

Public Notice

ISSUED: April 10, 2023

APPLICANT: Enbridge Energy

SECTION: 404 - Clean Water Act

SECTION: 10 - Rivers and Harbors Act

REFER TO:

INFORMATIONAL NOTICE: ENBRIDGE LINE 5 WISCONSIN SEGMENT RELOCATION

2020-00260-WMS

The purpose of this public notice is to advise interested parties that the St. Paul District (Corps) has made available online additional information received as part of the Corps' continued review of a permit application from Enbridge Energy. The application requests Corps authorization pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbor Act of 1899 (Section 10) for work under a navigable water of the United States, and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (Section 404) for discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States. These activities are proposed to construct the Line 5 Wisconsin segment relocation (WI L5R) project.

To support WI L5R construction activities, the applicant has proposed the permanent discharge of fill material into 0.02 acres of waters of the United States, and temporary discharges of dredged or fill material into 101.08 acres of wetlands and 0.20 acres of non-wetland waters of the United States. In addition, the applicant proposes horizontal directional drilling (HDD) under the White River, a navigable water of the United States. The WI L5R project would replace 20 miles of existing pipeline, including 12 miles of existing pipeline within the Bad River Reservation, with approximately 41 miles of new pipeline exterior to the Reservation. Under the authorities listed above, the USACE does not have the authority to regulate the overall construction or operation of the pipeline, the siting of the pipeline, or any substance being transported within the pipeline.

The Corps continues to evaluate the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of proposed undertaking, and additional materials received in the future may be shared online to increase transparency regarding the Corps process. The Corps web page has been updated to include additional information provided after our 2022 public notice: https://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Enbridge_Line5-WI/.

The Corps proposes to expand public involvement by circulating the draft environmental assessment (EA) for public review and comment. The Corps anticipates a minimum 30-day public notice comment period once the draft EA is complete. While not required, the Corps believes that incorporating a public review and comment period on its draft EA will better ensure a well-informed analysis to support future Corps decision-making.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS INFORMATIONAL NOTICE, please contact Bill Sande at the Hayward office at 651-290-5882 or william.m.sande@usace.army.mil.

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