

Enbridge Line 21

Land Use Permit Renewal

Background

Enbridge operates Line 21 (the Norman Wells Pipeline), which carries crude oil 870 kilometres (km) from Norman Wells, Northwest Territories to Zama, Alberta, where it enters a third-party pipeline system and is sent on to Edmonton. The pipeline has been in operation since 1985 and operates under a land use permit (LUP) from the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB).

A land use permit renewal involves the issuance of a new LUP for an operation that has already been permitted, for a term of up to five years. Enbridge is required to re-apply for its operational LUP with the MVLWB to replace the current LUP, which expires mid-July 2020. This process has occurred several times since 1985.

To ensure there is an uninterrupted and continued high-level of oversight and diligence in operational and maintenance activities that protect people and the environment, Enbridge will submit an application for renewal of the LUP this spring.

Community and Indigenous Engagement

Enbridge has been engaging with Indigenous groups and interested parties in the Dehcho and Sahtu regions since Line 21 started operations in 1985. An Engagement Plan specific to the LUP renewal application was prepared that identified potentially affected parties and proposed engagement activities in accordance with the MVLWB's Engagement and Consultation Policy and Engagement Guidelines for Applicants and Holders of Land Use Permits and Water Licenses.

What's in Enbridge's LUP Renewal Application?

The LUP is required to allow Enbridge to conduct land use activities off the right-of-way for the operation and maintenance of Line 21, including:

- Quarrying
- Camp(s)
- Use and application of herbicide
- Clearing of vegetation (brushing) to allow access to the pipeline right-of-way
- Fuel and hazardous materials storage

There are no new land use areas or activities proposed in the LUP renewal application. Existing operational plans that are referenced within the application, such as the Waste Management Plan and Spill Contingency Plan, are up to date. For more information or to review a copy of these plans, please contact Enbridge.

Summary of Engagement Activities

Fall 2018 Enbridge hosted community engagement dinners in Tulita and Fort Simpson in October 2018 to continue to build and maintain relationships in the area. Enbridge initiated dialogue about the LUP renewal application.

Early 2019 Enbridge provided communities with a notification letter that included information about the renewal application, application timelines, a request for how communities wished to be engaged and an offer to meet to answer any questions if requested and review the draft Engagement Plan when available.

Spring 2019 A series of face-to-face meetings were held. Enbridge followed up with communities by letter.

Summer 2019 Enbridge followed up with communities to determine if there were any outstanding questions or concerns related to the LUP renewal application. Enbridge provided a quick reference guide and key facts about the LUP, a copy of the draft Engagement Plan and a pipeline safety factsheet.

Fall 2019 – Spring 2020 Ongoing teleconference and in-person meetings with communities regarding operations and maintenance work, and the LUP renewal application with the goal of providing opportunities for any outstanding questions to be raised and addressed. Enbridge will make a copy of the LUP renewal application available for review for any interested party.

Contact Us

At Enbridge, providing safe and reliable energy infrastructure is the very foundation of our business, and operating our pipelines safely and reliably is our highest priority. It is important to maintain open lines of communication with the communities where we operate. If you have questions or concerns regarding the land use permit, or any other inquiries related to the operations of Line 21, please contact us at any time.