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Mr. Ralph Dollhopf
Federal On-Scene Coordinator and Incident Commander
United States Environmental Protection Agency
801 Garfield Avenue, #229
Traverse City, MI 49686

RE: In the Matter of Enbridge Energy Partners, L.P., *et al*,
Docket No. CWA 1321-5-10-001

Dear Mr. Dollhopf:

Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership (Enbridge) is seeking approval from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to remove all of the cylindrical sampling devices (CSDs) currently placed throughout the Kalamazoo River system per Section 8 of the Sediment Trap Monitoring and Maintenance Plan dated July 10, 2012. The CSDs must be removed for the following reasons:

- The CSD's are not designed for winter conditions. The current construction of the collection piece of the CSD consists of glass wide mouth Mason jars and is not suitable for use during frozen conditions.
- Freezing of the glass jars within the CSDs may cause breakage and loss of the glass component of the CSDs. This creates a safety concern for river users.
- Ice thicknesses in excess of 6 to 12 inches and potential ice movement in the immediate vicinity of the CSDs may cause dislodging and potential downstream movement of the devices.
- Frazzil ice movement may cause dislodging of the devices.
- If the devices become dislodged and damaged, there are concerns with the depositing of the construction materials (plywood, wood screws, cinder blocks, wire) creating a walking hazard.
- Maintenance of the installed devices during frozen conditions creates safety hazards.

Enbridge proposes to initiate removal of the CSDs on Wednesday, December 12, 2012. The removal process is anticipated to take 5 days to complete.

Please contact myself or Enbridge's Incident Commander, John Sobojinski, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

ENBRIDGE ENERGY, LIMITED
PARTNERSHIP
By Enbridge Pipelines (Lakehead) L.L.C.
It's General Partner

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CC: John Sobojinski, Enbridge
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