

APPENDIX E

EIS SCOPING CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION LETTERS



IN REPLY REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Mississippi National River and Recreation Area
111 E. Kellogg Blvd.
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1256

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February 18, 2005

Mr. Stanley Crooks, Sr.
Chairman
Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community
2330 Sioux Trail NW
Prior Lake, MN 55372

Dear Chairman Crooks:

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JoAnn M. Kyrle
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cc:
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Ms. Helen M. Blue
Chairwoman
Upper Sioux Indian Community
P.O. Box 147
Granite Falls, MN 56241

Dear Chairwoman Blue:

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Ms. Audrey Bennett
President
Prairie Island Indian Community
5636 Sturgeon Lake Road
Welch, MN 55089

Dear President Bennett:

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February 18, 2005

Ms. Ann Larsen
Chairwoman
Lower Sioux Indian Community
39527 Reservation Hwy #1
P.O. Box 308
Morton, MN 56270

Dear Chairwoman Larsen:

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Ms. Phoebe O'Dell
Chairwoman
Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma
R.R. 1, Box 721
Perkins, OK 74059

Dear Chairwoman O'Dell:

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February 17, 2005

Britta Bloomberg
Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office
Minnesota Historical Society
345 Kellogg Boulevard West
St. Paul, Minnesota 55111

Dear Ms. Bloomberg:

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Once we receive your opinion regarding historic preservation issues incident to the disposition of the Center, we will then notify the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Also, we are notifying those federally-recognized Tribes that have demonstrated an interest in the property regarding participation in the historic preservation process. In January 2005, a Notice of Intent was published in the Federal Register providing formal initiation of the public planning process.

We look forward to working with you in the upcoming months on this important project.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact me at 651-290-3030, extension 222.

Sincerely,



JoAnn M. Kyril
Superintendent

cc:

Prairie Island Indian Community
Upper Sioux Indian Community
Lower Sioux Indian Community
Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community
State of MN Indian Affairs Council



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1 Federal Drive
Fort Snelling, MN 55111-4056

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November 9, 2004

JoAnn Kyril
U.S. National Park Service
Mississippi National River and Recreation Area
111 E. Kellogg Blvd., Ste. 105
St Paul, MN 55101-1256

Dear Ms. Kyril:

Thank you for providing a fully-executed copy of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the Disposition of the Bureau of Mines Twin Cities Research Center Main Campus (Center).

In response to Section 4.B. of the MOA, Mr. Jeff Gosse is designated as our contact for all aspects of providing advice and assistance concerning the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Mr. Gosse can be reached at 612-713-5138.

We look forward to the timely and successful completion of the EIS and Record of Decision. Please contact me at 612-713-5305, or Robert Hansen at 612-713-5212, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Barbara Milne
Assistant Regional Director,
Budget and Administration

cc: Jeff Gosse, FWS Ecological Services



Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Natural Heritage and Nongame Research Program, Box 25

500 Lafayette Road

St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4000

Phone: (651) 259-5107 Fax: (651) 296-1811 E-mail: sarah.hoffmann@dnr.state.mn.us

December 23, 2005

Matthew R. Smith
Engineering-Environmental Management, Inc.
9563 S. Kingston Court, Suite 200
Englewood, CO 80112

Re: Request for Natural Heritage information for vicinity of proposed Disposition of the Bureau of Mines Twin Cities Research Center Main Campus, T28N R23W Section 20, Hennepin County
NHNRP Contact #: ERDB 20060451

Dear Mr. Smith,

The Minnesota Natural Heritage database has been reviewed to determine if any rare plant or animal species or other significant natural features are known to occur within an approximate one-mile radius of the area indicated on the map enclosed with your information request. Based on this review, there are 33 known occurrences of rare species or native plant communities in the area searched (for details, see enclosed database printout and explanation of selected fields). However, disposition of the property alone should not affect any known occurrences of rare features.

The Natural Heritage database is maintained by the Natural Heritage and Nongame Research Program, a unit within the Division of Ecological Services, Department of Natural Resources. It is continually updated as new information becomes available, and is the most complete source of data on Minnesota's rare or otherwise significant species, native plant communities, and other natural features. Its purpose is to foster better understanding and protection of these features.

Because our information is not based on a comprehensive inventory, there may be rare or otherwise significant natural features in the state that are not represented in the database. A county-by-county survey of rare natural features is now underway, and has been completed for Hennepin County. Our information about native plant communities is, therefore, quite thorough for that county. However, because survey work for rare plants and animals is less exhaustive, and because there has not been an on-site survey of all areas of the county, ecologically significant features for which we have no records may exist on the project area.

The enclosed results of the database search are provided in two formats: index and full record. To control the release of locational information which might result in the damage or destruction of a rare element, both printout formats are copyrighted.

The index provides rare feature locations only to the nearest section, and may be reprinted, unaltered, in an Environmental Assessment Worksheet, municipal natural resource plan, or report compiled by your company for the project listed above. If you wish to reproduce the index for any other purpose, please contact me to request written permission. **The full-record printout includes more detailed locational information, and is for your personal use only. If you wish to reprint the full-record printouts for any purpose, please contact me to request written permission.**

Please be aware that review by the Natural Heritage and Nongame Research Program focuses only on *rare natural features*. It does not constitute review or approval by the Department of Natural Resources as a whole. If you require further information on the environmental review process for other natural resource-related issues, you may contact your Regional Environmental Assessment Ecologist, Wayne Barstad, at (651) 772-7940.

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An invoice in the amount of \$74.42 will be mailed to you under separate cover within two weeks of the date of this letter. You are being billed for map and database search and staff scientist review. Thank you for consulting us on this matter, and for your interest in preserving Minnesota's rare natural resources.

Sincerely,

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Sarah D. Hoffmann
Endangered Species Environmental Review Coordinator

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Mississippi National River and Recreation Area



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

07/15/2005

Contact: Kim Berns, Project Manager
651-290-4160 ext 244

JoAnn Kyril, Park Superintendent
651-290-4160

National Park Service makes scoping comments on Bureau of Mines Twin Cities Research Center available to the public

The National Park Service (NPS) has compiled public comments and suggestions received on the future of the former Bureau of Mines Twin Cities Research Center Main Campus (Center) in the Public Scoping Comment Summary available at <http://www.nps.gov/miss/bom/status.html>. A copy of the Public Scoping Comment Summary is also available by contacting Kim Berns at the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area (MNRRA) at 651-290-3030 ext. 238. The report summarizes the results of the initial scoping period for the Center Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The NPS is leading the EIS analysis process pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The report includes comments received during the scoping period from January 28, 2005 until June 30, 2005.

The NPS is leading the NEPA process to consider alternatives for the disposition of the Center. Open public scoping meetings were held in March 2005 and the NPS contacted numerous organizations, groups, Indian Tribes, individuals and governments during the scoping period. Over 100 written comments were received according to JoAnn Kyril, MNRRA Superintendent. "People told us about issues they wanted to see addressed in the EIS. Comments included recommendations for comprehensive

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concepts of ownership, values to be protected, and ideas for management and uses for the Center.*

The comments received during the scoping process will be used to develop a draft EIS. The EIS analysis process will evaluate alternatives for disposition of the property and the potential impacts regarding future uses of the Center on the natural, historic, and cultural resources. The Center occupies 27 acres of federal land including 11 vacated buildings and is within the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area, a unit of the National Park System.

