

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY

### Enbridge Energy - Line 5 - Straits of Mackinac



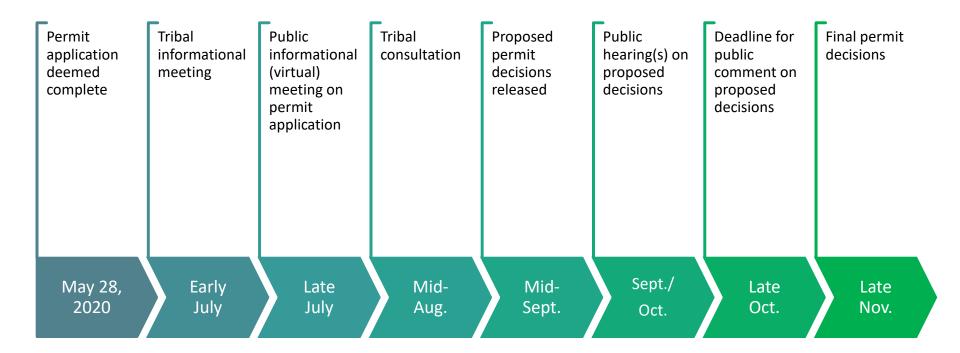
NPDES Permits National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permits

- NPDES permits are issued under the provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (aka Clean Water Act), as amended and Michigan Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended, Parts 31 and 41.
- United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) delegated authority to Michigan to issue NPDES permits.

An NPDES permit is required for any discharge into the surface waters of the State



# **NPDES Permit Timeline**



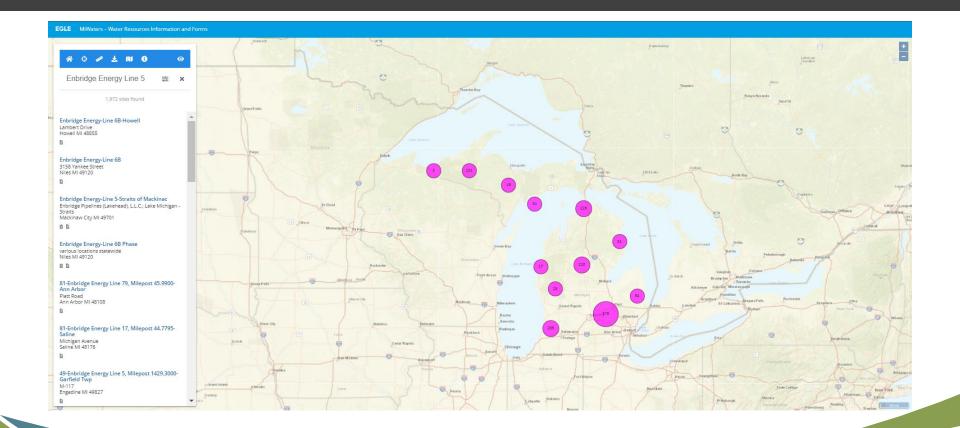


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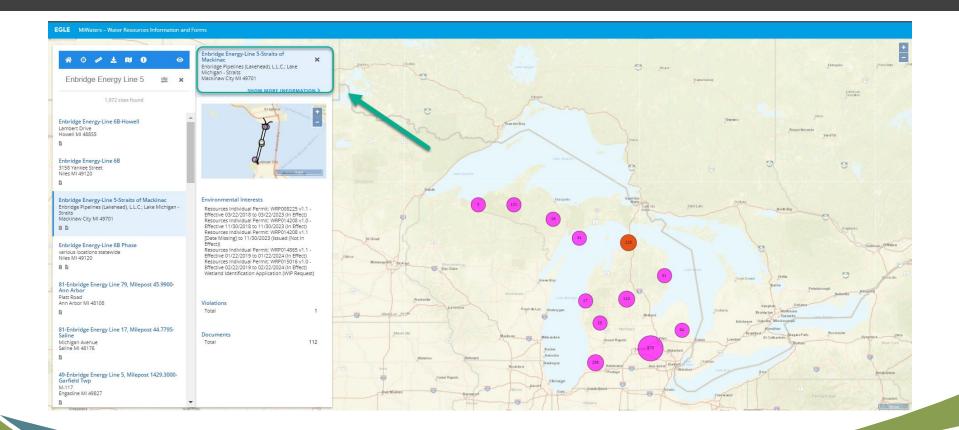


