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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:
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Dear Ms. Connolly:

Thank you for your August 11, 2023 meeting request and for affording us the time to work on the issue. On August 29 and 30, 2023, EPA staff participated in a site visit alongside Joe McGaver of your staff, Environmental Resource Management staff, staff from the St. Paul District of the Army Corps of Engineers, Bad River environmental program staff, as well as staff from the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission, to observe several proposed aquatic resource impact areas within the proposed Enbridge Line 5 realignment.

EPA staff found the site visit to be beneficial. During the visit, EPA recommended, and Mr. McGaver agreed, that the best course of action for technical discussions regarding Enbridge's response to EPA's 404 permit application comments is through a combination of correspondence and virtual technical meetings. We also identified important documents during the site visit that we did not previously have. As a result, we agreed upon the need to develop an index of documents relevant to our review of the 404 permit application to support productive technical discussions on our comments moving forward. We want to emphasize that our discussions will be restricted to matters related to EPA's 404 technical comments.

EPA believes this is the most efficient course of action and will allow for technical discussions sooner without the complications of scheduling multiple in-person meetings in Chicago. EPA spoke with the US Army Corps of Engineers, and they were amenable to this plan. My staff will be reaching out to Mr. McGaver to schedule a coordination meeting the week of September 18, 2023. If you have any concerns with proceeding in this manner, please let me know.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact Kerryann Weaver of my staff at 312-353-9483 or weaver.kerryann@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

9/14/2023

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Signed by: Environmental Protection Agency