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DATE: August 9, 2016

SUBJECT: Report on Remediation and Redevelopment Actions in Talmadge Creek and the Kalamazoo River

In accordance with Section 311 of Part 2, Article VII, of 2015 PA 84, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is required to report on the remediation and redevelopment actions funded by the May 12, 2015, Calhoun County Circuit Court settlement between the State of Michigan and Enbridge Energy related to the July 2010 oil spill in Talmadge Creek and the Kalamazoo River.

From the \$75 million settlement, \$63 million was awarded to improve the water quality and recreational access within the Kalamazoo River Watershed, and Enbridge Energy reimbursed the State \$12 million in oversight costs. Additional detail is below:

- \$30 million to restore or construct 300 acres of wetlands in the watershed for permanent protection.
- \$18 million to remove Ceresco Dam in Ceresco, Michigan, and construct other improvements to the river to help restore the run of the river closer to its natural historical condition.
- \$10 million to construct and improve recreational and boating access sites for the public and provide an endowment for perpetual maintenance of the recreational/access sites.
- \$5 million for mitigating impacts to the banks, bottomlands, flow of Talmadge Creek, and flow of the Kalamazoo River. The remediation and redevelopment actions relate to the Otsego Township Dam removal and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) contaminated sediments cleanup to remove contaminants from the river and restore habitat.
- \$12 million reimbursement of the State's costs in conducting and overseeing cleanup work, restoration and mitigation, and attorney's costs.

If you need further information, please contact me at 517-284-5002.

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