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June 5, 2026

*Via eFiling*

Ms. Debbie-Anne Reese, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Northern Natural Gas Company  
Northern Lights 2025 – Elk River 3rd Branch Line Extension  
Docket No. CP24-60-000  
Biweekly Status Report No. 24

Dear Ms. Reese:

Pursuant to Condition 8 of the Order Issuing Certificate and Approving Abandonment issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission February 19, 2025, Northern Natural Gas submits for filing in the above-referenced docket its biweekly environmental inspector report for the Elk River 3rd branch line extension for the period ending May 31, 2026. All other project components are complete, were placed in service in 2025, and will be reported in a combined biweekly and quarterly report on June 15, 2026.

Any questions regarding the filing should be directed at the undersigned at (402) 398-7138.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Donna Martens

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**Northern Natural Gas Company**

**Northern Lights 2025 – Elk River 3rd Branch Line (CP24-60-000)**

**Biweekly Status Report No. 24**

**Period Ending May 31, 2026**

**FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION STATUS**

Northern has received all federal and state permits required under federal law for the Project.

**Elk River 3rd Branch Line**

Northern will construct and operate an approximately 2.42-mile extension of its 30-inch-diameter MNB87703 Elk River 3rd branch line in Washington County, Minnesota. The new extension will be tied in below ground approximately 260 feet north of the current terminus in Section 36, T32N, R21W, Washington County, Minnesota; the existing aboveground valve setting located on the east side of July Avenue in Section 36, T32N, R21W, Washington County, Minnesota, will be removed. The downstream tie-in to both Northern's 20-inch-diameter MNB87701 Elk River branch line and 20-inch-diameter MNB87702 Elk River loop will be completed with a new valve setting at the west side of Henna Avenue North in Section 3, T31N, R21W, Washington County, Minnesota.

**Environmental Training**

One contractor will complete the Elk River 3rd branch line extension in 2026. The environmental training totals listed below reflect all training conducted to date for this component.

On-site Contractor: InterCon Construction, Inc. (InterCon)<sup>1</sup>

Overall Construction Start Date: Commenced April 20, 2025

Environmental Training Conducted: This reporting period: 0 Total to date: 112

**Construction Status:**

InterCon commenced horizontal directional drill (HDD) P4-5 between MP 2.4 and MP 3.0 May 18, 2026. InterCon completed the removal of original bore pipe. InterCon commenced stringing new bore pipe for HDD P4-5 between mile post (MP) 3.0 and MP 3.1. InterCon completed stabilization of soil stockpiles between MP 1.0 and MP 3.5.

The HDD noise report is attached. All sound levels are recorded as dBA.

**Construction Modifications:** There were no construction modifications during this reporting period.

**Stream Crossings and Environmentally Sensitive Areas**

HDD P4-5 crossed under wetland ERT-35 and Hardwood Creek (stream ERT-S01) during this reporting period.

**Rain Events**

Two rain events of 0.50 inch or greater occurred during this reporting period. The project received 1.51 inches of rain May 18, 2026, and 0.53 inch May 19, 2026. To date, the project received 26.58 inches of precipitation.

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<sup>1</sup> Northern contracted with InterCon to complete the Elk River 3rd branch line extension in 2026.

