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**Subject:** RE: 8.12.2022 - Enbridge Update  
**Date:** Monday, August 15, 2022 10:56:00 AM

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Hello All,

Hopefully this is the last update regarding the spill response. There were no issues with the pipeline start up or additional issues over the weekend per Ross Peterson. I will plan on closing the spill files and opening an ERP case. I'm hoping to get the RP letter out this afternoon.

Thank you

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Jeff, thanks for the continued excellent follow-up!

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**Subject:** 8.12.2022 - Enbridge Update

Hello again,

On 8/11/2022, Bad River Tribal representatives requested that the EPA inspect the discharge and meeting was held onsite at 11:30 on 8/12/2022.

- Enbridge personnel, including Ross Peterson, Dave Morrison from the EPA, and Phil Richard from DNR entered the site to observe the pipeline excavation and discussed previous actions that had been completed to address the two previously reported discharges. Naomi Tillison from the Bad River Tribe was not available, but the tribe's Public Safety Officer and Compliance Officer were also onsite. I was not able to attend the meeting.
- The welds on the pipeline had been repaired (attached photos). Enbridge opened the pipeline at approximately 11:30 and it was in full operation when the meeting concluded at approximately 12:30. The pipeline will be in operation for 12 hours and then a series of checks will be completed to make sure there are no leaks per Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration requirements. In case of a leak, Enbridge currently has a sump pump in the excavation and would pump crude into an onsite frac tank.
- Maintenance work will continue over the weekend and they expect that the excavations adjacent to the pipeline will be backfilled early next week.
- All parties met after and discussed previous actions and actions that will be taken when the site is transferred to the Environmental Repair Program. Dave Morrison confirmed that DNR would be the lead agency for additional response actions and requested that he be sent copies of any reports or data generated. Bad River also requested copies of any reports or data.

I also called Dave Morrison after the site visit was complete:

- He stated he saw no indication of a significant release during the site visit.
- We discussed the ERP and requirements under NR700
- Dave requested that he be sent reports generated during the ERP investigation.

I will call Ross Peterson Monday morning for an update. If there are no concerns, I will transfer the site to the ERP Program and send them a RP letter Monday afternoon.

Thank you

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**Subject:** Enbridge Update

Hello all,

I just talked to Ross Peterson and got a brief update. Crews will be working today to repair the weld, hoping to complete it today but don't have a definite timeline. The pipeline will be shut down until the weld is repaired. No indication of additional discharge from the weld or weep.

The original spill is still open and a new spill was created in SERTs for the weep. I will close the original spill and this spill when they have the weep resolved and transfer the site to the ERP. I will send them a RP letter to kick off the ERP investigation, hopefully on Monday if they have the weep resolved.

Thank you

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**Subject:** FW: Enbridge Update 8/10

Hello again,

Warden Supervisor Rick Peters arrived on the site at 22:00. Crews were still onsite sandblasting the pipe. Crew members told Warden Peters that section of pipeline was laid in 1953 and the weld was a 1976 weld. He took a photo of the top of the pipe (attached, photo 1), the area ring in the joint in question

They described a weep at the bottom of the pipe at the joint (attached photo 2) that is in the same excavation where impacted soil was identified last week. The weep consisted on an oily substance that did not drip, but could felt if one held their fingers in that area. The weep is the reason why they notified the NRC. As of earlier today, they did not think that the weep was the source of previously identified soil contamination. They are in the process of addressing the weep and it is my understanding that the pipeline is still shutdown.

Warden Peters did not observe petroleum odors, stained soil or any water in the excavation.

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All,

See below for description of the reported discharge today.

It is my understanding that a warden will be able to visit the site tonight.

Thank you

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Thank you Ross, I'll forward this on.

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Hi Jeff,

In regards to your question about the NRC report today, crews discovered a small area of staining on the pipe on a weld. As I mentioned, no material was released to soil or water as a result of their work. PHMSA has been notified through the NRC because of the repair per their requirements.