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To: kim_bern@snp.gov
cc:
Subject: An invitation from Senator Chaudhary

Coldwater Meeting
When: Tuesday, May 3rd
Time: 12:00pm-2:00pm
Where: State Capital, room 418
Moderated by Senator Satveer Chaudhary

Please R.S.V.P. Sen. Chaudhary's office by phone at 651-296-4334.

Minnesota State Senator Satveer Chaudhary is inviting you to attend the Coldwater meeting he will be moderating at the state capital. The meeting's purpose is to gather all parties involved with the Coldwater site together and to discuss different proposals for the site's future.

For background information on Coldwater you may wish to visit the National Park Service website: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>, go to "Choose a Park," click on Mississippi NR&RA, and click on BCM Project, or visit the Friends of Coldwater website: www.friendsofcoldwater.org.

Invitations to attend the meeting have been extended to:

- Kathleen Anderson, District Director of Congressman Martin Sabo's Minneapolis Office
- Mn Department of Natural Resources
- Kim Berns, National Park Service Project Manager for the Coldwater disposition
- Sharon Day, Anishinabe Mdewiwin Society water woman, Executive Director, Indigenous People's Task Force
- Eric Evenson, Administrator, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District
- Susu Jeffrey, founder, Friends of Coldwater
- David Kelliher, Legislative Liaison, Minnesota Historical Society
- Andrew McDermott, Landscape Architect, Engineering Department, Fish & Wildlife
- Sharon Sayles-Belton, Fellow, Senior Fellow, Hubert Humphrey Institute
- Mark Seeley, Professor at the University of Minnesota, specializing in Soil, Water, & Climate
- House Representative Jean Wagenius, District 62B
- House Representative Jim Davnie, District 62A
- Senator Wesley Skoglund, District 62
- Bruce M. White, Ph.D., Coldwater expert, historical anthropologist
- A representative from the DNR

COLDWATER MEETING AGENDA

May 3, 2005

RSVP'd for meeting:

- > -Kim Berns, National Park Service Project Manager for the Coldwater disposition
- Sharon Day, Anishinabe Mdewiwin Society water woman, Executive Director, Indigenous People's Task Force
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- House Representative Jean Wagenius, District 62B
- House Representative Dan Larson, District 63B
- Senator Wesley Skoglund, District 62
- > -Bruce M. White, Ph.D., Coldwater expert, historical anthropologist
- DNR representative

Don Breck

- Introduction- introductions, thank you's, pass out agendas, announce minutes.
- Kim Berns Presentation- Kim Berns with the National Park Service, the agency in charge of the Coldwater disposition, will give a presentation discussing the process that Coldwater is now going through.
- General Statements- general statements for each meeting attendee to talk about their ideas and concerns for the Coldwater property.
- General Discussion- Open the floor for general discussion
- Closing- Sen. Chaudhary Closing remarks

Meeting Ended.

** send copies of MAC letter to Heather Koop*

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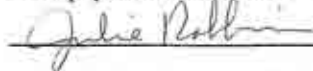
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Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42
U.S.C. 4321, et seq.) and
will consider the impacts of
the potential disposition
of the former Center and a
range of reasonable alter-
natives. At the location,
times and dates listed be-
low, the NPS will hold an
initial public scoping meet-
ing pursuant to regulations
of the Council on Environmen-
tal Quality (CEQ), 40
CFR 1505.6. The public is
invited to attend this initial
scoping meeting, submit com-
ments or suggestions on the
project and identify
possible alternatives for
the future use of the
Center that should be ad-
dressed in the EIS.

**Public Open House Meet-
ing Dates and Location:**
Dates: Wednesday
March 30, 2005
Times: 1:30pm, 5-9 pm
Thursday
March 31, 2005
Times: 1:30pm, 5-9 pm
Location:
Four Points Sheraton Inn
400 Hennepin Avenue N.
St. Paul, Minnesota 55104
For information call the
National Park Service at
(651) 290-4760 or visit
the website:
www.nps.gov/minn/boon





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News Release

For Immediate Release

**Contact: Kim Berns, Project Manager
651-290-3030, ext. 244**

Public invited to scoping meetings on the future of former Bureau of Mines Property

The National Park Service is leading a planning process to consider the disposition of the former Twin Cities Bureau of Mines Research Center (Center) located within the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area. The purpose of the planning process is to consider alternatives for disposition of the property and the potential impacts regarding future uses of the Center on the natural, historic, and cultural resources in an environmental impact statement. The future of the Center is limited by federal law which authorizes a transfer or sale to university or government entities only.

The public is invited to attend the initial scoping meetings/open houses to offer comments and identify issues, concerns, and suggestion possible alternatives on the future uses of the Center. Four public open house meetings are being held at the **Four Points Sheraton Inn, 400 Hamline Avenue North, in St. Paul, MN 55104** at the following times and dates:

March 30, 2005 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 –9:00 p.m.

March 31, 2005 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 –9:00 p.m.

Comments are due by May 13, 2005. In addition to submitting comments at the meetings, comments can be mailed to the National Park Service, 111 East Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55101; sent electronically to miss_bomcomments@nps.gov; or faxed to the National Park Service at 651-290-3214. For more information visit the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area web site at <http://www.nps.gov/miss> and click on the Bureau of Mines project.

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July 19, 2004

John Raddatz
Stir Ventures
6239 Annapolis Lane North #200
Maple Grove, MN 55311

Dear Mr. Raddatz:

Thank you for your recent inquiry into the former Bureau of Mines property. As mentioned in our recent telephone conversation, the National Park Service will be leading a public process to determine the future of this important property in Hennepin County and within the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area boundary.

I have enclosed some pertinent information on the Bureau of Mines site, a MNRRA brochure and other related information. Your name will be added to our list of interested parties and we will keep you apprised of opportunities to become involved in this project.

Please feel free to contact me as the Project Manager for the Department of Interior, Bureau of Mines Project at (651) 290-3030 ext. 244.

Sincerely,

Kim M. Berns
Project Manager
National Park Service

Enclosures

cc: Jeff Gosse
USFWS - Region 3
1 Federal Drive
Ft. Snelling, MN 55111-4056

Sandra Washington, MWRO

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April 21, 2005

The Honorable Satveer Chaudhary
Minnesota State Senate
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Room 317
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Senator Chaudhary:

It has come to our attention that you have an interest in the Bureau of Mines, Twin Cities Research Campus ("Center") project, which includes Camp Coldwater. I have enclosed some background information from our recent public open house sessions that were held on March 30 and 31, 2005. Included are: location maps of the project area, information on the specific legislation, and historic and cultural resource information. As you may know, the initial public comment period for this project closes on May 13, 2005.