<b>Elk River 3rd Branch Line Construction Progress</b>			
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Survey	4/10/2025	5/2/2025	Primary survey is complete
Re-survey	4/20/2026	5/22/2026	Resurvey the project site for 2026 construction activities
Clearing	4/28/2025	5/10/2025	Clearing is complete
Grading	5/6/2025	6/7/2025	Grading is complete
Stringing	5/15/2025	6/21/2025	Stringing is complete except for HDD P4-5 which resumed May 18, 2026
Welding	5/16/2025	90%	Welding is complete except for HDD P4-5, which welding resumed June 2, 2026
Ditching	7/9/2025	95%	Ditching is complete except for HDD P4-5 tie-in area
HDD ERT P4-1	9/6/2025	9/24/2025	Complete
HDD ERT P4-2	7/15/2025	8/15/2025	Complete
HDD ERT P4-3	5/22/2025	6/14/2025	Complete
HDD ERT P4-4	9/6/2025	9/12/2025	Complete
HDD ERT P4-5	6/20/2025	18%	HDD pilot activities ongoing
HDD ERT P4-6	6/20/2025	6/25/2025	Complete
HDD ERT P4-7	7/1/2025	7/3/2025	Complete
Lower-in	7/9/2025	90%	Final section to be completed after HDD P4-5 completion
Backfill	7/9/2025	90%	Final section to be completed after HDD P4-5 completion
Topsoil Restoration	7/28/2025	80%	Otis completed clean-up for winter stabilization of the project
Existing Elk River tie-over valve setting to be removed	10/12/2025	0%	The tie-over valve setting is scheduled to be removed in August 2026
New Elk River tie-in valve setting	10/12/2025	11/7/2025	Hot tap and valve installation is complete. The valve setting is not connected to the new pipeline.
Clean-up	10/1/2025	80%	Site stabilized for winter
Seeding	10/1/2025	80%	Seeded for winter. Final seeding to be completed after HDD P4-5 completion
<b>*Completed totals include either percentage completed or date all completed. All totals are approximate.</b>			

### Two-Week Projection

1. Continue stringing bore pipe
2. Continue welding/coating bore pipe
3. Complete HDD P4-5 pilot activities
4. Commence HDD P4-5 reaming activities

### Spill Totals

All project derived waste will be properly managed and every effort will be made to eliminate spills. No spills occurred during this reporting period.

### AGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AND SITE VISITS

Rice Creek Watershed District conducted a stormwater inspection of the project May 21, 2026. The inspection found the project to be in environmental compliance.

### LANDOWNER CONCERNS

No landowner concerns were identified during this reporting period.

### NON-COMPLIANCE CONCERNS

No non-compliance concerns were identified during this reporting period.

**PHOTOS**

**Elk River 3rd Branch Line**



Facing east near MP 2.4, commencing the pilot hole on HDD P4-5



Facing north near MP 2.4, noise monitoring on the entry side of HDD P4-5



Facing north near MP 2.72, Harwood Creek after crossing under with HDD P4-5



Facing south near MP 3.42, InterCon delivering new bore pipe



Facing west near MP 3.05, InterCon stringing new bore pipe



Facing east near MP 1.0, topsoil stockpile stabilized with hydroseed



Facing north near MP 2.4, secondary containment utilized



**Environmental Procedure**  
**\*Appendix M: Horizontal Directional Drill Daily Report\***

**380.203m**  
**1 of 1**

Project: NL25 Elk River 3rd BL Extension

WO: 1146979

Drill:	P4-5	Date:	5/18/2026	Footage:	325.5	Depth:	70	Phase:	Pilot
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Drilling Fluids:	Bara-kade Plus	Approved by DES	Yes
	Water	Approved by DES	Yes
	Magua Fiber Fine, Pac LV, Soda Ash, Penetrol Dry, EZ Mud	Approved by DES	Yes

Person Walking Drill Path	Michael Hussong	Role	EI	Frequency	Hourly	IR Detected	No
	Jose Trevino		Contractor		Continuously		
	Gerrado Navarro		Contractor		Hourly		

NSA#	Time	1:00	3:00	5:00	7:00	9:00	11:00	13:00	15:00	17:00	19:00	21:00	23:00	Daytime Average	Nighttime Average
NSA-28	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	56.4	50.6	52.4	55.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	53.80	
NSA-29	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	54.8	45.8	43.1	48.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	48.10	
NSA-32	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	45.1	41.6	42.9	41.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	42.73	
NSA-33	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	41.7	40.2	43.4	39.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	41.18	

Today's readings were affected by the power company using a helicopter to trim limbs on the high line next to the NSA locations.



