

July 15, 2005

TO INTERESTED PARTIES:

RE: Mesabi Nugget, LLC, Project

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Citizens' Board (Board) Item for the proposed Mesabi Nugget, LLC, Project in St. Louis County, and a copy of the Board Agenda. The Board Item includes:

- Responses to written comments submitted during the project comment period;
- Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order related to the request for variances to the Water Quality Permit and issuance of the Water Quality Permit;
- Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order related to issuance of the MPCA Air Emission Permit.

There were 51 comment letters received regarding the project. In an effort to save postage and resources, these comment letters and the draft Permits can be reviewed at the following locations: the MPCA office in St. Paul and the MPCA Regional office in Duluth. Requests for copies of these letters may be made by contacting the St. Paul MPCA office at (651) 296-7398. The Permits can also be viewed on our MPCA Web site at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/hot/mesabi-nugget.html>.

The Board Item will be presented at the MPCA Board Meeting held on July 26, 2005. Please refer to the enclosed Board Agenda for specific times. The meeting will be held in the Board Room in our Saint Paul office located at 520 Lafayette Road North.

We encourage your attendance at the MPCA Board Meeting, as the Board will solicit input from interested parties. If you have any questions regarding the enclosed Board Item or the specifics of the meeting, feel free to contact Loren Voigt at (651) 296-7244.

Sincerely,

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Director
Industrial Division

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Enclosure