By way of additional background information, the National Park Service (NPS) was designated by Congress in the 2003 Department of the Interior (DOI) appropriations legislation as the lead agency to conduct a public planning process to determine the disposition of the Center including Camp Coldwater. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 which will consider a range of alternatives and impacts of those alternatives on the future uses of the property. A draft EIS is expected to be released in early 2006, thereby offering the public another opportunity to comment on this project.

Congress closed the Center in 1995. The Center is located within the boundary of the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area (MNRRA), a unit of the National Park System. The property occupies 27.32 acres of federal land located in Hennepin County and includes 11 buildings located across from the Veterans Hospital in South Minneapolis. Specific federal legislation limits transfer of the property to university and government entities only.

The property is also partially within the boundaries of the Fort Snelling National Historic Landmark and of the Fort Snelling National Register of Historic Places District. The Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has concluded that the Center itself is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as a Historic District.

If you are interested in discussing this project or visiting the property, please contact me at 651-290-3030 ext. 222.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "JoAnn M. Kyril".

JoAnn M. Kyril
Superintendent

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cc:
Representative Dan Larson
Senator Jane Ranum



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April 15, 2005

Andrea Jane Lee, IHM
President
College of St. Catherine
F-23
2004 Randolph Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55105

Dear President Lee, IHM:

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institution or the federal government. Enclosed is some background information on the Center and the project.

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Sincerely,

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William V. Frame
President
Augsberg College
2211 Riverside Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55454

Dear President Frame:

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Brian C. Roseberg
President
Macalester College
208 Weyerhauser
62 Macalester
Saint Paul, MN 55105

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April 15, 2005

Christopher M. Thomforde
President
St. Olaf College
Administration 120
1520 Saint Olaf Avenue
Northfield, MN 55057

Dear President Thomforde:

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April 15, 2005

James L. Peterson, Ph.D.
President
Gustavus Adolphus College
800 West College Avenue
Saint Peter, MN 56082

Dear President Peterson, Ph.D.:

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April 15, 2005

Robert A. Oden
President
Carlton College
One North College Street
Northfield, MN 55057

Dear President Oden:

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Larry Osnes
President
Hamline University
1536 Hewitt Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55104

Dear President Osnes:

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April 15, 2005

Robert Bruininks
President
University of Minnesota
202 Morrill Hall
100 Church Street SE
Minneapolis, MN 55455

Dear President Bruininks:

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Rev. Dr. Robert Holst
President
Concordia University of St. Paul
275 Syndicate Street North
Saint Paul, MN 55104

Dear President Holst:

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Fr. Dennis Dease
President
University of St. Thomas
2115 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55105

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Wilson G. Bradshaw
President
Metropolitan State University
730 Hennepin Avenue #510
Minneapolis, MN 55403

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Thursday, April 21, 2005
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3701 East 50th Street



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Public Planning Process Begins for Future of Former Bureau of Mines Property

The National Park Service invites the public to participate in a planning process to address the future of the former Bureau of Mines Twin Center Research Center Main Campus (Center). The Center is located between Minnehaha Regional Park and Historic Fort Snelling in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The National Park Service's Mississippi National River and Recreation Area (MNRRA) will lead the planning process under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) that will include the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS). Kim Berns at MNRRA is serving as Project Manager and will be coordinating the planning process and public meetings, which are expected to begin in March 2005. Once the meeting dates are established, they will be posted on the MNRRA website at www.nps.gov/miss.

"We will work with the community, Indian tribes and all levels of government to develop and evaluate a range of alternatives for future uses of the Center. This process will enable the Federal Government to make an informed decision regarding the future of the Center," said JoAnn Kyrat, Superintendent of MNRRA. The future of the Center is limited by federal law which authorizes a transfer or sale to universities or government entities only.

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Contact Information

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Phone Number: 651-290-4160
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Spring 2005

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During the open house, you'll have a chance to bid on many items in the silent auction (see the list on page 7), talk with a representative from the National Park Service about the future of the old Bureau of Mines site, take a short survey on an idea for a neighborhood bus route, chat with neighbors, and view changes to the neighborhood bike routes project.

The meeting portion of the evening will include volunteer recognition, NENA's annual report, Board elections and a short break to make your final bids on silent auction items.

Bring TP, Stay for the Meeting

This year we are asking that people bring an item for the Minnehaha Food Shelf, operated by Minnehaha United Methodist Church. Wonder what to bring? **Toilet paper** tops the list of "most requested but don't have" items, followed by laundry soap, sanitary products, sugar and toddler-size diapers. Of course, nonperishable canned and dry foods are also needed (suggestions include beans, spaghetti and sauce, canned meat, peanut butter, cereal, chili, crackers, etc.) You may also make a monetary contribution to the food shelf at the meeting.

Silent Auction

The silent auction will open at 6:30 and then pause while the meeting gets underway. We will have a short break during the meeting when people may place their final bids. Winning items may be picked up and paid for when the meeting ends at 9:00 p.m.

Proceeds from the silent auction support neighborhood community events such as the popular Night Before New Year's Eve Party. Don't forget your checkbook!

Annual Meeting continues on Page 2



Bike Routes & Signs Coming This Spring!

It's been almost four years since NENA volunteers began the sometimes controversial process of joining our neighborhood with the rest of the Metro-wide bicycle trail system.

This past few months, NENA volunteers and staff worked with Public Works and Council Member Sandra Colvin Roy to refine a new system of smaller and more descriptive signs that eventually will be installed citywide. The new plan calls for fewer routes in Nokomis East. That, of course, means less signage and a reduced overall cost.

The main route runs along 50th Street, from the lake to Minnehaha Park. A secondary route runs along Nokomis Ave. from 50th St., across Minnehaha Creek and north to the new River-Lake Greenway.

Installation is expected to start later this spring. Updated maps and details are at www.nokomiseast.org.

NENA Review

Minnehaha Food Shelf

You Can Help!

The Minnehaha Food Shelf, located at Minnehaha United Methodist Church (3701 East 50th Street), started last May to replace the location the Salvation Army consolidated to Lake Street. It serves households south of Lake Street and east of 35W.

The food shelf is open from 1pm to 3pm, Tuesday and Wednesday, and from 1pm to 6pm on Thursday.

It costs \$300 per month plus \$1,000 per year to operate the food shelf. You can help by making a financial donation, gathering non-perishable foods or hygiene products, or volunteering your time. (All items should be non-perishable and unopened).

NENA maintains a list of needed items at www.nokomiseast.org.

The Most Requested Items That They Usually Don't Have Enough Of...

- Toilet Tissue
- Laundry Soap
- Sanitary Products
- Sugar
- Diapers (toddler sizes)

If you are willing to help by donating or volunteering, please contact Gail Johnson at (612) 721-6231.

MinneHarvest

Minnehaha also sponsors an event called the *MinneHarvest*. On the fourth Saturday of each month, they bring in a truckload of mostly produce, breads and dairy gathered from local grocery warehouses and invite people to "shop" for two grocery bags each. Although free to the recipients, it costs the food shelf about \$650 per month. Donations are appreciated.

