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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

February 2, 2012

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

Re: Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership's January 20, 2012 Letter in response to the Administrative Order issued by U.S. EPA on July 27, 2010 and Supplement to the Administrative Order issued by U.S. EPA on September 23, 2010, pursuant to §311(c) of the Clean Water Act (Docket No. CWA 1321-5-10-001).

Dear Mr. Adams:

U.S. EPA acknowledges receipt of your letter submitted on January 20, 2012, requesting an extension of the January 20, 2012 due date for the report on the quantification of submerged oil. As you point out, technical discussions continue regarding the use of existing analytical results for Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon (TPH) in sediment to quantify the amount of submerged oil present in Talmadge Creek and the Kalamazoo River.

Recently, Enbridge has proposed a revised concept for quantifying submerged oil in those areas of Talmadge Creek and the Kalamazoo River that have been classified as having a "light" accumulation of submerged oil during the most recent poling events. The U.S. EPA is considering the concept proposed by Enbridge. However, Enbridge has not yet provided details of the proposed concept to U.S. EPA, and U.S. EPA requires these details to further evaluate Enbridge's proposed approach.

Thus, Enbridge shall submit a revised report documenting the quantification of submerged oil to the U.S. EPA by 17:00 Eastern time on February 8, 2012. The revised report shall include, but not be limited to:

- All components and calculations of the submerged oil quantification, *except* the oil concentration factor.
- Details of all of the proposed delineation approaches for areas of "light" submerged oil presence.

U.S. EPA will direct Enbridge to complete a final submerged oil quantification report once our ongoing discussions result in EPA's determination of the oil concentration factor.

This letter does not obviate the need for Enbridge to continue performing tasks consistent with the Order and directives made by the U.S. EPA FOSC.

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

Sincerely,

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Ralph Dollhopf
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U.S. EPA, Region 5

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