Our statement: As Enbridge crews were preparing Line 5 for planned maintenance activities off Holmes Road in the Town of Gingles, they discovered a small area of staining on the pipe on a weld. Line 5 has been shut down as crews make repairs. PHMSA has been notified because of the repair work. We will provide more information as it becomes available.

For any further media related questions, I will refer to you Juli Kellner of Enbridge – [juli.kellner@enbridge.com](mailto:juli.kellner@enbridge.com) 218-461-7837

Thanks,

-Ross

**Ross Peterson**

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**Subject:** FW: Enbridge article  
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See below. The Duluth News Tribune ran an article on the Enbridge Pipeline discharge in Ashland.

<https://www.duluthnewstribune.com/news/wisconsin/dnr-investigates-oil-spill-on-contested-enbridge-line-5-near-ashland>

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Ok. Thanks, Jeff. Rest up!

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They think that it is a historic spill associated with the pipeline, which they referred to as sloppy practices. They were not willing to provide a date, but they were suggesting it occurred decades ago.

My understanding, based off discussions with Chris, is that we would close the spill and send a RP letter. They will be submitting confirmation samples today and feel that the impacted soil has been addressed but have been proactive and fully anticipate taking this site through closure.

I was planning on drafting it today or tomorrow, but currently have a daughter home with covid and am likely coming down it myself. If there is an alternate determination or change in plans, let me know. If not, I will attempt to get it out later this week.

Thank you

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Ok. With that said, we are going to keep it open essentially for now? So do we know any next steps? Have they suggested anything? We may not know at this time, but I'm sure Noah will ask for some details if we have them. Also, if not from the pipeline have they suggested the where, how, and why of this historic discharge?

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That's correct.

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**Subject:** RE: Quick Update - Enbridge

Thanks Jeff. I assume that last sentence means this will be handled as an ERP site going forward, rather than a Spill, correct?

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**Subject:** RE: Quick Update - Enbridge

Hi Trevor,

I just got off the phone with Ross Peterson. He said that Enbridge completed the excavation of impacted soil adjacent to the pipeline in the evening on August 5, 2022. They saw no sign of an active spill and feel that the impacted soil was the result of a historic discharge. The excavation is still open and they invited interested parties to look at the excavation. The cleanup will be covered under the Environmental Repair Program.

Thanks!

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Thanks, Jeff. Keep me posted.

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I'm waiting on an update from Enbridge, I'll e-mail when I get it.

Thank you

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Jeff,

Could you provide me with a quick update? Essentially a status update on the where we are at now. Any new info, changes, updates, etc. Noah from Red Cliff reached out this morning and requested an update. I will plan to call him later this afternoon. Thanks.

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Sarah Hoyer will share the responses to the reporter's questions she shared with us. I'll let her know that Jeff was contacted around the same time and he will not respond.

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Bart,

I believe this may be the same inquiry that you, Christine, and I worked on the response for Sarah Hoyer at around 12:30/1:00. Wanted to confirm. I believe Sarah Hoyer is going to follow up with Sarah (Journal Sentinel).

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Thanks Jeff.

Christine/Trevor, do we need to follow up on this or will OC take the lead?

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**To:** Haag, Christine T - DNR <[Christine.Haag@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Christine.Haag@wisconsin.gov)>; Saari, Christopher A - DNR <[Christopher.Saari@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Christopher.Saari@wisconsin.gov)>; Nobile, Trevor W - DNR <[Trevor.Nobile@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Trevor.Nobile@wisconsin.gov)>; Sponseller, Bart A - DNR <[Bart.Sponseller@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Bart.Sponseller@wisconsin.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: Media Contact Summary Report - Enbridge discharge

Hello all,

A reporter from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel left a message on my phone at 1:00 this afternoon requesting additional information on the Enbridge discharge. I did not return the call.