NENA's Spring Calendar

Saturday, April 16	Ward 11 DFL Convention. Registration at 9am, Convenes at 10am, Washburn High School, 201 West 49th Street
Thursday, April 21	NENA Annual Neighborhood Meeting. Open House and Silent Auction start at 6:30. Meeting runs 7:30 - 9:00 pm, Minnehaha United Methodist Church, 3701 E. 50th St.
Saturday, April 23	Ward 12 DFL Convention. Registration at 9am, Convenes at 10am, Roosevelt High School, 4029 28th Avenue South
	Earth Day at Nokomis. Clean up activities, 9:30 - 11am, Nokomis Community Center, 2401 East Minnehaha Parkway
	Environmental Fair, 11am - 2pm, Nokomis Community Center. Information booths, activities for the kids, music and refreshments.
Monday, April 25	Third Precinct Advisory Council (3-PAC), 6:30 pm, Third Precinct, 3000 Minnehaha Avenue
Thursday, April 28	NENA Board Meeting, 7pm, NENA office, 3000 East 50th Street.
Tuesday, May 3	Raingardens Workshop. 6:30-8:30pm, Nokomis Community Center, 2401 East Minnehaha Parkway. Call (612) 673-3014 to register. This is the first of 2 sessions; the second session is Tuesday, May 17.
Sunday, May 8	Green Party Fifth Congressional District Endorsing Convention, 1-5pm, Park House, 2120 Park Ave, (612) 871-1264
Saturday, May 14	Citywide DFL Convention. Registration at 9am, Convenes at 10am, Melby Hall on the Augsburg Campus, 715 23rd Avenue South
	GOP Congressional District 5 Convention, 8:30am, Embassy Suites Hotel, 7901 34th Avenue South, Bloomington
Wednesday, May 18	Third Precinct Open House. 10am - 2pm, 3000 Minnehaha Avenue South. Food, SWAT, bomb squad, mounted patrol, K-9 demonstrations, motorcycle unit, State Patrol helicopter, and precinct tours.
Saturday, May 21	Grand Reopening and Dedication, Third Precinct, noon - 2pm, 3000 Minnehaha Avenue South. Ribbon cutting at 12:30pm
Monthly NENA Task Force and Committee Meetings:	
	Economic Development, 1st Wednesday
	Environmental Task Force, 4th Monday
	Housing Committee, 2nd Tuesday
	Oversight Committee, 3rd Thursday
	People Services & Safety, 1st Tuesday
	Board of Directors, 4th Thursday

Unless stated otherwise, all NENA meetings start at 7pm at the NENA office, 3000 East 50th Street. Please call (612) 724-5652 for last minute schedule changes.

CONGRESSMAN

Martin Olav SABO

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Dear Friends:

As the National Park Service begins the public planning process to determine future use of the **Bureau of Mines Twin Cities Research Center property**, area residents have a chance to share their opinions. Several years ago, I secured federal funds for the National Park Service to lead a public planning process concerning how this site would best be used. The intent of the planning is to consider alternatives and the impact of potential new uses on the natural, historic and cultural resources of this federal property.

In 1995, Congress closed this property, which is located between Minnehaha Regional Park and Historic Fort Snelling along Highway 55. The former Research Center is located within two historic designations: the Fort Snelling National Historic Landmark and Fort Snelling National Register Historic District. The site also includes the Camp Coldwater Spring, the springhouse and pond.

Public open house meetings took place during the last week in March. But you may also submit input via the National Park Service website. To register your feedback, and for more information about the property and the planning process, visit the website at <http://www.nps.gov/miss/bom/status.html>

Regards,



Martin O. Sabo
Member of Congress

MARCH - APRIL 2005 RELEASES

Metro Transit Awarded Federal Security Funds

Congressman Sabo is pleased to announce that Metro Transit has been awarded \$1.175 million in federal funds to enhance mass transit security in the Twin Cities area. Hiawatha Light Rail will receive \$500,000 and the bus system will receive \$675,000.

Aircraft Noise Mitigation Grant to Benefit Metro Area Neighborhoods

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APPENDIX F

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE CONSULTATION



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Twin Cities Field Office
4101 East 80th Street
Bloomington, Minnesota 55425-1665

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Ms. JoAnn M. Kyräl
Superintendent
Mississippi National River and Recreation Area
National Park Service
111 East Kellogg Blvd., Suite 105
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1256

Dear Ms. Kyräl:

This responds to your April 21, 2005, letter, requesting our review of information on federally listed species within the Bureau of Mines Twin Cities Research Center site located in Section 20, T28N, R23W, Hennepin County, Minnesota.

The federally endangered Higgins' eye pearl mussel (*Lampsilis higginsii*) and the federally threatened bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) are documented for Hennepin County. We have reviewed our information on the Research Center site and found no records of federally listed species within the area identified. There are no records of bald eagle nest sites within the project area. Higgins' eye are now being propagated in the Mississippi River at River Mile 846.5 by the Fish and Wildlife Service in coordination with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources under the guidance of the Higgins' eye Recovery Team.

Because of the location and type of activity proposed, we concur with your determination that this project is not likely to adversely affect any federally listed or proposed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat. This precludes the need for further action on this project as required under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. If the project is modified or new information becomes available which indicates that a federally listed species may be affected, consultation with this office should be reinitiated.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment and look forward to working with you in the future. If you have questions regarding our comments, please call Mr. R. Nicholas Rowse of my staff at (612) 725-3548, extension 210 or by email at nick_rowse@fws.gov.

Sincerely,



Dan P. Stinnett
Field Supervisor

Cc: Bonita Eliason, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, St. Paul, MN
Robert Whiting, St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers, St. Paul, MN

APPENDIX G

DRAFT EIS COORDINATION, CONSULTATION AND CORRESPONDENCE



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News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 18, 2006

For more information:
Kim Berns, Project Manager
651-290-4160

Release of a draft Environmental Impact Statement for Disposition of the former Bureau of Mines Twin Cities Research Center Main Campus Hennepin County, Minnesota

The National Park Service (NPS) announces the release of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the disposition of the former Bureau of Mines Twin Cities Research Center (Center), Hennepin County Minnesota, and invites public comments on the draft EIS. The NPS also seeks written proposals from government and university entities who may be interested in acquiring the former Bureau of Mines property. Written proposals from university and government entities must address the criteria listed in the Federal Register Notice of Availability (NOA). The NOA and criteria can be accessed on the websites listed below. Verbal proposals will not be considered. The draft EIS can be accessed online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/>; select the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area from the drop-down park list or go to www.nps.gov/miss/bom and follow the links.

Congress in 1996 in Public Law 104-134, authorized the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Center to a government or university entity. Additionally, Public Law 106-113 allows the Secretary to accept financial remuneration for the Center and distribute the funds to the National Park Service's Mississippi National River and Recreation Area (MNRRA) and the National Wildlife Refuge System for the benefit of their programs in Minnesota.

The draft EIS does not identify a potential future owner or how that owner would use the Center; instead the draft EIS analyzes the environmental impacts of three different future land use scenarios and how they may or would impact natural, cultural, and historic resources. The NPS has not identified a preferred alternative at this time, but intends to review the public comments received in response to the draft EIS, revise the document as necessary, and identify a preferred alternative in the final EIS.

