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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

August 3, 2011

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

Re: U.S. EPA Denial of Request to Modify Schedule

Dear Mr. Adams:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) acknowledges receipt of your July 27, 2011 letter in which Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership, Enbridge Pipelines (Lakehead) L.L.C., Enbridge Pipelines (Wisconsin), and Enbridge Energy Partners, L.P. (herein collectively referred to as "Enbridge") requests a modification in the field work schedule. Specifically, Enbridge requests EPA approval of a longer work day and week for Enbridge workers and contractors.

U.S.EPA believes a 14 hour/7 day per week work schedule at this point in the project may result in increased stress and fatigue on project staff and workers than is not warranted and that it would be more appropriate for Enbridge to increase its level of staffing and other resources to achieve the schedule "buffer" it desires for completion of oil recovery by August 31, 2011. Therefore, pursuant to the July 27, 2010 Administrative Order and September 23, 2010 Supplement to the Administrative Order (Docket No. CWA 1321-5-10-001), U.S. EPA disapproves Enbridge's request for a schedule modification, and directs that the existing schedule remain in effect.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ralph Dollhopf", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

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

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