Thank you

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Issue / Topic *	Enbridge Pipeline Discharge – SERTs # 20220803N02-1
Media Outlet *	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
Reporter's Name	Sarah Openheim (sp?)
DNR Staff who received the media contact *	Jeff Paddock
Your Bureau/Division *	RR
Summary *	Left message at 13:00 8/5/2022 requesting additional information on Enbridge discharge that was reported on 8/3/2022 (SERTs #20220803NO-1).  Phone # 414-607-2159
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**From:** [Saari, Christopher A - DNR](#)  
**To:** [Paddock, Jeffrey J - DNR](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Enbridge spill south of Ashland - summary of 8/4 call  
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All – please see below for a summary of my call earlier this afternoon with Ben Connors, Sr., Deputy Director of Bad River’s National Resources Department.

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2022 1:27 PM  
**To:** [nrdeputy@badriver-nsn.gov](mailto:nrdeputy@badriver-nsn.gov)  
**Subject:** Enbridge spill south of Ashland - summary of 8/4 call

Hello Ben:

I'm glad we had a chance to connect today on the status of the Enbridge discharge south of Ashland. Here is a summary of what we discussed, at your request.

DNR's current understanding of the Enbridge Line 5 discharge:

- Last night, Chris Saari with DNR traveled to the site. His summary: I stopped at the site at approximately 1845 hrs. yesterday evening and discussed the status with Dean Will, PLM Supervisor with Enbridge. Bad River Tribal Warden Pierce Maday was also at the site at that time. Will showed me the excavation area where the suspected contaminated soil was encountered. All suspect material had been excavated, placed on plastic sheeting and covered with plastic sheeting. I did not observe any petroleum odors or soil staining. There was a small amount of water in the bottom of the excavation, likely from rain that fell on August 2, and no sheening or signs of impact were evident on the water. There was a consultant from WSP present at the site also, but he was on the phone in his truck at the time of my visit, reportedly (per Will) talking with the environmental manager from Enbridge. Will said all further work on the pipeline is on hold until the Enbridge construction staff get further direction from their environmental staff. Maday and I departed the site at approximately 1910 hrs.
- The discharge was reported to DNR's spills hotline by Enbridge last night. Please see the attached report.
- Enbridge believes that the discharge was historical and not an ongoing release.
- DNR's GIS staff plotted the discharge location as being ~1 mile west of the reservation boundary.

Next steps:

- Jeff Paddock with DNR talked to Ross Peterson with Enbridge the morning of 8/4. They reported that the line was pressure-tested last night, gradually re-pressurized, and there was no indication of a leak. Using field screening methods, (photo ionization detector, or PID) there was one area that was elevated in relation to the other samples tested. The apparently impacted material was excavated and stockpiled. Jeff is expecting a call from the pipeline engineer to get more information on the pressure testing process.
- Enbridge will be required to submit documentation of the environmental response actions to DNR. Based on the data and following the law, DNR will create an environmental repair case in our tracking system and will close it out if/when data is provided to demonstrate that no further action is needed.
- I flagged your concern for DNR staff on the proximity of Bear Trap Creek to the spill and asked for additional information. Early indication is that the discharge location is below grade and there isn't a pathway for migration to surface water, which is ~1/2 mile or more, laterally.
- I also noted for DNR staff that you requested information on the volume of crude discharged and the volume of contaminated soil excavated for disposal. DNR is unlikely to receive information on the volume of crude lost since this did not show up on Enbridge's monitoring system as an active discharge. Enbridge will be required to document for DNR how much soil was excavated and where it was legally disposed.

I will keep you informed as DNR learns more.

