



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, OMAHA DISTRICT
NORTH DAKOTA REGULATORY OFFICE
1513 SOUTH 12TH STREET
BISMARCK ND 58504-6640
December 9, 2009

North Dakota Regulatory Office

NWO-2009-2882-BIS

Ms. Sara Ploetz
Enbridge Energy Company, Inc.
1409 Hammond Avenue
Second Floor
Superior, Wisconsin 54880

Dear Ms. Ploetz:

We have reviewed the information you provided this office for Department of the Army (DA) request for wetland jurisdictional determination (JD) regarding the wetlands located northwest of Berthold, in NE/NE Section 20, Township 156 North, Range 86 West, Ward County, North Dakota.

Based on the information you provided to this office and further review of wetland data at the North Dakota Regulatory Office, it has been determined the above mentioned project area does not contain Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers jurisdictional wetland areas. Therefore these isolated wetlands will not require 404 permit authorization if plans are for fill placement into these wetlands.

An approved jurisdictional determination has been completed for your project. The JD is enclosed for your information. It may also be viewed at our website at <http://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/html/od-rnd/ndhome.htm>. The JD will be available on the website within 30 days. You may also request copies of the supporting materials the Corps used in determining this jurisdiction. If you are not in agreement with the JD, you may request an administrative appeal under Corps of Engineers regulations found at 33 CFR 331. The Notification of Administrative Appeal Options and Process and Request for Appeal (NAO-RFA) is attached. The Request for appeal must be received within 60 days from the date of this correspondence. If you would like more information on the jurisdictional appeal process, contact this office. **It is not necessary to submit a Request for Appeal if you do not object to the JD.** The JD will be valid for a period of 5 years.

The Omaha District, North Dakota Regulatory Office is committed to providing quality and timely service to our customers. In an effort to improve customer service, please take a moment to complete our Customer Service Survey found on our website at <http://per2.nwp.usace.army.mil/survey.html>. If you do not have internet access, you may call and request a paper copy of the survey that you can complete and return to us by mail or fax.

Should you have any questions regarding this determination, please contact Ms. Patsy Crooke of this office by letter or telephone (701) 255-0015 and reference project number NWO-2009-2882-BIS.

Sincerely,

Daniel E. Cimarosti
Regulatory Program Manager
North Dakota

Enclosures

JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

This form should be completed by following the instructions provided in Section IV of the JD Form Instructional Guidebook.

SECTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD): 9 December 2009

B. DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: Omaha, NWO-2009-02882-BIS

C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Wetland A, Wetland B, Wetland C

State: North Dakota County/parish/borough: Ward City: Berthold

Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. Wetland A: 48.3255388; Wetland B: 48.3249711; Wetland C: 48.3256308 N; Long. Wetland A: -101.75055; Wetland B: -101.75245; Wetland C: -101.75334W

Universal Transverse Mercator:

Name of nearest waterbody: Isolated Wetlands

Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: None

Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): Des Lacs

Check if map/diagram of review area and/or potential jurisdictional areas is/are available upon request.

Check if other sites (e.g., offsite mitigation sites, disposal sites, etc...) are associated with this action and are recorded on a different JD form.

D. REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

Office (Desk) Determination. Date:

Field Determination. Date(s): September 23, 2009 by Barr Engineering

SECTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

A. RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There **Are no** "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the review area. [Required]

Waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide.

Waters are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign commerce.
Explain:

B. CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There **Are no** "waters of the U.S." within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area. [Required]

1. Waters of the U.S.

a. Indicate presence of waters of U.S. in review area (check all that apply):¹

TNWs, including territorial seas

Wetlands adjacent to TNWs

Relatively permanent waters² (RPWs) that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Wetlands directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Impoundments of jurisdictional waters

Isolated (interstate or intrastate) waters, including isolated wetlands

b. Identify (estimate) size of waters of the U.S. in the review area:

Non-wetland waters: linear feet: width (ft) and/or acres.

