

**State of Michigan  
Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy**

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Site Name: Enbridge Energy-Line 5-Straits of Mackinac  
Submission Number: HQ3-8BYB-N9DT1  
Date: July 16, 2025

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Enbridge Energy, 425 West Superior Street, Suite 1100, Duluth, Minnesota 55802, has applied to this office for the following: A permit under authority of Part 303, Wetlands Protection, and Part 325, Great Lakes Submerged Lands, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA); Water Quality Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act; and concurrence with the Consistency Certification submitted under Section 307 of the Coastal Zone Management Act. The applicant proposes to fill, grade, and construct within 1.53 acres of wetlands in Mackinac County on Point LaBarbe. Activities include building construction, construction laydown areas, tunnel portal construction, and road improvements within wetlands. Additionally, a water intake structure is proposed in Emmet County on McGulpin Point with 0.17 acre of associated Lake Michigan bottomland impact. This includes a 61-foot-long, 14-inch-diameter pipe extension where the intake line exits the lake bottom, and the intake structure which is proposed to be placed on a 12-foot-wide by 12-foot-long precast concrete pad. Up to 15 concrete ballasts, each measuring 48 inches by 24 inches by 40 inches, to weigh the intake pipe and structure to the lake bottom are also proposed. The water intake structure is proposed to remain on Lake Michigan bottomlands for the duration of construction, and all bottomland impacts from the intake are proposed to be eliminated following construction. A turbidity curtain is proposed around the entirety of the intake structure and pipe during installation and removal. The purpose of the project is to facilitate the construction of a tunnel beneath Lake Michigan bottomlands to replace the Line 5 dual pipelines crossing the Straits of Mackinac. All excavated materials are proposed to be placed at upland sites in Hebron Township, Cheboygan County; Moran Township, Mackinac County; and Wawatam Township, Emmet County. Excavated material will be placed outside of surface waters and wetlands. The project area is located in T39N, R04W, Section 10 in Wawatam Township, Emmet County and T40N, R04W in Moran Township, Mackinac County, Michigan in accordance with plans attached to this notice.

The entire copy of the public notice package may be viewed online at: <https://mienviro.michigan.gov/ncore/external/publicnotice/search>. To access the public notice page online, search for the public notice by location or applicant name, and view by clicking on the "Documents" tab. Comments should be sent electronically by clicking on the "Add Comment" tab. When inputting your comment please do not add any personal identification information (PII) concerning yourself or any other individual, into the comment box, including but not limited to email or telephone number. A hard copy of the public notice may be requested by calling the above number.

**The public comment period is scheduled to end on August 29, 2025.**

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION AND PUBLIC HEARING**

TAKE NOTICE that the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Water Resources Division (WRD) will hold a virtual public information session on August 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. (EDT). This public meeting is to allow the public an opportunity to engage with EGLE in an open question and answer style dialogue about the proposed project. Questions related to the proposed project and permit application review should be asked during this meeting. This meeting is not the formal public hearing and formal comments for the record should be voiced during the public hearing. A recording of this meeting will be made available the day after the meeting has concluded.

ALSO TAKE NOTICE that the WRD will hold a virtual public hearing on August 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. (EDT). This public hearing is for formal public comment along with a 10-day period following the meeting for comments to be submitted to EGLE via MiEnviro, by mail to EGLE, GDO-WRD, P.O. Box 30458, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7958, or by email to [egle-enbridge-public-comments@michigan.gov](mailto:egle-enbridge-public-comments@michigan.gov). Instructions for attending and commenting are below. A recording of the public hearing will also be made available once it has been concluded.

### **How to attend the Online Information Session:**

To attend the online public information meeting register at <https://bit.ly/453At0y>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. If you do not have internet access and would like to join by PHONE ONLY please use the following phone number: 636-651-3142, and use conference code 374288. Pre-registration is not required to attend the meeting. Individuals interested in participating can click the link above at the start of the event (6:00 p.m.).

### **How to attend the Online Public Hearing:**

To attend the online public hearing register at <https://bit.ly/4lzO1XE>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. If you do not have internet access and would like to join by PHONE ONLY please use the following phone number: 636-651-3142, and use conference code 374288. Pre-registration is not required to attend the meeting. Individuals interested in participating can click the link above at the start of the event (6:00 p.m.).

The purpose of this hearing is to secure the views of interested persons concerning the following application for permit:

Submission Number HQ3-8BYB-N9DT1 by Enbridge Energy, 425 West Superior Street, Suite 1100, Duluth, Minnesota under Part 303, Wetlands Protection, and Part 325 Great Lakes Bottomlands, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA), for the project as described above within the Public Notice announcement.

The application is available for review on EGLE's Web site at:

<https://mienviro.michigan.gov/nsite/map/help> and enter Submission Number HQ3-8BYB-N9DT1. The public hearing and public notice record will remain open until August 29, 2025. Any written comments to be submitted for the public hearing record must be received before the close of the record.

Comments may be submitted through the MiEnviro Portal public notice website using the link <https://mienviro.michigan.gov/ncore/external/publicnotice/search>. You do not need an account to add a comment to the Public Hearing comments. Use the search tool on the Public Hearing Search to find the public hearing announcement. It is easiest to search using the Submission Number. Once you find the submission using the search engine at the above link, you can review related documents to the application and click the "Add Comment" tab to enter your comment. You will have the option to either type your comment or upload it as an attachment. Alternatively, comments may be submitted by mail to EGLE, GDO-WRD, P.O. Box 30458, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7958 or by email to [egle-enbridge-public-comments@michigan.gov](mailto:egle-enbridge-public-comments@michigan.gov).

The public hearing will be held pursuant to Part 303, Wetlands Protection, and Part 325, Great Lakes Submerged Lands, of the NREPA. The public hearing will not be a legal proceeding, witnesses will not be sworn, and there will be no cross examination. Public hearings are primarily informational and are held to encourage the expression of views and presentation of facts.

A copy of the decision on this application can be reviewed using Site Explorer once a decision has been made.

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**NOTE:** Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should call the telephone number listed above one week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

### **THESE NOTICES ARE NOT A PERMIT**

The proposed project may also be regulated by one or more additional parts of the NREPA that are administered by the WRD. The requirements of all applicable parts are considered in determining if a permit can be issued. When a permit application is received requesting authorization to work in or over the inland waters of the State of Michigan, pursuant to Part 303 and Part 325 of the NREPA, the NREPA provides that EGLE submit copies for review to the department of public health; the city, village, or township, and county where the project is to be located; the local soil conservation district; and any local watershed council organized under Part 311, Local River Management, of the NREPA. Additional notification is provided to certain persons as required by statute or determined by EGLE.

Those persons wanting to make comments on the proposed project shall furnish comments via MiEnviro, mail, or email no later than August 29, 2025. Comments will be made part of the record and should reference the above application number. Objections must be factual, specific, and fully describe the reasons upon which any objection is founded. The determination as to whether a permit will be issued will be based on an evaluation of all relevant factors, including the public comments received and the effect of the proposed work on the public trust or interest, including navigation, fish, wildlife, and pollution. The specific permit decision criteria can be found in the parts of the NREPA applicable to this application and listed above. Copies of these parts of the NREPA are available on the public notice Web site. Public comments received will also be considered.

This application will be reviewed by federal agencies in accordance with an agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency under provisions of Section 404 of the federal Clean Water Act Amendments of 1977.