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The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

Written proposals received by the NPS will accompany the final EIS to assist the Secretary of the Interior in making a decision on disposition of the Center.

The draft EIS is available online, and paper copies are available for review at the Nokomis Branch of the Minneapolis public library and at the offices of Nokomis East Neighborhood Association (NENA), Standish Ericsson Neighborhood Association (SENA) and Longfellow Neighborhood Association. Members of the public who do not have access to the Internet or a computer may call the NPS office at (651) 290-4160 to request a copy. Limited print copies of the draft EIS are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

An open house to receive comments and answer questions on the draft EIS will be held on Monday, September 25 and Tuesday, September 26, 2006, times: 1-4pm, and 6-9pm each day, location:

Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center
3815 American Blvd. East
Bloomington, MN 55425
Phone/TTY: 952.854.5900

Comments and written proposals on the draft EIS must be postmarked by the end of the 60-day comment period or **midnight, October 24, 2006**. Comments may be submitted in several ways: The preferred method is through the "Planning, Environment and Public Comment" (PEPC) website <http://parkplanning.nps.gov> mentioned above. If you use this method, please wait for the system to confirm your message was received. In addition, comments and proposals may be submitted:

- By U.S. mail addressed to: Superintendent, Mississippi National River and Recreation Area, 111 Kellogg Blvd. East, Suite #105, St. Paul, MN 55101
- By fax to: (651) 290-3214
- By email to: miss_bomcomments@nps.gov
- Hand deliver to: Mississippi National River and Recreation Area, 111 Kellogg Blvd. East, Suite #105, St. Paul, MN 55101

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Mississippi National River and Recreation Area
111 E. Kellogg Blvd., Ste. 105
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1256

August 18, 2006

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to announce the release of a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the disposition of the former Bureau of Mines Twin Cities Research Center Main Campus (Center), Hennepin County Minnesota. The National Park Service (NPS) invites public comments on the draft EIS. During the open public comment period, university and government entities may submit written proposals for acquisition of the Center. Written proposals from university and government entities must address the criteria listed in the Federal Register Notice of Availability (NOA). The NOA and criteria can be accessed on the websites listed below.

Enclosed with this letter is a compact disc containing the draft EIS, including the appendices and maps, and additional background studies. Comments on the draft EIS and proposals for acquisition of the Center must be postmarked by **October 24, 2006**. Verbal proposals for acquisition of the Center will not be considered.

An open house to receive comments and answer questions on the draft EIS will be held on Monday, September 25 and Tuesday, September 26, 2006, times: 1-4pm, and 6-9pm each day, location:

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Congress in 1996 in Public Law 104-134 authorized the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Center to a government or university entity. Additionally, Public Law 106-113 allows the Secretary to accept financial remuneration for the Center and distribute the funds to the National Park Service's Mississippi National River and Recreation Area (MNRRA) and the National Wildlife Refuge System for the benefit of their programs in Minnesota.

The draft EIS and the criteria for submitting written proposals from university and government entities can be accessed at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/> and select the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area from the drop-down park list, or go to www.nps.gov/miss/born and follow the links. Paper copies of the draft EIS are also available for review at the Nokomis Branch of the Minneapolis Library System located at 5100 34th Ave. South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, telephone: (612) 630-6700, and the neighborhood association offices of Nokomis East Neighborhood Association (NENA), Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association (SENA) and Longfellow Neighborhood Association. If you do not have a computer or Internet access, a limited number of print copies are available by calling the National Park Service office at (651) 290-4160 to request a copy.

Written proposals received by the NPS will accompany the final EIS to assist the Secretary of the Interior in making a decision on disposition of the Center.

Your interest and involvement have been and continue to be important in this planning process. We appreciate your interest in the National Park Service and the Center planning process and look forward to your continued participation in the development of the final EIS.

Sincerely,



JoAnn M. Kyril
Superintendent

Enclosure

confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by the law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days after August 23, 2006.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2741.5)

Dated: May 17, 2006.

Dennis R. Stenger,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability, Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Disposition of the Former Bureau of Mines Twin Cities Research Center Main Campus, Hennepin County, MN; and Request for Written Proposals

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to alert the public to two items. First, pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the disposition of the former Bureau of Mines Twin Cities Research Center (Center), located within the boundary of Mississippi National River and Recreation Area (MNRRA), a unit of the NPS, in Hennepin County, Minnesota. The draft EIS is now available for public review and comment, and everyone is invited to comment on the document.

Secondly, the notice is intended to alert any prospective Government or university entities that the NPS is soliciting proposals for use of the Center. In accordance with the legislation addressing the Center (Pub. L. 104-134), only Government and university entities qualify as possible recipients of the property. Additionally, Public Law 106-113 allows the Secretary to accept financial

remuneration for the Center and distributes the funds to MNRRA and the national wildlife refuge system for the benefit of their respective activities in Minnesota. The Center is Federal land located within the boundary of the MNRRA. Accordingly, through today's notice, the NPS invites written proposals from Government and university entities who may be interested in acquiring the former Bureau of Mines property. Verbal proposals will not be considered.

DATES: There will be a 60-day period for public review and submission of comments on the draft EIS following the publishing of the notice of availability in the *Federal Register* by the Environmental Protection Agency. Public meetings will be announced in the local media. Submission of written proposals from Government and university entities will be accepted during this 60-day period.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the draft EIS (compact disks and a limited number of paper copies) are available by request by writing to Superintendent, RE: Former Bureau of Mines Draft EIS, Mississippi National River and Recreation Area, 111 Kellogg Boulevard East, Suite no. 105, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101; by facsimile 651-290-3214; or by phone 651-290-4160. The document can be picked up in person at the address above. The document can also be found on the Web site in the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/>; select the MNRRA from the drop-down list.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Project Manager, Kim Berns National Park Service, Mississippi National River and Recreation Area, 111 Kellogg Boulevard East, Suite no. 105, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101, or by calling 651-290-4160.

Discussion: Each written proposal from a university or Government entity must address the following criteria:

1. How do you qualify as a Government or university entity?
2. What is your capacity to manage the Center property? Describe any relevant property management experience or current property holdings that are comparable to the Center property or that demonstrate your capacity to manage the Center.
3. What are your proposed plans for future use of the Center?
4. What resources do you have, including but not limited to personnel, financing, programs, etc., that would enable you to manage the Center property?
5. What plans do you have to protect the cultural, historic, and environmental

aspects of the Center, including Camp Coldwater and the spring?

6. Are you willing and able to offer land or other reimbursement in exchange for the Center and if so, what would you offer?

Solicitation by the NPS of written proposals does not reflect any decision on the future use of the Center. The NPS purpose in requesting such proposals is to assist the Secretary of the Interior in evaluating all reasonable alternatives for the disposition of the Center property.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MNRRA has been designated by Congress to lead a public planning process pursuant to NEPA to address the disposition of the Center. Congress closed the Center in 1995 and provided the Secretary of the Interior specific legislation to convey the Center to a university or government entity (Pub. L. 104-134). The Center is Federal land and is located within the boundary of the MNRRA.

