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July 28, 2010

Re: Initial Response of Enbridge Energy Partners, L.P. to Removal Administrative

Order dated 7/27/10

Docket Number: CWA 1321-5-10-001

Dear Mr. Dollhopf:

Following please find status report and information currently available to address the respective components of subject Order.

17. Respondent must identify a contact person responsible for the removal within 1 business day of issuance of this Order.

We are identifying Mr. Tom Fridel as the contact person responsible for the removal.

His contact information is as follows: 1500 West Main Street Griffith, IN 46375

Office - 219-922-7001

Mobile - 219-793-5280

- 18. Respondent must take the following immediate stabilization and mitigation actions:
 - Stop the flow of oil into Talmadge Creek and Kalamazoo River by July 28, 2010.

Containment barriers were put in place on July 26 & 27, 2010 to prevent oil from the release site directly entering Talmadge Creek.

We are aware the oil has contaminated the area around Talmadge Creek downstream of our containment site and may continue to flow into the creek, prompting the need for further collection and recovery sites up to the confluence of Talmadge Creek and the Kalamazoo River. As such, we believe we have been able to partially meet this requirement.

- Notify USEPA of the date and time that the flow of oil into Talmadge Creek and the Kalamazoo River stopped by July 28, 2010.
 See above.
- Remediate the oil and contaminated soils in and around the immediate vicinity of the release by August 27, 2010.
 Work necessary to complete remediation in immediate vicinity of release location will depend upon timing of the initial response activities. Action plans will be submitted as required by the Order.
- Deploy appropriate oil recovery and containment devices and equipment, e.g. skimmers, vacuum trucks, absorbent/containment booms by July 28, 2010.
 - Recovery and containment devices and equipment have been deployed with agency oversight and input.
- Perform air monitoring and sampling as directed by USEPA and public health officials by July 27, 2010 and continuously thereafter until notified by USEPA.
 - The company continues to monitor air quality from over 100 locations along the river and in the communities along the river. Overnight testing (Tuesday 7/27) from all locations found there were no Benzene detections and no H2S detections. We will notify residents if any indications of detection are found. Air quality will continue to be monitored over the next period of time until it is determined that there is no risk to the public.
- Perform water and sediment sampling of impacted areas as directed by USEPA by July 27, 2010 and continuously thereafter until notified by USEPA.
 - Water sampling as directed was initiated on 7/27. Sediment sampling commenced on 7/28 with agency concurrence.
- Remediate all impacted areas (including shoreline) along Talmadge Creek, the Kalamazoo River, and if impacted Morrow Lake by September 27, 2010.

Future task.

- Dispose of all wastes at USEPA approved disposal facilities.
 Disposal will be done with prior USEPA approval.
- Submit a final report to USEPA detailing all work completed including monitoring and analytical data, disposal records, and all documentation related to the response by November 27, 2010.
 Future task.

Sincerely,

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