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Office of Water Management
Section 401 Water Quality Certification Program

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PUBLIC HEARING

To all interested parties:

Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership, Superior, WI, has applied to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) for two Section 401 Water Quality Certifications (IDEM No. 2012-322-45-MTM-A and IDEM No.: 2012-321-64-MTM-A) for the placement of fill material into waters of the State of Indiana. IDEM is holding a public hearing to solicit public comment to assist with its evaluation as to whether the projects comply with the water pollution control laws and regulations of the State of Indiana. IDEM will consider only comments related to water quality and aquatic habitat. IDEM cannot consider comments related to any other issue or concern.

Date: December 18, 2012
Time: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Location: Laporte County Library
904 Indiana Avenue
La Porte, IN 46350

Project Background:

Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership, Superior, WI, owns and operates Line 6B, a 30-inch diameter crude oil and liquid petroleum pipeline in Indiana. Enbridge conducted internal inspections of Line 6B as part of its ongoing system-wide pipeline integrity program which identified segments that contained numerous features that over time require investigation and repair. Enbridge plans to replace these pipeline segments to reduce the frequency of future maintenance activities. Enbridge is proposing to replace the 30 inch diameter pipe with a 36 inch diameter pipe. Enbridge will construct the pipeline replacement segments by following several typical sequential pipeline construction procedures: including: surveying and staking; clearing and site preparation; pipe stringing; bending, welding; trenching; lowering-in and backfilling; hydrostatic testing; cleanup and restoration. Enbridge plans to properly purge, nitrogen fill and leave the existing 30-inch pipeline deactivated and in place.

Together the projects in total will traverse Lake, Porter, Laporte and St. Joseph counties and cross 145 wetlands for a total of 23,726.9 linear feet. There will be temporary impacts to 76.3 acres of wetland of which 28.40 acres is forested wetland. Temporary impacts will be mitigated by planting and monitoring at the impacts sites. The projects will permanently convert 3.24 acres of forested wetlands to emergent wetlands. Permanent impacts will be mitigated by restoring 70 acres to 12.3 acres of forested wetlands; 1.5 acres of scrub-shrub wetlands; 17.7 acres of emergent/inundated wetlands and 34.7 acres of herbaceous dry to mesic prairie grassland. The mitigation site is on Indiana Department of Natural Resource property in Porter County.

The public notices for the applications for Section 401 Water Quality Certification and supporting materials can be viewed on-line at <http://www.in.gov/idem/6798.htm>. Additional information may be obtained from Mr. Marty Maupin, Project Manager, by phone at 317/233-2471 or by e-mail at mmaupin@idem.in.gov.

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