UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Via electronic and first class mail

December 17, 2010

Jim Haadsma
Calhoun County Commissioner
146 South Lincoln Boulevard
Battle Creek, MI 49015

Re: Enbridge Oil Spill

Dear Commissioner Haadsma:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received information recently provided to Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership (Enbridge) about persistent oiling at mileposts 10.5, 12.75 and 19.25. EPA wants to assure you that it is aware of these sites, and is independently monitoring and evaluating them to determine whether additional cleanup should be performed.

As we move through the winter months and into spring, EPA will continue to evaluate and consult with partnering agencies regarding whether additional cleanup at sites with persistent oiling outweighs the disadvantages of the environmental destruction associated with such cleanup. Multi-agency cleanup teams have compiled information regarding persistent oiling conditions at each quarter-mile segment of the Kalamazoo River affected by the oil spill. This information, as well as maps and cleanup recommendations, can be found on EPA's website. In addition, when weather conditions allow, cleanup of submerged oil will continue.

While EPA believes that nearly all of the oil from the spill has been recovered, EPA remains committed to further cleanup. Moreover, EPA is committed to holding Enbridge accountable.

We encourage you and anyone else who has information regarding the Enbridge Oil Spill to please share your information with EPA. The Region 5 tipline remains open to receive your calls. Anyone with information is asked to please call 1-800-621-8431.

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EPA thanks you for sharing your concerns.

Sincerely,

Ralph Dollhopf/jeff

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Federal On-Scene Coordinator

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