

NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND HEARING BY THE DEPARTMENTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND NATURAL RESOURCES REGARDING THE KENNECOTT EAGLE PROJECT

The Michigan Departments of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Natural Resources (DNR) are holding a public comment period until Thursday, April 5, 2007, and a public hearing on March 6, 7, and 8, 2007, on Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company's proposed installation and operation of a nickel and copper ore mine with associated processing equipment. The location of the proposed Eagle Project Mine is in Sections 11 and 12, T50N, R29W in Michigamme Township, Marquette County, Michigan, about 30 miles northwest of Marquette. Mr. Jon Cherry of Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company, 1004 Harbor Hills Drive, Suite 103, Marquette, Michigan, submitted the applications for the Kennecott Eagle Project pursuant to state regulations.

The public comment period and hearing are to allow all interested parties the opportunity to comment on the following proposed actions: (1) the proposed conditional approval of the DEQ Draft Michigan Air Use Permit for the installation and operation of the process, including control equipment pertaining thereto; (2) the approval of the DEQ draft Groundwater Discharge Permit for the discharge of treated process wastewater from the proposed mine operation; (3) the proposed decision of the granting of DEQ Nonferrous Metallic Mineral Mining Permit Application for operation and reclamation, (4) the review of the DNR draft State Metallic Mineral Mining Operations Surface Use Lease for surface use of state land for the proposed production facility and; (5) the review of the draft Mining and Reclamation Plan pursuant to Kennecott's metallic mineral lease with the DNR. The public comment period and hearing are to allow all interested parties the opportunity to comment on the proposed actions.

The public is encouraged to present written views on the proposed actions. Written comments should be sent to Steven E. Wilson, Kennecott Eagle Project, Office of Geological Survey, P. O. Box 30256, Lansing, MI 48909-7756 - or by e-mail to - wilsonse@michigan.gov (include "Kennecott Eagle Project comments" on the subject line of your email). All statements received by 5:00 pm, Thursday, April 5, 2007, will be considered by the Departments prior to final action.

The Public Hearing will be held during the comment period on three consecutive dates, March 6, 7 and 8, 2007 at Northern Michigan University, 1401 Presque Isle Avenue, Marquette, MI 49855. The public hearing will be held each day from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The sole purpose of this public hearing will be to take testimony on the record. The hearing will be recorded. Staff of the DEQ and DNR will not respond to questions made during testimony at this hearing; however, staff will be available to answer questions outside the hearing room during the hearing hours. In order to accommodate the anticipated number of speakers, oral presentations are limited to five minutes. In addition to oral comments, written comments will also be received at the Hearing and for twenty-eight days after the Hearing.

Copies of the Departments' analysis and draft documents for inspection at the following locations, (1) Peter White Library, 217 N Front Street, Marquette, MI 49855, contact the Resource Desk, 906 228-9510, (2) Michigamme Township Hall, 202 W Main, Michigamme Township, MI 49861, contact John Olsen, 906 323-6547 (3) Powell Township Hall, County Road 550, Big Bay, MI 49808, contact Township Clerk, 906 345-9345, (4) Michigan DEQ, Upper Peninsula District Office, 420 5th Street, Gwinn, MI 49841, contact Tina Mitchell, 906 346-8520. (5) MDEQ, Geological Survey, 525 W. Allegan, Lansing, MI 48909-7756, contact Sharon Carter, 517 241-1515.

Individuals needing accommodations for effective participation at the hearing should contact Barb Wilcox at (517) 373-2856 one week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

Additional information is posted on the internet at:

DEQ Home Page: <http://www.michigan.gov/deq>

DEQ Events Calendar: http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3308_3325---,00.html

DEQ Air Quality Division Home Page: <http://www.michigan.gov/deqaqd>

DEQ Water Bureau Home Page: http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3313_4117---,00.html

DEQ Office of Geological Survey Home Page: <http://www.michigan.gov/deqogs>

DEQ OGS Kennecott Eagle Project page:

http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3311_4111_18442-130551--,00.html

DNR Home Page: <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr>

DNR Metallic Minerals Lease Home Page: http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10368_11800---,00.html