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Project: NL25 Elk River 3rd BL Extension

WO: 1146979

Drill:	P4-5	Date:	5/19/2026	Footage:	253.8	Depth:	119.6	Phase:	Pilot
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Drilling Fluids:	Bara-kade Plus	Approved by DES	Yes
	Water	Approved by DES	Yes
	Magua Fiber Fine, Pac LV, Soda Ash, Penetrol Dry, EZ Mud	Approved by DES	Yes

Person Walking Drill Path	Michael Hussong	Role	EI	Frequency	Hourly	IR Detected	No
	Johnathan Smith		Contractor		Continuously		
	Nicholas Marletle		Contractor		Hourly		

NSA#	Time	1:00	3:00	5:00	7:00	9:00	11:00	13:00	15:00	17:00	19:00	21:00	23:00	Daytime Average	Nighttime Average
NSA-28	N/A	N/A	N/A		49.6	52.5	52.6	57.2	52.9	61.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	54.32	
NSA-29	N/A	N/A	N/A		42.3	51.6	48.3	51.3	48.7	41.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	47.30	
NSA-32	N/A	N/A	N/A		38.6	39.9	42.8	43.1	39.4	40.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	40.72	
NSA-33	N/A	N/A	N/A		39.4	41.2	40.1	44.6	40.2	39.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	40.88	

Windy conditions today, with gusts up to 20 MPH, affecting sound monitoring readings. NSA location 28 is vacant at this time.



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Project: NL25 Elk River 3rd BL Extension

WO: 1146979

Drill:	P4-5	Date:	5/20/2026	Footage:	189.74	Depth:	149	Phase:	Pilot
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Drilling Fluids:	Bara-kade Plus	Approved by DES	Yes
	Water	Approved by DES	Yes
	Magua Fiber Fine, Pac LV, Soda Ash, Penetrol Dry, EZ Mud	Approved by DES	Yes

Person Walking Drill Path	Michael Hussong	Role	EI	Frequency	Hourly	IR Detected	No
	Johnathan Smith		Contractor		Continuously		
	Nicholas Marletle		Contractor		Hourly		

NSA#	Time	1:00	3:00	5:00	7:00	9:00	11:00	13:00	15:00	17:00	19:00	21:00	23:00	Daytime Average	Nighttime Average
NSA-28	N/A	N/A	N/A		43.8	60.6	50.7	48.2	51.9	52.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	51.30	
NSA-29	N/A	N/A	N/A		41.2	43.4	41.3	40.9	43.4	42.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	42.05	
NSA-32	N/A	N/A	N/A		39.8	41.6	43.7	41.5	40.3	41.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	41.45	
NSA-33	N/A	N/A	N/A		41.7	55.3	48.2	52.3	51.1	40.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	48.20	

The landowner at NSA 33 is installing a new septic system and operating an excavator, resulting in higher sound monitoring readings at the location. NSA location 28 is vacant at this time.



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Project: NL25 Elk River 3rd BL Extension

WO: 1146979

Drill:	P4-5	Date:	5/21/2026	Footage:	197.18	Depth:	166.17	Phase:	Pilot
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Drilling Fluids:	Bara-kade Plus	Approved by DES	Yes
	Water	Approved by DES	Yes
	Magua Fiber Fine, Pac LV, Soda Ash, Penetrol Dry, EZ Mud	Approved by DES	Yes

Person Walking Drill Path	Michael Hussong	Role	EI	Frequency	Hourly	IR Detected	No
	Johnathan Smith		Contractor		Continuously		
	Nicholas Marletle		Contractor		Hourly		

NSA#	Time	1:00	3:00	5:00	7:00	9:00	11:00	13:00	15:00	17:00	19:00	21:00	23:00	Daytime Average	Nighttime Average
NSA-28	N/A	N/A	N/A		43.6	52.5	52.3	54.4	57.3	51.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	51.97	
NSA-29	N/A	N/A	N/A		41.2	49.8	44.9	41.8	42.4	43.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	43.95	
NSA-32	N/A	N/A	N/A		42.8	50.6	47.3	44.9	40.3	42.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	44.80	
NSA-33	N/A	N/A	N/A		40.4	49.2	47.4	52.6	47.5	45.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	47.03	

The landowner at NSA 33 is installing a new septic system and operating an excavator, resulting in higher sound monitoring readings at the location. NSA location 28 is vacant at this time.