Wetlands: Wetland A: 0.014 Ac; Wetland B: 1.42 ac; Wetland C: 0.024 ac acres.

c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: Pick List

Elevation of established OHWM (if known):

2. Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable):³

Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional.
Explain: Field review of the wetlands indicated they are isolated, as such:

Wetland A: is an isolated, concave, closed depression with no outlet observed, entirely surrounded by uplands; has no direct connection to other wetlands or waters of the U.S. A county road bisects the wetland having no culvert to outlet the water elsewhere; it also has no significant nexus to interstate commerce; Wetland B: is a shallow, isolated, concave depression surrounded by uplands, having a culvert outlet under a service road at the east end of the wetland. The culvert discharges to a swale and ditch which discharges into an upland agricultural field east of the site. It has no significant nexus to interstate commerce; Wetland C: is

¹ Boxes checked below shall be supported by completing the appropriate sections in Section III below.

² For purposes of this form, an RPW is defined as a tributary that is not a TNW and that typically flows year-round or has continuous flow at least "seasonally" (e.g., typically 3 months).

³ Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

an isolated, concave depression entirely surrounded by uplands with no direct connection to other wetlands or waters of the U.S. and has no significant nexus to interstate commerce.

SECTION III: CWA ANALYSIS

A. TNWs AND WETLANDS ADJACENT TO TNWs

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over TNWs and wetlands adjacent to TNWs. If the aquatic resource is a TNW, complete Section III.A.1 and Section III.D.1. only; if the aquatic resource is a wetland adjacent to a TNW, complete Sections III.A.1 and 2 and Section III.D.1.; otherwise, see Section III.B below.

1. TNW

Identify TNW: .

Summarize rationale supporting determination: .

2. Wetland adjacent to TNW

Summarize rationale supporting conclusion that wetland is "adjacent": .

B. CHARACTERISTICS OF TRIBUTARY (THAT IS NOT A TNW) AND ITS ADJACENT WETLANDS (IF ANY):

This section summarizes information regarding characteristics of the tributary and its adjacent wetlands, if any, and it helps determine whether or not the standards for jurisdiction established under *Rapanos* have been met.

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over non-navigable tributaries of TNWs where the tributaries are "relatively permanent waters" (RPWs), i.e. tributaries that typically flow year-round or have continuous flow at least seasonally (e.g., typically 3 months). A wetland that directly abuts an RPW is also jurisdictional. If the aquatic resource is not a TNW, but has year-round (perennial) flow, skip to Section III.D.2. If the aquatic resource is a wetland directly abutting a tributary with perennial flow, skip to Section III.D.4.

A wetland that is adjacent to but that does not directly abut an RPW requires a significant nexus evaluation. Corps districts and EPA regions will include in the record any available information that documents the existence of a significant nexus between a relatively permanent tributary that is not perennial (and its adjacent wetlands if any) and a traditional navigable water, even though a significant nexus finding is not required as a matter of law.

If the waterbody⁴ is not an RPW, or a wetland directly abutting an RPW, a JD will require additional data to determine if the waterbody has a significant nexus with a TNW. If the tributary has adjacent wetlands, the significant nexus evaluation must consider the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands. This significant nexus evaluation that combines, for analytical purposes, the tributary and all of its adjacent wetlands is used whether the review area identified in the JD request is the tributary, or its adjacent wetlands, or both. If the JD covers a tributary with adjacent wetlands, complete Section III.B.1 for the tributary, Section III.B.2 for any onsite wetlands, and Section III.B.3 for all wetlands adjacent to that tributary, both onsite and offsite. The determination whether a significant nexus exists is determined in Section III.C below.

1. Characteristics of non-TNWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNW

(i) General Area Conditions:

Watershed size: **Pick List**

Drainage area: **Pick List**

Average annual rainfall: inches

Average annual snowfall: inches

(ii) Physical Characteristics:

(a) Relationship with TNW:

Tributary flows directly into TNW.