The purpose of the draft EIS is to consider alternatives for, and potential impacts of, future uses of this Federal property on natural, historic, and cultural resources. The Center is located within three historic designations: the Fort Snelling National Historic Landmark, the Fort Snelling National Register Historic District, and the buildings have been determined eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. The site includes the Camp Coldwater Spring, the springhouse, and reservoir.

The draft EIS describes and analyzes three action alternatives and a No-Action Alternative. The draft EIS does not identify a potential future owner but explores the impacts associated with three land-use scenarios that are likely to result from the transfer of the Center. The NPS does not have a preferred alternative at this time and intends to review any additional information, public comments, and written proposals received in response to this request to identify a preferred alternative in the final EIS.

Persons wishing to comment on the draft EIS may do so by any one of several methods. They may attend the public meeting that will be announced as noted above. Comments on the draft EIS can be made directly through the PEPC Web site listed above or provided directly to the NPS at the address above.

Written proposals from a university or Government entity relating to acquisition of the property must be submitted to the aforementioned address within the 60-day comment period.

It is the practice of the NPS to make all comments, including names and

addresses of respondents who provide information, available for public review following the conclusion of the NEPA process. Individuals may request that the NPS withhold their name and/or address from public disclosure. If you wish to do this, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. Commentators using the Web site can make such a request by checking the box "keep my contact information private." The NPS will honor such requests to the extent allowable by law, however, please be aware that the NPS might still be required to disclose your name and address pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. Also, any written proposals submitted to the NPS for acquisition of the Center property will be similarly made public.

Dated: May 25, 2006.

Ernest Quintana,

Regional Director, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that on August 14, 2006, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States et al. v. Macalloy Corp. et al.*, Civil Action Number 2:06-cv-02265-DCN, was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina.

The consent decree resolves claims against two defendants, Macalloy Corporation and the BOC Group, brought by the United States under Section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9607, for damages for injuries to natural resources resulting from release of hazardous substances at the Macalloy Site in Charleston, South Carolina. The Consent Decree also resolves potential counterclaims by the Defendants against the United States General Services Administration and the United States Defense Logistics Agency. Under the Consent Decree, the Defendants and two settling Federal agencies will pay \$575,000 for damages to the Department of the Interior, the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, and three State of South Carolina agencies, collectively acting as Trustees of the injured natural resources. The consent decree includes

a covenant not to sue by the United States and state trustee agencies under CERCLA for natural resource damages.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States et al. v. Macalloy Corp. et al.*, DOJ Ref. #90-11-2-07214/1.

The Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, District of South Carolina, 170 Meeting Street, 3rd Floor, Charleston, South Carolina 29401. During the public comment period, the Consent Decree may also be examined on the following Department of Justice Web site: <http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/Consent-Decrees.html>. A copy of the Consent Decree may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611, or by faxing or e-mailing a request to Tonia Fleetwood, tonia.fleetwood@usdoj.gov, Fax No. (202) 514-0097, phone confirmation number (202) 514-1547. In requesting a copy from the Consent Decree Library, please enclose a check in the amount of \$7.50 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the U.S. Treasury, or, if by e-mail or fax, forward a check in that amount to the Consent Decree Library at the stated address.

Henry Friedman,

Assistant Section Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA")

Notice is hereby given that on August 9, 2006, a proposed consent decree in *United States v. NCH Corporation, et al.*, Civil Action No. 98-5268 (SDW) and *United States v. FMC Corporation, et al.*, Civil Action No. 01-0476 (JCL), was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

In these actions the United States sought recovery of response costs pursuant to Section 107(a) of CERCLA, for costs incurred related to the Higgins

Farm Superfund Site in Franklin Township, New Jersey and the Higgins Disposal Superfund Site in Kingston, New Jersey. The consent decree requires FMC Corporation to pay \$14,500,000, plus interest from June 1, 2004 until date of payment, in reimbursement of the United States' response costs at the Higgins Farm Superfund Site; pay \$2 million, plus interest from June 1, 2004 until date of payment, in reimbursement of the United States' past response costs at the Higgins Disposal Superfund Site; and pay \$225,000.00 to reimburse the United States for the interim costs incurred at the Higgins Disposal Superfund Site while the settlement was being negotiated.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the consent decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States v. NCH Corporation, et al.*, D.J. Ref. #90-11-3-1486/1 or *United States v. FMC Corporation, et al.*, D.J. Ref. #90-11-3-1486/2.

The consent decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, 970 Broad Street Suite 700, Newark, NJ 07102 (contact Susan Steele) and at U.S. EPA Region II, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007-1866 (contact Deborah Schwenk). During the public comment period, the consent decree may also be examined on the following Department of Justice Web site, <http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/Consent-Decree.html>. A copy of the consent decree may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611 or by faxing or e-mailing a request to Tonia Fleetwood (tonia.fleetwood@usdoj.gov), fax no. (202) 514-0097, phone confirmation number (202) 514-1547. In requesting a copy from the Consent Decree Library, please enclose a check in the amount of \$10.00 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the U.S. Treasury or, if by e-mail or fax, forward a check in that amount to the Consent Decree Library at the stated address.

Ronald G. Gluck,

Assistant Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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News Release

SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

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KIM BERNIS 651-290-4160

Please Join Us - Public Open House What should be the future of the Bureau of Mines campus in Minneapolis Minnesota?

The National Park Service invites the public to an open house on September 25 and September 26 at the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center to address the future of the former Bureau of Mines Twin Center Research Center Main Campus (Center). The Center is located between Minnehaha Regional Park and Historic Fort Snelling in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The future of the Center is limited by federal law which authorizes a transfer or sale to universities or government entities only. National Park Service staff and US FWS staff will be on hand to answer questions.

The upcoming public open house will give you an opportunity to provide comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), open for public comment until October 24, 2006. The DEIS does not identify a Preferred Alternative, comments on the DEIS will be considered in the selection of the Preferred Alternative and will be addressed in the Final EIS (FEIS).

Meeting attendees that would like to provide verbal testimony can do so through a court reporter that will be present during all sessions.

The Center, closed by Congress in 1995, occupying 27 acres, including 11 vacated buildings is within the boundary of MNRRA. The Center is within the National Register-listed Fort Snelling National Historic Landmark and within a portion of the Fort Snelling National Register of Historic Places District.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
)ss.
 COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

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Linda St. Clair, being duly sworn, on oath says She is and during all times herein stated has been an employee of the Star Tribune, a subsidiary of McClatchy Company, 425 Portland Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55488, publisher and printer of the Star Tribune newspaper (the "Newspaper"), published 7 days a week, and has full knowledge of the facts herein stated as follows:

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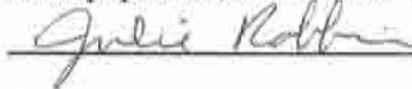
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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October 4, 2006

Britta Bloomberg
Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office
Minnesota Historical Society
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Dear Ms. Bloomberg:

Please find enclosed the National Park Service's comments on "The Cultural Meaning of Coldwater Spring in Dakota and Ojibwe Community Life: Ethnographic Resources Study of the Former Bureau of Mines Twin Cities Research Center Property, Hennepin County, Minnesota." Summit Envirosolutions, Inc. and Two Pines Resources Group, LLC completed this report under contract with the National Park Service (NPS). We submitted this report to you along with the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Bureau of Mines project (SHPO # 1996-0884).

