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The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure is examining the recent rupture of a 30-inch pipeline owned and operated by Enbridge Energy Partners (Line 6B), which resulted in a spill of more than one million gallons of oil into Talmadge Creek and the Kalamazoo River in the State of Michigan.

To help inform the Committee on the incident and issues leading up to the incident, please provide the Committee with the following documents and information for calendar years 2002 to present:

- Inspection reports and other related data (including all inspector notes) for the portion of the pipeline (and related facilities) known as the Lakehead System, to include the extension owned by Enbridge, Inc. into Toledo, Ohio. Please indicate the inspection reports and other related data that specifically relate to Line 6B.
- A list of all reportable releases on pipelines (and related facilities) owned or operated by Enbridge Inc. and its related companies. Please include the dates and locations of those releases, and any other information that you feel the Committee should be aware of regarding those releases.
- Any directives, letters, orders, or other correspondence concerning accidents, incidents, or other safety problems between Enbridge, Inc., including its related companies, and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), including the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA).
- A detailed summary of any enforcement actions taken by DOT and any related correspondence regarding Enbridge, Inc. and its related companies.

- A list of all dates and times of any meeting that occurred, formal or otherwise, between Enbridge, Inc., including its related companies, and DOT concerning the assets of Enbridge, Inc. and its related companies, and a summary of the subject of any such meetings.
- All documentation and materials related to any meeting that occurred, formal or otherwise, between Enbridge, Inc., including its related companies, and DOT concerning the assets of Enbridge, Inc. and its related companies, to include Enbridge's alternative remediation plan and any documents or materials related to that plan.


In addition to the documents above, please provide the following information to the Committee:


- Detailed maps of any high-consequence areas (HCAs) for the portion of the pipeline known as the Lakehead System, to include the extension owned by Enbridge, Inc. into Toledo, Ohio. Please indicate the HCAs that specifically relate to Line 6B.
- All written integrity management plans for Enbridge, Inc. and its related companies, for the Lakehead System. Please also provide the Committee with any related plans such as corrosion monitoring plans maintained by Enbridge.
- All response plans maintained by Enbridge, Inc. and its related companies, in accordance with Part 194 of the Code of Federal Regulations for the Lakehead System.

Please provide the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with the requested documents by August 13, 2010. Please deliver all documents to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 590 Ford House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515. In addition, we ask that you advise the Committee in writing by August 4, 2010, whether you will be able to comply with this request. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Jennifer Esposito with the Committee staff at (202) 225-4472.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


James L. Oberstar
Chairman


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Member of Congress