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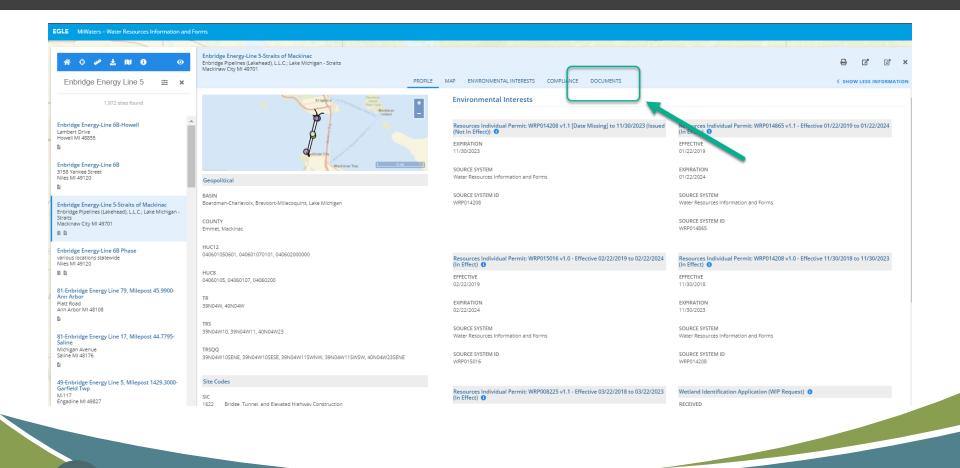


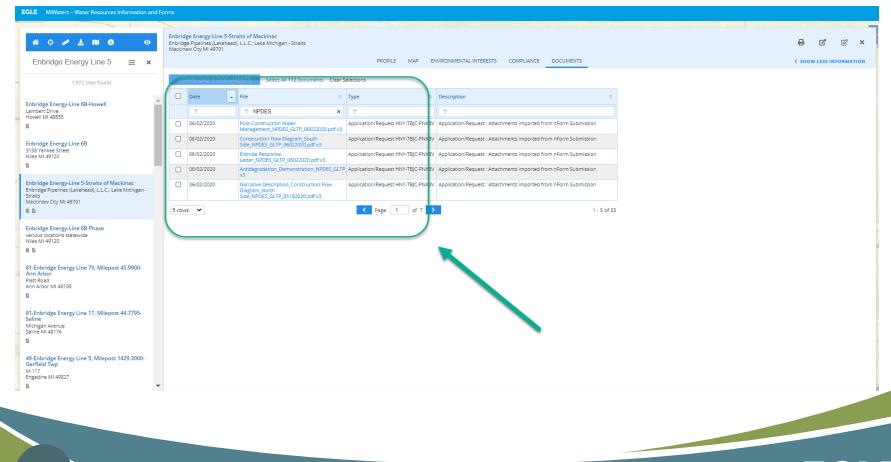












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#### Construction

- Water withdrawn from the Straits will be used to excavate material out of the tunnel in the form of a slurry.
- The slurry and other construction-related wastewaters will be treated for solids removal, a portion reused in the tunneling process, and the remainder sent to a settling pond.
- Water from this pond would be treated to meet water quality standards and then discharged into the Straits.

### **Post Construction**

- Both storm water and groundwater that infiltrates into the shaft and tunnel will be captured and handled in a manner that treats contaminants before being discharged into the Straits.
- Storm water and groundwater will be directed to an infiltration basin for holding until it gradually infiltrates into the underlying soil.
- During large wet weather events, excess water will flow out of the basins into the Straits.



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#### Hydrostatic Pressure Test Water

- If constructed, the finished pipeline is first filled with water and pressured to ensure it has been properly constructed and does not leak.
- The hydrostatic test of the pipeline is a process that would be authorized in accordance with the general NPDES permit for hydrostatic pressure test water. A certification that the hydrostatic test would be performed in compliance with the general permit may be issued separately to Enbridge.
- The proposed hydrostatic test would likely use approximately 1 million gallons of water during a single test. After the test was performed, the water would be pumped into the treatment system prior to being discharged back into the Straits.





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