WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Northcentral and Northeast Region

Project/Site: SPP City/County: Aitkin County Sampling Date: 9/24/2013 4:00:00 PM

Applicant/Owner: Enbridge State: MN Sampling Point: AIC5320a1U

Investigator(s): TJS/MCV Section, Township, Range: _____

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Backslope Local relief (concave, convex, none): VV

Slope (%): 3 - 7% Lat: 46.585762 Long: -93.0916529333333 Datum: _____

Soil Map Unit Name: 738C NWI classification: _____

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes ✔ No _____ (If no, explain in Remarks.)

Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes ✔ No _____

Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes _____	No ✔	**Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?** **Yes** _____ **No** ✔
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes _____	No ✔	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes _____	No ✔	If yes, optional Wetland Site ID: _____

Remarks: (Explain alternative procedures here or in a separate report.)
Upland point is located within a hardwood forest that is upslope from a depressional wetland. Soil is a well-drained sandy loam.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)

- ___ Surface Water (A1)
- ___ High Water Table (A2)
- ___ Saturation (A3)
- ___ Water Marks (B1)
- ___ Sediment Deposits (B2)
- ___ Drift Deposits (B3)
- ___ Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- ___ Iron Deposits (B5)
- ___ Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- ___ Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- ___ Water-Stained Leaves (B9)
- ___ Aquatic Fauna (B13)
- ___ Marl Deposits (B15)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)
- ___ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- ___ Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)
- ___ Thin Muck Surface (C7)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

- ___ Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- ___ Drainage Patterns (B10)
- ___ Moss Trim Lines (B16)
- ___ Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- ___ Crayfish Burrows (C8)
- ___ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
- ___ Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1)
- ___ Geomorphic Position (D2)
- ___ Shallow Aquitard (D3)
- ___ Microtopographic Relief (D4)
- ___ FAC-Neutral Test (D5)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present?	Yes ___	No ✔	Depth (inches): _____
Water Table Present?	Yes ___	No ✔	Depth (inches): _____
Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe)	Yes ___	No ✔	Depth (inches): _____

Wetland Hydrology Present? **Yes** ___ **No** ✔

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:
No evidence of wetland hydrology observed.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Sampling Point: AIC5320a1

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1. Betula papyrifera	75	Yes	FACU
2. Fraxinus nigra	10	No	FACW
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
Total Cover: 85			
50% of total cover: 42.5	20% of total cover: 17		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15)			
1. Viburnum rafinesqueanum	25	Yes	NI
2. Corylus cornuta	15	Yes	FACU
3. Fraxinus nigra	15	Yes	FACW
4. Rubus allegheniensis	10	Yes	FACU
5.			
6.			
Total Cover: 40			
50% of total cover: 20	20% of total cover: 8		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5)			
1. Eurybia macrophylla	15	Yes	UPL
2. Aralia nudicaulis	15	Yes	FACU
3. Symphyotrichum ciliolatum	10	No	NI
4. Pteridium aquilinum	10	No	FACU
5. Solidago gigantea	10	No	FACW
6. Acer rubrum	5	No	FAC
7. Fraxinus nigra	5	No	FACW
8. Lathyrus venosus	5	No	FAC
9. Rubus allegheniensis	5	No	FACU
10.			
11.			
Total Cover: 70			
50% of total cover: 35	20% of total cover: 14		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
Total Cover: 0			
50% of total cover: 0	20% of total cover: 0		

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 1 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 6 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 16.67 (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	40	x 2 =	80
FAC species	10	x 3 =	30
FACU species	130	x 4 =	520
UPL species	15	x 5 =	75
Column Totals:	195 (A)		705 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.62

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ Dominance Test is >50%

___ Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

___ Morphological Adaptations[1] (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Definitions of Vegetation Strata:

Tree – Woody plants 3 in. (7.6 cm) or more in diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height.

Sapling/shrub – Woody plants less than 3 in. DBH and greater than 3.28 ft (1 m) tall.

Herb – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft tall.

Woody vines – All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft in height.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? **Yes** _____ **No** ✔

Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate sheet.)

Canopy dominated by paper birch with beaked hazelnut and downy arrowwood in the understory.

SOIL

Sampling Point: AIC5320a1

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 4	10YR 3/1	100					SL	
4 - 20	10YR 4/6	100					LFS	

[1]Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains. [2]Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators:

- ___ Histosol (A1)
- ___ Histic Epipedon (A2)
- ___ Black Histic (A3)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- ___ Stratified Layers (A5)
- ___ Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- ___ Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- ___ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- ___ Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- ___ Sandy Redox (S5)
- ___ Stripped Matrix (S6)
- ___ Dark Surface (S7) (**LRR R, MLRA 149B**)
- ___ Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) (**LRR R, MLRA 149B**)
- ___ Thin Dark Surface (S9) (**LRR R, MLRA 149B**)
- ___ Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) (**LRR K, L**)
- ___ Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- ___ Depleted Matrix (F3)
- ___ Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- ___ Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- ___ Redox Depressions (F8)

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

- ___ 2 cm Muck (A10) (**LRR K, L, MLRA 149B**)
- ___ Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (**LRR K, L, R**)
- ___ 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (**LRR K, L, R**)
- ___ Dark Surface (S7) (**LRR K, L**)
- ___ Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) (**LRR K, L**)
- ___ Thin Dark Surface (S9) (**LRR K, L**)
- ___ Iron-Manganese Masses (F12) (**LRR K, L, R**)
- ___ Piedmont Floodplain Soils (F19) (**MLRA 149B**)
- ___ Mesic Spodic (TA6) (**MLRA 144A, 145, 149B**)
- ___ Red Parent Material (F21)
- ___ Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

[3]Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if observed):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): 0.00

Hydric Soil Present? **Yes** ___ **No** ✔

Remarks: No hydric soil indicators observed. Soil is a well-drained loamy fine sand.