Tributary flows through **Pick List** tributaries before entering TNW.

Project waters are **Pick List** river miles from TNW.

Project waters are **Pick List** river miles from RPW.

Project waters are **Pick List** aerial (straight) miles from TNW.

Project waters are **Pick List** aerial (straight) miles from RPW.

Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: .

⁴ Note that the Instructional Guidebook contains additional information regarding swales, ditches, washes, and erosional features generally and in the arid West.

Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply):

- Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft).
- Other non-wetland waters: acres.
- Identify type(s) of waters: .
- Wetlands: acres.

F. NON-JURISDICTIONAL WATERS, INCLUDING WETLANDS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

- If potential wetlands were assessed within the review area, these areas did not meet the criteria in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and/or appropriate Regional Supplements.
- Review area included isolated waters with no substantial nexus to interstate (or foreign) commerce.
 - Prior to the Jan 2001 Supreme Court decision in "SWANCC," the review area would have been regulated based solely on the "Migratory Bird Rule" (MBR).
- Waters do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction. Explain: .
- Other: (explain, if not covered above): .

Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the sole potential basis of jurisdiction is the MBR factors (i.e., presence of migratory birds, presence of endangered species, use of water for irrigated agriculture), using best professional judgment (check all that apply):

- Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): linear feet width (ft).
- Lakes/ponds: acres.
- Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource: .
- Wetlands: acres.

Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area that do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction (check all that apply):

- Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): linear feet, width (ft).
- Lakes/ponds: acres.
- Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource: .
- Wetlands: acres.

SECTION IV: DATA SOURCES.

A. SUPPORTING DATA. Data reviewed for JD (check all that apply - checked items shall be included in case file and, where checked and requested, appropriately reference sources below):

- Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant: [Wetland delineation completed by Barr Engineering, submitted by Enbridge Company, October 2009.](#)
- Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant.
 - Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report.
 - Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report.
- Data sheets prepared by the Corps: .
- Corps navigable waters' study: .
- U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas: .
 - USGS NHD data.
 - USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.
- U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: [1:24 USGS Quad - Tagus SE.](#)
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: .
- National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: [Tagus SE.](#)
- State/Local wetland inventory map(s): .
- FEMA/FIRM maps: .
- 100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929)
- Photographs: Aerial (Name & Date): [2009 ESRI, i-cubed, GeoEye.](#)
or Other (Name & Date): [Barr Engineering, September 2009.](#)
- Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter: .
- Applicable/supporting case law: .
- Applicable/supporting scientific literature: .
- Other information (please specify): .

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: [See comments in II.B.2.](#)

NOTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OPTIONS AND PROCESS AND REQUEST FOR APPEAL

Applicant: Enbridge Energy Co. Inc.	File Number: NWO-2009-2882-BIS	Date: 9 December 2009
Attached is:		See Section below
	A. INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Letter of Permission)	A
	B. PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Letter of Permission)	B
	C. PERMIT DENIAL	C
XX	D. APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION	D
	E. PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION	E

SECTION I - The following identifies your rights and options regarding a modification, reconsideration, or administrative appeal of the above decision. Additional information may be found at <http://www.usace.army.mil/inet/functions/cw/ccwo/reg> or Corps regulations at 33 CFR Part 331.

A: INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT: You may accept or request modification of the permit.

- **ACCEPT:** If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to the District Engineer for final authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit.
- **REQUEST MODIFICATION:** If you object to the permit (LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may request that the permit be modified accordingly. You must complete Section II of this form and return the form to the District Engineer. Your objections must be received by the District Engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice, or you will forfeit your right to appeal the permit in the future. Upon receipt of your letter, the District Engineer will evaluate your objections and may: (a) modify the permit to address all of your concerns, (b) modify the permit to address some of your objections, or (c) not modify the permit having determined that the permit should be issued as previously written. After evaluating your objections, the District Engineer will send you a proffered permit for your reconsideration, as indicated in Section B below.

