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Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership  
c/o Mr. Rich Adams  
Vice President, Operations  
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**Re: Enbridge Oil Spill (Marshall, MI) -- Scientific Support Coordination Group (SSCG)  
Preparation for March 29-30, 2012 Meeting**

Dear Mr. Adams:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) assembled a group of nationally recognized experts in the field of oil recovery science to provide submerged oil cleanup recommendations that I will consider in my determination regarding continued response activities at the Marshall Site. This panel of experts, named the Scientific Support Coordination Group ("SSCG"), met for the first time on January 19-20, 2012, and immediately began a series of internal discussions that culminated in the identification of short-term data needs. I approved these recommended investigations on February 20, 2012.

In response, Enbridge initiated a sediment sampling task during the week of February 20, 2012. These sediment samples will be characterized using an array of oil fingerprinting chemical analyses and aquatic toxicity testing. The results of these tests will be the primary focus of a second SSCG meeting in Marshall that is scheduled for March 29-30, 2012.

It is critical that the chemical and toxicity data be finalized and delivered to EPA no later than **March 21, 2012 COB**. This will allow the SSCG one week to review and interpret the data prior to the March 29-30 meeting in Marshall.

In order to ensure that the March 29-30 meeting is as productive as possible, Enbridge must closely manage the laboratories performing this work and track performance against this March 21, 2012 deadline. Accordingly, I am directing Enbridge to provide written bi-weekly laboratory updates (Tuesday and Friday) to me and U.S. EPA's Environmental Unit. These updates must identify progress towards meeting the goals outlined in this letter and, most importantly, must describe any developments that have the potential to adversely affect the March 29-30 meeting.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph Dollhopf". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Ralph Dollhopf  
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