procedures [Enclosure (1)] that the UC will follow to communicate and coordinate the management of this response. Any proposed revisions to these procedures will be presented to the Planning Section Chief to review and propose to the UC during a future scheduled meeting.

Encl: (1) UC Operating Procedures, Version 2.0



MEMORANDUM

August 10, 2010

To: Unified Command
Kalamazoo River/Enbridge Pipeline Release
Incident Command Center
705 North Marshall Avenue
Marshall, MI 49068

From: Ralph Dollhopf, U.S. EPA Incident Commander, FOSC

Re: Incident Progress from Emergency to Recovery Phase

U. S. EPA requests acknowledgement and concurrence from the Unified Command that the response to the Enbridge Pipeline Release and cleanup of Talmadge Creek and the Kalamazoo River have shifted from the emergency phase to recovery and remediation phases.

U. S. EPA's request is based upon its determination that all of the UC's Incident Objectives for the operational period of Aug 9 2010 0700 to Aug 10 2010 0700 are progressing toward completion and have been for the past five operational periods. The Incident Objectives are as follows:

- 1) Continue efforts to remove oil and contaminated soil from pipeline release zone.
- 2) Concentrate resources for river, shore, and floodplain cleanup and sheen management in Division C.
- 3) Maintain continuous comprehensive on-water/analytical sheen monitoring, investigation, reporting and recovery at Morrow Lake.
- 4) Finalize integration of hotline into the community outreach centers.
- 5) Monitor effectiveness of IAP briefing and use by Operations personnel.
- 6) Continue transition of EPA logistics/procurement functions to Enbridge.
- 7) Maintain Documentation Unit procedures.
- 8) Continue transition of IAP 204 and 205 development from EPA to Enbridge.

9) Review SCAT recommendations with Science Team, with emphasis on Talmadge Creek and Division C, to coordinate near term cleanup efforts.

Achieving the first objective shows stabilization of the situation and movement towards the recovery phase of the event. Continued progress on objectives two through nine shows the incident has evolved to a phase which will require sustained recovery, remediation and restoration.

Finally, the continued downward trend in benzene and VOC levels indicates the threat to human health from air releases has been substantively controlled.