As explained in our comments, the NPS does not believe the report provided enough information to support determining Coldwater Spring eligible for the National Register under Criterion A or C. We are contacting the Mdewakanton Dakota to determine whether they can provide additional information to support eligibility under Criterion A for Coldwater Spring's association with the Dakota origin tradition (see enclosed letter). If they can or choose to provide such information, we will reassess our determination and consult with your office.

If you have any questions, please contact John Anfinson of our staff at john_anfinson@nps.gov or at 651-290-3030, ext. 285.

Sincerely,

Steven P. Johnson
Acting Superintendent



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**RE: Request For 30-Day Extension Of Time To Comment On Bureau
Of Mines Draft EIS And To Submit Proposal To Acquire The
Bureau Of Mines Property**

Dear Acting Superintendent Johnson:

On August 18, 2006, Superintendent JoAnn M. Kyril wrote to the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community to announce the availability of the *Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Disposition of Bureau of Mines Property, Twin Cities Research Center Main Campus, Hennepin County, Minnesota* dated July 2006. In her letter, Superintendent Kyril stated that comments on the Draft EIS and proposals for acquisition of the Twin Cities Research Center had to be postmarked by October 24, 2006. The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community writes to request a 30-day extension of this deadline both as to comments on the Draft EIS and the submission of acquisition proposals.

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community is interested in acquiring the Twin Cities Research Center and has been diligently reviewing the Draft EIS and working on an acquisition proposal. However, the Draft EIS is a complicated document that needs additional work by us to provide appropriate substantive comments.

In particular, the ethnography of Coldwater Springs and the area around the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers deserves careful attention and comment. Your October 4th letter to the Community emphasizes this point. In particular, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community requests additional time to review and respond to *The Cultural Meaning of Coldwater Spring: Final Ethnographic Resources Study of the Former U.S. Bureau of Mines Twin Cities Research Center Property, Hennepin County, Minnesota* dated June 2006, which accompanied the Draft EIS.

*Mr. Steve P. Johnson, Acting Superintendent
Mississippi National River Recreation Area
Page 2*

A proposal to acquire and reuse the Twin Cities Research Center requires a thoughtful response. The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community wants to respond carefully to all six proposal criteria established by MNRRA. In particular, we believe a detailed response as to proposed plans for future use is appropriate, and we need additional time to do so.

Please extend both the Draft EIS comment period and the deadline for submitting acquisition proposals by 30 days.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,



Stanley R. Crooks
Tribal Chairman

cc: Kim Berns, Project Manager, Mississippi National River and Recreation Area



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Dear Sirs:

In compliance with section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (EPA) of 1969 and in accordance with 40 CFR 1506.9, we had sent copies of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for disposition of the former Bureau of Mines Twin Cities Research Center Main Campus, Hennepin County, Minnesota (Department of the Interior number DES-06-37; EPA number 20060348). The statement was to be open for comment for a period of 60 days, until October 24. The National Park Service (NPS) has received requests to extend the comment period due to the amount of information contained in the document and the suggestions by the requestors that there is information available that will take additional time to convey to us. We have agreed to extend the comment period for 30 days, to November 27 (the 30th day falls on Thanksgiving Day, so we would accept comments until the following Monday).

We also note the EPA notice of availability ("Federal Register" Volume 71, page 50411, August 25) indicated the comment period would end on October 9. This seems to equate to a 45-day comment period, which has, in fact, been adopted recently by the Department of the Interior. However, the NPS policy still maintains a 60-day period as the standard comment period for the draft EIS.

Questions about this filing should be directed to Regional Environmental Coordinator Nick Chevance, at 402-661-1844.

Sincerely,

Ernest Quintana
Regional Director

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News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 24, 2006

Contact: Kim Berns
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**National Park Service Extends Comment Period
for Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Former Bureau of Mines, Twin Cities Research Center, Main Campus
Hennepin County, Minnesota**

The National Park Service has extended the comment period to November 27, 2006 for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the former Bureau of Mines Twin Center Research Center Main Campus (Center). The comment period has been extended in response to public requests for more time to review the document.

The Center is located between Minnehaha Regional Park and Historic Fort Snelling in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The future of the Center is limited by federal law which authorizes a transfer or sale to universities or government entities only. The Center, closed by Congress in 1995, occupying 27 acres, including 11 vacated buildings is within the boundary of the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area. The Center is partially within the Fort Snelling National Historic Landmark and the Fort Snelling National Register of Historic Places District.

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The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-2706

Dear Senator Klobuchar:

Thank you for your letter to Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne dated July 2, 2008, regarding the status of the record of decision on the Coldwater Springs land-transfer issue in Hennepin County, Minnesota. On behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, I have been asked to respond because the land is located within the boundaries of the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area and is within the designated boundary of the Fort Snelling National Historic Landmark, which is in the Midwest Region.

The National Park Service (NPS) and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) continue to collaborate with the Department of the Interior (Department) in Washington, D.C., regarding the next steps to deal with the property and structures at the former Bureau of Mines site in Minneapolis. Federal Agencies and local partners, working through a public planning process, completed a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) in January 2007. The draft EIS examined a number of alternatives to address issues involving existing structures on the property and its ultimate ownership. The draft document has been forwarded to the Department for review and approval and we are now waiting for written approval in order to proceed.

Once the draft EIS is approved, the NPS and the FWS will document the structures and develop the scope of a demolition contract as the first stage of restoring the property. Simultaneously, the two Agencies will work together to determine the best long-term strategy for land ownership. There is consensus among the Agencies and partners that the land should remain in the public domain as part of the continuous open space along the Mississippi River between downtown Minneapolis, Fort Snelling State Park, and the city of Saint Paul.

If you have further questions regarding the land-transfer issue, please contact Superintendent Paul Labovitz at 651-290-3030, extension 222.

Sincerely,

Ernest Quintana
Regional Director

cc:
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National Park Service to manage Coldwater Spring site

Abandoned federal property along the Mississippi River near Fort Snelling should be managed by the National Park Service as part of the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area, federal officials have announced.

Paul Labovitz, NPS Superintendent for the Mississippi River, said the property would be cleared of its abandoned buildings and restored to natural conditions. This includes restoration of Coldwater Spring, a significant site in American history that is located on the property.

"This site holds great significance for American Indian people, for its role in early European settlement of the region, and for its 20th Century role in development of mining and mine safety technology. I am excited that this site will be preserved and managed by the National Park Service and we will be able to tell the many stories of this site to present and future generations of Americans," Labovitz said.

The property is adjacent to Highway 55 and lies just south of Minnehaha Falls Regional Park and just west of the Mississippi River. For decades it was a research campus of the U.S. Bureau of Mines, a federal agency closed by the government in the mid-1990s.

The 27-acre site is within the Fort Snelling National Historic Landmark and Coldwater Spring on the site was the primary water supply for the soldiers that build the fort in the early 19th Century and for the subsequent expanded fort itself well into the 20th Century.