B: PROFFERED PERMIT: You may accept or appeal the permit.

- **ACCEPT:** If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to the District Engineer for final authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit.
- **APPEAL:** If you choose to decline the proffered permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may appeal the declined permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the Division Engineer (address on page 2). This form must be received by the Division Engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

C: PERMIT DENIAL: You may appeal the denial of a permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the Division Engineer (address on page 2). This form must be received by the Division Engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

D: APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: You may accept the approved JD, appeal the approved JD, or submit new information and request reconsideration of the approved JD.

- **ACCEPT:** You do not need to notify the Corps to accept an approved JD. Failure to notify the Corps within 60 days of the date of this notice, means that you accept the approved JD in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the approved JD.
- **APPEAL:** If you disagree with the approved JD, you may appeal the approved JD under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the Division Engineer (address on page 2). This form must be received by the Division Engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.
- **RECONSIDERATION BASED ON NEW INFORMATION:** You may submit new information to the District Engineer for reconsideration of an approved JD. You must submit the information within 60 days of the date of this notice.

E: PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: You do not need to respond to the Corps regarding the preliminary JD. The preliminary JD is not appealable. If you wish, you may request an approved JD (which may be appealed), by contacting the Corps district for further instruction. Also you may provide new information for further consideration by the Corps to reevaluate the JD.

SECTION II – Fill out this section and return this form to the appropriate office only if submitting a request for modification or reconsideration to the District Engineer, or if submitting a request for Administrative Appeal to the Division Engineer. All such submittals must be made within 60 days of the date of this notice.

Submit the following requests to the District Engineer

- A. Modification of an INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT (Item A).
- D. Reconsideration of an APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION based on NEW INFORMATION (Item D RECONSIDERATION).

Submit the following requests to the Division Engineer

- B. Administrative Appeal of a PROFFERED PERMIT (Item B).
- C. Administrative Appeal of a PERMIT DENIAL (Item C).
- D. Administrative Appeal of an APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (Item D APPEAL) (for reasons other than reconsideration of an approved JD based on new information).

(Note: Preliminary Jurisdictional Determinations (Item E) are not appealable. If you have concerns regarding a preliminary Jurisdictional Determination, you can request an approved Jurisdictional Determination).

REASONS FOR APPEAL OR OBJECTIONS: (Describe your reasons for appealing the decision or your objections to an initial proffered permit in clear concise statements. You may attach additional information to this form to clarify where your reasons or objections are addressed in the administrative record.)

SUBMITTAL OF NEW OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The District Engineer may accept and consider new information if you request a modification to an initial proffered permit (Part A), or a reconsideration of an approved JD (Part D). An administrative appeal to the Division Engineer is limited to a review of the administrative record, the Corps memorandum for the record of the appeal conference or meeting, and any supplemental information that the review officer has determined is needed to clarify the administrative record. Neither the appellant nor the Corps may add new information or analyses to the administrative record. However, you may provide additional information to clarify the location of information that is already in the administrative record.

POINT OF CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION:

If you have questions regarding this decision and/or the appeal process you may contact:

DISTRICT ENGINEER
Attn: Daniel E. Cimarosti
1513 South 12th Street
Bismarck, North Dakota 58504
Telephone: (701) 255-0015

(Use this address for submittals to the District Engineer)

If you wish to submit an appeal or have questions regarding the appeal process you may contact:

US Army Corps of Engineers, Northwestern Division
Attn: David Gesl, Appeal Review Officer
PO Box 2870
Portland, OR 97208-2870
Telephone: (503) 808-3825

RIGHT OF ENTRY: Your signature below grants the right of entry to Corps of Engineers personnel, and any government consultants, to conduct investigations of the project site during the course of the appeal process. You will be provided a 15 day notice of any site investigation, and will have the opportunity to participate in all site investigations.

Signature of appellant or agent.

Date:

Telephone number: