As part of its extensive and ongoing pipeline integrity program, Enbridge is undertaking an expanded maintenance and rehabilitation effort along portions of its 30-inch diameter Line 6B pipeline that starts in Griffith, Ind. and crosses southeast Michigan.

As part of this program, Enbridge has developed the Line 6B Maintenance and Rehabilitation Project and plans to replace approximately 75 miles of its 30-inch diameter Line 6B pipeline. The 75 miles to be replaced with new pipe consists of about 10 miles in Indiana and 65 in Michigan, with replacement pipe to be either 30 or 36-inch diameter pipe in Indiana and southwestern Michigan and 30-inch pipe in the eastern Michigan segment. Included in the 75 miles (west to east) are two five-mile replacements located east of Enbridge’s pumping stations near Griffith and LaPorte, Ind., and three five-mile segments east of the Niles, Mendon and Marshall, Mich. stations (see map). We also plan to replace a 50-mile segment between our terminal near Stockbridge and Ortonville, Mich.

Completion of this project, scheduled for late 2012, should result in fewer integrity digs and repairs along the replacement segments in the future, resulting in fewer disturbances to landowners and local communities. For this project, we plan to remove the oil from the pipe segments being replaced and fill them with nitrogen before abandoning in place, as prescribed in regulations. In most cases, the new pipe segments will be installed adjacent to those segments being replaced.

The purpose of the Line 6B Maintenance and Rehabilitation Project, which is estimated to cost $286 million, is to conduct an accelerated maintenance effort in a safe, efficient and environmentally responsible manner, while continuing to deliver much-needed Canadian and domestic oil supplies to regional refineries. Enbridge’s pipeline integrity program is based on results obtained from technologically advanced inspection tools used to evaluate a pipeline’s condition and identify signs of possible corrosion or unusual features.

**Project Benefits**

In addition to adding short-term construction jobs and other economic benefits, the project is designed to maintain the safe operation of an important crude oil delivery system. Line 6B represents critical energy infrastructure as it supplies much needed crude oil to regional refineries in Michigan, Ohio and eastern Canada. These refineries require continued safe and efficient supply of crude oil in order to provide local consumers and industry with petroleum-based products such as gasoline, jet fuel and heating oil, among others.

**Project Timing**

Pending receipt of the required environmental permits and regulatory approvals, Enbridge expects that construction work on the replacement segments will begin in early-mid 2012, possibly starting with the two Indiana segments, with project completion scheduled for late 2012.
About Enbridge

Enbridge is a leader in energy transportation and distribution in North America. Since 1950, Enbridge has reliably and economically transported liquid petroleum to serve refineries in the Great Lakes states that supply gasoline, jet fuel, diesel fuel and other petroleum products to businesses and consumers in the region and beyond. Today, about 65 percent of the crude oil delivered to these refineries originates in western Canada, Montana and North Dakota and is transported by Enbridge.

Maintaining a Safe, Reliable Pipeline

The Line 6B Maintenance and Rehabilitation Project is part of Enbridge’s pipeline integrity maintenance program that is part of Enbridge’s commitment to protecting the public and the environment. We build safety into every step of pipeline construction and operations, and many preventive measures are taken to promote the safe, reliable operation of our oil pipelines and related facilities, including:

- Using high-quality steel and anti-corrosion coatings when constructing our pipelines.
- Installing cathodic protection (a low-level electrical charge) to inhibit corrosion of underground pipelines.
- Pressure testing of new and existing pipelines with water.
- Periodically inspecting the inside of the pipeline with sophisticated tools called “smart pigs” to locate pipe abnormalities so they can be corrected.
- Conducting preventive maintenance programs.
- Continually monitoring pipeline operations from Enbridge’s control center, which has remote shutdown capabilities and can monitor pressures and conditions when the pipeline is flowing.
- Completing regular ground and aerial inspections of the right-of-way.
- Providing public awareness safety information to emergency responders, local public officials, excavators and those who live and work along our pipelines.

Please call us to report any unusual activity in our pipeline right-of-way or any unauthorized entry into our facilities. And, in the unlikely event of a pipeline emergency, please call our emergency number at 800-858-5253 immediately.

Regular and recurring internal inspections identify anomalies within the pipeline as well as allow for monitoring over time. Data from inspections is carefully analyzed to determine if repair is necessary.

Call Before You Dig!

Like other states, Michigan and Indiana require excavators to notify a local One-Call Center of any proposed digging or soil-disturbing activity. This is a free service. The One-Call Center will notify us and/or other appropriate utilities that someone is proposing to dig near a buried facility, such as a pipeline, power line or water main. If the proposed work is on or near our right-of-way, an Enbridge representative will mark our pipeline’s location. Call the nationwide 811 One-Call Center or Michigan’s MISS DIG at 800-482-7171 three business days prior to excavation. In Indiana, call 811 or 800-382-5544.