The National Park Service began a planning process in 2004 to determine the future of the site, but that process went dormant following publication of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement in 2006. The Department of the Interior, which owns the site, concluded last week that future management of the site should fall to the National Park Service.

Interior's action was formally to select site restoration and NPS management as its "preferred alternative" as preparation of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) goes forward. Interior's decision could technically change following publication of the Final EIS and won't be final until publication of a Record of Decision next year, but Labovitz said Interior has clearly set the direction for the property's future.

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"That decision is logical," said Superintendent Labovitz, "since the site lies within the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area and since the National Park Service is exceptionally qualified to interpret the rich history of this site."

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has been responsible for day-to-day management of the site since the Bureau of Mines closed and will manage contracts to demolish the buildings and restore the site to natural conditions. Site restoration should be completed by the fall of 2010, Labovitz said.

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December 3, 2008

Dear friends:

It has been two years since the public comment period ended concerning the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Disposition of the Bureau of Mines Property, Twin Cities Research Center Main Campus in Hennepin County near Fort Snelling, Minnesota. The campus lies entirely within the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area. The Department of the Interior has selected its preferred alternative for disposition of the property and the purpose of this letter is to inform you of that decision and lay out the next steps for the campus.

The 27-acre property is owned by the U.S. government and would remain in federal ownership under Interior's preferred alternative. The property will be restored to a condition that emphasizes its ecological and historical significance, with all buildings, driveways, roads and other infrastructure removed.

The National Park Service will lead a public planning process to help determine the exact nature of the site's restoration, including restoration of Coldwater Spring. This will include completion of a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) concerning the property's future. Once that document is complete, the Department of the Interior will issue its final decision about the future of the property. Based on information obtained in completing the FEIS, that decision could be somewhat different than the preferred alternative.

Public meetings will be conducted in the winter and spring of 2009 to help determine some of the details for restoration of the site. The FEIS will be completed by summer 2009. Assuming the final decision is no different than the preferred alternative, demolition of the buildings and physical restoration of the site may begin as soon as fall 2009 and will likely be completed by the end of the 2010 construction season. At that time, the National Park Service will assume responsibility for the site. An interpretive plan for the site will be completed in late 2009 or early 2010.

Once the planning tasks are completed, the National Park Service will work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on managing the contracts for demolition of the buildings and restoration of the site. Once the site has been restored, long-term management of the property will be the responsibility of the National Park Service.

This site holds great significance for American Indian people, for its role in early European settlement of the region, and for its 20th Century role in development of mining and mine safety technology. I am excited that this site will be preserved and managed by the National Park Service and we will be able to tell the many stories of this site to present and future generations of Americans.

Questions about the next steps in the planning process should be directed to Steve Johnson of my staff at 651-290-3030 x223 or steven_p_johnson@nps.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Paul Labovitz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "P" and a long, horizontal stroke at the end.

Paul Labovitz
Superintendent



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D18 (MISS-BOM)

January 22, 2009

Please provide an email address for future contact if at all possible. This measure saves paper and minimizes the cost of personnel and postage. Your information will be used for the sole purpose of communicating with you about the Bureau of Mines/Cold Water Springs. You can send that information to denise_niedzolkowski@nps.gov.

Dear Interested Party,

In our letter of December 3, 2008, we told you public meetings would be conducted in the winter and spring of 2009 to help determine some of the details for restoration of the site.

An informational open house has been scheduled to give the public an opportunity to provide comment on planning for the reuse and restoration of federal property formally occupied by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Mines.

The open house will be held Monday February 23, 2009 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the auditorium on the first floor of the VA Hospital, located at One Veterans Drive in Minneapolis.

National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff will be available to provide information concerning the DEIS preferred alternative, historical preservation and interpretation, and to gather input to guide planning for the future reuse and restoration of the site.

Sincerely,

Denise Niedzolkowski
for Paul Labovitz
Superintendent



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Planning Begins for the Reuse and Restoration of Coldwater Site.

The public is invited to an informational open house to provide comment on planning for the reuse and restoration of federal property formerly occupied by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Mines. Located near Fort Snelling, Coldwater Spring is an important feature on this 27-acre site.

The open house will be held Monday February 23, 2009 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the auditorium on the first floor of the VA Hospital, located at One Veterans Drive in Minneapolis.

In 2004, the National Park Service began a planning process to determine the future use and disposition of the site. A draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) was published in 2006 exploring numerous ownership and restoration alternatives. After review of public comment and the DEIS, the U.S. Department of the Interior has selected the demolition of the existing 11 buildings and restoration of site to a natural condition with the National Park Service (NPS) assuming management responsibilities as its preferred alternative.

Before making a final decision on future use and management of the site, the Department of the Interior will review a Final Environmental Impact Statement and any public comments received. The Final EIS is expected to be published in June and will be available for public comment for 30 days.

Paul Labovitz, Superintendent for the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area, said that "while we won't know details of future use of the property for certain until completing the Final EIS and federal Record of Decision process next summer, we hope to gather public input on site design if the preferred alternative is indeed selected." Planning details of future use of the site now would accelerate completion of work at the site and hasten long-term restoration, he added.

"This site is layered with cultural and historical significance," Labovitz said. "American Indian people and others value Coldwater Spring. The development of Fort Snelling and early

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European settlement is tied to this site. Twentieth century mining and mine safety technologies were developed in the buildings located here. Before deciding just how to restore the site and the spring, we want to give the interested public the opportunity tell us what they think," he added. "That's the primary purpose of the February 23 meeting."

National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff will be available to provide information concerning the site and its significance, and to gather input to guide planning for the future reuse and restoration of the site.

The site formerly housed the Twin Cities Research Center of the Bureau of Mines and is located between Highway 55 and the Mississippi River, just south of Minnehaha Falls Regional Park. The research center was closed by Congress in 1995. The site is also within the Fort Snelling National Historic Landmark and the Fort Snelling National Register of Historic Places District.

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D18 (MISS-BOM)

February 11, 2009

Dear Chair/President:

You should have received two letters from us recently relating to Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Bureau of Mines Property, Twin Cities Research Center Main Campus in Hennepin County, near Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

On December 3, 2008, we sent a letter announcing that the Department of the Interior (DOI) had selected a preferred alternative for the property, which calls for removing the buildings and infrastructure and restoring the landscape to a condition that emphasizes its ecological and historical significance. This letter also stated that the DOI also preferred to retain ownership of the land, with management by the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area, National Park Service.

On January 22, we sent a letter announcing the first of two open houses to help determine some of the details for restoration of the site. The first open house will be on February 23, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the in the auditorium on the first floor of the Veterans Affairs Hospital, located at One Veterans Drive in Minneapolis. At this open house, National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff will be available to provide information concerning the preferred alternative, historical preservation and interpretation, and to gather input to guide planning for the future reuse and restoration of the site. We hope that you can attend this meeting.

The purpose of this letter to let you know that my staff and I are available to discuss with you any concerns you may have regarding the preferred alternative, the site's restoration, and the site's future use and management. You can reach me at 651-290-3030, x222.

Sincerely,

for

Paul Labovitz
Superintendent