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Project: NL25 Elk River 3rd BL Extension

WO: 1146979

Drill:	P4-5	Date:	5/22/2026	Footage:	348.72	Depth:	172	Phase:	Pilot
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Drilling Fluids:	Bara-kade Plus	Approved by DES	Yes
	Water	Approved by DES	Yes
	Magua Fiber Fine, Pac LV, Soda Ash, Penetrol Dry, EZ Mud	Approved by DES	Yes

Person Walking Drill Path	Michael Hussong	Role	EI	Frequency	Hourly	IR Detected	No
	Johnathan Smith		Contractor		Continuously		
	Nicholas Marletle		Contractor		Hourly		

NSA#	Time	1:00	3:00	5:00	7:00	9:00	11:00	13:00	15:00	17:00	19:00	21:00	23:00	Daytime Average	Nighttime Average
NSA-28	N/A	N/A	N/A		37.9	52.6	54.7	53.1	59.2	58.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	52.72	
NSA-29	N/A	N/A	N/A		40.2	44.2	42.3	40.6	40.1	42.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	41.67	
NSA-32	N/A	N/A	N/A		39.5	41.8	40.1	44.8	41.7	43.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	41.90	
NSA-33	N/A	N/A	N/A		40.7	45.6	44.3	41.5	48.3	49.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	45.02	

The landowner at NSA 33 is installing a new septic system and operating an excavator, resulting in higher sound monitoring readings at the location. NSA location 28 is vacant at this time.



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Project: NL25 Elk River 3rd BL Extension

WO: 1146979

Drill:	P4-5	Date:	5/23/2026	Footage:	190.29	Depth:	169.14	Phase:	Pilot
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Drilling Fluids:	Bara-kade Plus	Approved by DES	Yes
	Water	Approved by DES	Yes
	Magua Fiber Fine, Pac LV, Soda Ash, Penetrol Dry, EZ Mud	Approved by DES	Yes

Person Walking Drill Path	Michael Hussong	Role	EI	Frequency	Hourly	IR Detected	No
	Johnathan Smith		Contractor		Continuously		
	Nicholas Marletle		Contractor		Hourly		

NSA#	Time	1:00	3:00	5:00	7:00	9:00	11:00	13:00	15:00	17:00	19:00	21:00	23:00	Daytime Average	Nighttime Average
NSA-28	N/A	N/A	N/A		38.6	56.9	53.3	54.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.75	
NSA-29	N/A	N/A	N/A		39.8	40.6	41.5	46.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	42.00	
NSA-32	N/A	N/A	N/A		40.1	42.3	40.7	42.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	41.40	
NSA-33	N/A	N/A	N/A		40.3	44.5	42.6	44.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	43.08	

Landowner at NSA 28 was at the property cutting grass and cleaning the yard today, resulting in higher sound monitoring readings at the location. NSA location 28 is vacant at this time.



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Drill:	P4-5	Date:	5/27/2026	Footage:	63	Depth:	174	Phase:	Pilot
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Drilling Fluids:	Bara-kade Plus	Approved by DES	Yes
	Water	Approved by DES	Yes
	Magua Fiber Fine, Pac LV, Soda Ash, Penetrol Dry, EZ Mud	Approved by DES	Yes

Person Walking Drill Path	Michael Hussong	Role	EI	Frequency	Hourly	IR Detected	No
	Johnathan Smith		Contractor		Continuously		
	Nicholas Marletle		Contractor		Hourly		

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NSA-28	N/A	N/A	N/A		51.4	55.7	56.4	50.1	52.9	54.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	53.55	
NSA-29	N/A	N/A	N/A		49.4	48.2	49.1	43.3	44.1	45.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	46.53	
NSA-32	N/A	N/A	N/A		41.5	44.3	42.6	40.8	39.6	40.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	41.52	
NSA-33	N/A	N/A	N/A		40.8	41.9	43.4	38.3	41.3	39.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	40.87	

NSA location 28 is vacant at this time.



