

## **Straits Pipeline Independent Analyses Public Outreach Strategy**

The Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Natural Resources, the Michigan Agency for Energy and the Department of Attorney General are engaged with independent, 3<sup>rd</sup> party contractors to have an independent risk analysis and alternatives analysis conducted on Enbridge's Line 5, referred to as the Straits pipeline. The alternatives analysis will compare alternatives to the existing Straits pipelines such as alternative routes or complete replacement. The risk analysis will focus on Enbridge's potential liability for a worst case scenario spill from the Straits pipelines and its responsibility to maintain adequate financial assurance should such a spill occur. Both analyses will provide information and data to assist the State of Michigan in future decisions about the Straits Pipelines.

The following public outreach strategy was developed based on recommendations received by stakeholders and Pipeline Safety Advisory Board (PSAB) members. The intent of the public outreach strategy is to provide opportunities for the interested public and stakeholders to receive, review and comment on the independent risk and alternatives analyses draft reports before they are completed. The public information and comment process will occur simultaneously, and in parallel, for the risk analysis draft report and the alternatives analysis draft report.

### Advance Notification:

- Release the outline of and anticipated schedule for the public outreach process at least 14 days prior to start of public comment period via press releases, and post on the Michigan Petroleum Pipelines (MPP) website.
  - The outline and anticipated schedule will include details regarding event dates and times, venue locations, rules and procedures of information meetings and feedback sessions and logistical information.
- Release finalized statements of work for both analyses via MPP website.
- Issue multiple press releases to media outlets throughout the State prior to public comment period. (Utilize all applicable State departmental notification systems, calendars, listservs, etc.)
- Public release of draft reports via MPP website posting. Currently anticipate this will occur in late June.

### Public Comment Period for Draft Reports:

- Provide initial 30 day public comment period for both draft reports.
- Comments will be accepted electronically via the MPP website or email (including attachments), or in writing and subsequently posted to the website.
- Following the initial 30 day comment period, a 15 day period will be provided for the public and stakeholders to respond to the initial public comments on the draft reports.
- All public comments will be presented to contractors for consideration in the analyses and preparation of the final reports.

### Public Information Outreach:

- Conduct 1 public information meeting (PIM) during the public comment period soon after the draft reports are released. The PIM will contain presentations from contractors and a question and answer session. The date for the PIM is Thursday, July 6, 2017 and will be located in Lansing, MI. Venue and time will be announced in the final schedule to be released 14 days prior to start of public comment period.

- Required Attendees:
  - State: DEQ, MAE, DNR, AG and associated support staff
  - Others: Dynamic Risk Project Team, DNV-GL Project Team
- Video record PIM and upload to MPP website for public use.
- Post contractor presentations from PIM to MPP website to allow for public review prior to feedback sessions.

#### Public Feedback Sessions:

- 3 public feedback sessions to be conducted to enable interested persons to provide feedback on the draft reports.
- Locations:
  - Lansing
  - Traverse City
  - St. Ignace
- Dates (Venues and Times to TBD):
  - Lansing – Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Traverse City – Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>
  - St. Ignace – Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>
- Authorized attendees and high level representatives from each DEQ, MAE, DNR and AG will be in attendance.
- State contractors Dynamic Risk and DNV-GL will be in attendance.
- No pre-registering for public to speak.
  - Registration upon arrival to venue on first come first serve basis.
- 3 minute comment periods.
- Limit of one 3-minute comment period per person.
- Donating or yielding of time will not be allowed.
- In an effort to allow as many people to speak as possible, it will be requested that participants only speak at one of the feedback sessions.

#### Consultations:

- Tribal consultation will be conducted separately from public outreach strategy.
- Federal agencies will be contacted and advised of the draft reports. Comments from federal agencies will be invited.

#### Consideration of Public Comments on Draft Reports:

- All comments timely received in writing, online, and during public meetings will be considered in preparing the final report for each analysis.

#### Public Release of Final Reports:

- Once each report is completed, it will be posted online and publicized through press releases, etc. Notice will also be provided through listservs developed during the public outreach process.
- A summary of comments and responses to reports will also be provided.

#### Public Comment on Final Reports:

- State agencies will provide opportunities for the interested public and stakeholders to provide comments and recommendations to the State on actions to be taken based on the risk and alternatives analyses final reports.

- Will include opportunities for submission of comments on-line and in writing, as well as a series of public meetings at multiple locations.
- Details of Public Comment period on final reports will be released at a later date.