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Attached are a couple photos that I took during my site visit. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Hello All,

Just a quick follow up on the Enbridge Line Five Activity. Out of an abundance of caution, the DNR recommended that Enbridge report the contaminated soil as a spill and Enbridge agreed to report the spill (attached). As previously stated, Enbridge did not find an indication of a leak when the pipeline was shut down. They slowly increased pressure to attempt to identify a leak and are now currently up to full pressure with no sign of a leak or alarm. They will continue to monitor the pipeline. Unless there are any unexpected developments, it appears that the impacted soil is from an historic discharge or an historic discharge not associated with the pipeline. If there are no unexpected developments, the site will likely be transferred and investigated under the Environmental Repair Program.

Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.

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Hello All,

I wanted to notify you all regarding some activity associated with Enbridge Line 5 in Ashland County.

- Contractors working on Line 5 near Old Orchard Road and Holmes Road, South of Ashland, noted impacted soil adjacent to the pipeline and alerted Enbridge Emergency Response. The

pipeline was shut down, per standard operating procedures.

- Enbridge personnel mobilized to the site and identified contaminated soil. They excavated around the pipe and saw no evidence of a leak. They will begin moving material through the pipe slowly to check if there is a leak. If there is a leak, they will immediately notify the spills hotline and myself. Ross Pederson (218-341-3863) is the Enbridge PM addressing the situation. They expect to be working through the night.
- Enbridge feels that it is likely historic contamination or contamination not associated with the pipeline. If that is the case, they will notify DNR of a non-emergency discharge.
- Line 5 carries crude oil or liquified natural gas, they do not know which is currently in the pipe in that location.
- Enbridge has notified the Ashland County Sheriff.

Based off their description, this does not appear to be an emergency at this point. However, there is a lot of activity currently around the pipeline and I wanted to alert people in case we get inquiries.

This will be the last e-mail unless a spill is reported.

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Updated version, I noticed some spelling errors after I sent the last e-mail. Apparently the caps are foiling spell check. I would be able to update/modify this on Monday if needed.

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**Subject:** Re: Enbridge Timeline

Ok thanks Jeff, have a good weekend!

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Hello All,

Just a quick follow up on the Enbridge Line Five Activity. Out of an abundance of caution, the DNR recommended that Enbridge report the contaminated soil as a spill and Enbridge agreed to report the spill (attached). As previously stated, Enbridge did not find an indication of a leak when the pipeline was shut down. They slowly increased pressure to attempt to identify a leak and are now currently up to full pressure with no sign of a leak or alarm. They will continue to monitor the pipeline. Unless there are any unexpected developments, it appears that the impacted soil is from an historic discharge or an historic discharge not associated with the pipeline. If there are no unexpected developments, the site will likely be transferred and investigated under the Environmental Repair Program.

Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.

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**Subject:** WI SPILL #18034 ID 20220803NO02-1 - CRUDE OIL  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 3, 2022 7:24:52 PM

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SERTS ID:  
20220803NO02-1

Reported:  
08/03/2022 19:08

Occurred:  
08/03/2022 12:00

Substance:  
CRUDE OIL  
Released Amt: 1 tbsp  
Recovered Amt: 1 tbsp  
(Amounts are often estimated)

Reported by:  
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ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISOR  
ENBRIDGE  
[ross.perterson2@enbridge.com](mailto:ross.perterson2@enbridge.com)  
(218) 341-3863  
Also RP Contact

Location:  
NO REGION  
ASHLAND COUNTY  
ASHLAND, CITY OF  
SPILL LOCATION  
INTERSECTION OF OLD AIRPORT RD AND HOLMES  
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Responsible Party:  
EMBRIDGE

Cause:  
EQUIPMENT FAILURE

Cause Description:  
PIPELINE ISSUES.

Environmental Impact:  
SOIL IMPACTED

Comments:  
THEY ARE STILL INVESTIGATING HISTORIC POTENTIAL CONTAMINATION. THERE HAS BEEN NOTHING CONFIRMED.

Cleanup:  
HYDRO EXCAVATED THE SOIL AND PUT INTO CONTAINERS. WILL BE DISPOSED OF.

Notified CAROLINE RICE - SPOKE WITH at 19:17 by Phone

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