



Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

February 18, 2022

Re: Wisconsin Paper Council Comments on Draft EIS on Enbridge Line 5 (EA/7)

101 South Webster St.

Madison, WI 53707

To Whom it May Concern:

Please find this letter in response to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' public comment period as it relates to water resources associated with Enbridge's proposed Line 5 Relocation Project.

The Wisconsin Paper Council (WPC) is the premier trade association which advocates for Wisconsin's paper, pulp and forestry industries before state and federal elected officials and regulators. Our trade association recognizes the diverse benefits that sound forestry produces: protection and enhancement of water, air and soil quality; producing habitat for diverse flora and fauna; aesthetics and recreation including hiking and trail use, hunting and fishing, camping, and nature appreciation.

As we look through the lens of sound forestry practices, we want to commend and support the efforts that Enbridge is taking as part of their pipeline construction process.

The route minimizes impact to sensitive environmental areas of concern, as well as cultural resources in the area. The project itself is being developed in a manner that will minimize wetland, water body and threatened and endangered species impacts. Where there are sensitive areas, we are of the understanding that the construction right-of-way will be minimized and workspace reduced. We applaud Enbridge for their thoughtful approach to construction management planning in sensitive areas.

The use of timber mats to limit wetland disturbance, installing erosion control devices and utilizing site-specific water crossing methods all represent best management practices and mitigation measures that mirror those shared by the principles of sound forestry practices that our members adhere to.

Additionally, the production of paper products is a highly intensive energy process. To stop Line 5, a vital source of energy for the entire region, would be harmful to our members, their employees and the industry. Permitting this project will help ensure a reliable, predictable, affordable energy resource our members rely on every day.

Please let this letter serve as our support of the Line 5 project. We ask that the WDNR approve the associated permits in an expeditious manner allowing Enbridge the opportunity to move forward with construction. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this process through the submission of comments representative of the views of the Wisconsin Paper Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Suder".

Scott Suder

President, Wisconsin Paper Council