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WO: 1146979

Drill:	P4-5	Date:	5/28/2026	Footage:	285	Depth:	182	Phase:	Pilot
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Drilling Fluids:	Bara-kade Plus	Approved by DES	Yes
	Water	Approved by DES	Yes
	Magua Fiber Fine, Pac LV, Soda Ash, Penetrol Dry, EZ Mud	Approved by DES	Yes

Person Walking Drill Path	Michael Hussong	Role	EI	Frequency	Hourly	IR Detected	No
	Johnathan Smith		Contractor		Continuously		
	Nicholas Marletle		Contractor		Hourly		

NSA#	Time	1:00	3:00	5:00	7:00	9:00	11:00	13:00	15:00	17:00	19:00	21:00	23:00	Daytime Average	Nighttime Average
NSA-28	N/A	N/A	N/A		40.5	53.6	52.5	50.2	54.8	52.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.70	
NSA-29	N/A	N/A	N/A		39.7	41.7	41.8	48.6	46.1	48.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	44.33	
NSA-32	N/A	N/A	N/A		38.5	39.3	40.6	47.3	45.4	40.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	41.97	
NSA-33	N/A	N/A	N/A		40.7	40.2	42.4	49.5	44.1	39.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	42.72	

NSA location 28 is vacant at this time.



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Drill:	P4-5	Date:	5/29/2026	Footage:	326	Depth:	167	Phase:	Pilot
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Drilling Fluids:	Bara-kade Plus	Approved by DES	Yes
	Water	Approved by DES	Yes
	Magua Fiber Fine, Pac LV, Soda Ash, Penetrol Dry, EZ Mud	Approved by DES	Yes

Person Walking Drill Path	Michael Hussong	Role	EI	Frequency	Hourly	IR Detected	No
	Johnathan Smith		Contractor		Continuously		
	Nicholas Marletle		Contractor		Hourly		

NSA#	Time	1:00	3:00	5:00	7:00	9:00	11:00	13:00	15:00	17:00	19:00	21:00	23:00	Daytime Average	Nighttime Average
NSA-28	N/A	N/A	N/A		44.2	57.8	50.7	54.8	52.6	48.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	51.43	
NSA-29	N/A	N/A	N/A		40.1	42.5	48.6	50.5	49.8	47.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	46.57	
NSA-32	N/A	N/A	N/A		39.7	40.1	41.9	40.1	40.7	41.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	40.63	
NSA-33	N/A	N/A	N/A		40.6	43.5	43.3	39.4	41.3	40.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	41.38	

NSA location 28 is vacant at this time.



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Project: NL25 Elk River 3rd BL Extension

WO: 1146979

Drill:	P4-5	Date:	5/30/2026	Footage:	0	Depth:	167	Phase:	Pilot
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Drilling Fluids:	Bara-kade Plus	Approved by DES	Yes
	Water	Approved by DES	Yes
	Magua Fiber Fine, Pac LV, Soda Ash, Penetrol Dry, EZ Mud	Approved by DES	Yes

Person Walking Drill Path	Michael Hussong	Role	EI	Frequency	Hourly	IR Detected	No
	Johnathan Smith		Contractor		Continuously		
	Nicholas Marletle		Contractor		Hourly		

NSA#	Time	1:00	3:00	5:00	7:00	9:00	11:00	13:00	15:00	17:00	19:00	21:00	23:00	Daytime Average	Nighttime Average
NSA-28	N/A	N/A	N/A		37.8	47.8	52.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	46.13	
NSA-29	N/A	N/A	N/A		39.6	41.5	40.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	40.60	
NSA-32	N/A	N/A	N/A		41.2	40.7	42.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	41.33	
NSA-33	N/A	N/A	N/A		40.1	41.4	44.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	42.03	

NSA location 28 is vacant at this time. InterCon had drill rig issues today and demobilized the current drill rig in preparations to receive a new rig on Monday to continue drilling HDD P4-5.