

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Clean Water Act, Section 401 Certification – Northern Natural Gas EMAT Mods

Northern Natural Gas has proposed to replace the existing in-line inspection (ILI) launch system at the intersection of the Rib Lake and Marquette Lines since the existing ILI launch system is of insufficient length to accommodate longer ILI tools used to inspect the pipeline. The ACOE is reviewing the proposed project under the Utility Regional General Permit.

#### Project Summary

Northern Natural Gas (NNG) is proposing to widen the existing launcher site to 40 feet and expand the facility 50 feet to the south for a new configuration of 130-foot-long by 40-foot-wide (0.12 acres). NNG stated that the expanded facility is necessary to provide adequate space for the new larger launcher and to provide sufficient workspace to safely complete ILI tool runs. NNG is proposing to use two workspaces to complete the project as described below, and access is proposed from Pine Flats Road.

1. An irregular shaped temporary workspace (0.54 ac) (TWS) will be used to complete the replacement.
2. An irregular shaped extra temporary workspace (0.21 ac) (ETWS) will be used for access, equipment staging and storage.

NNG's application materials describe that the ground disturbing activities may include the following activities: installation of a temporary access pad from Pine Flats Road to the ETWS; clearing; grading; topsoil segregation; excavation of a trench to a minimum depth of 7 feet and a maximum depth of 10 feet to expose the existing pipe at existing launcher location and at the proposed new launcher installation location; the existing launcher will be removed; the new launcher will be installed; a stopple bypass will be used during the installation and removal to allow for continued gas flow; the excavations will be backfilled; topsoil replacement will occur outside the new permanent facility; rough and final grading will be completed. The area outside the new permanent facility footprint will be seeded. The expanded facilities will have new fencing installed around the perimeter of the facility and gravel will be installed as surface cover within the facility.

Anticipated wetland impacts (as described in the application materials) include 0.573 acres of temporary wetland impacts and 0.054 acres of permanent wetland impacts.

**In accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians is evaluating the submitted materials to determine if there is reasonable assurance—with conditions attached—that the activities associated with the Army Corps of Engineers' authorizations will be consistent with relevant water quality considerations.**

**The Tribe seeks comments on its proposed CWA Section 401 Certification of the Army Corps' authorization for this project.** All comments are considered during the project review. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Water Regulatory Specialist at (715) 979-1370 or [WaterReg@badriver-nsn.gov](mailto:WaterReg@badriver-nsn.gov). Written comments may be emailed or sent by US Mail to:

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**Comment deadline is December 10, 2021**