

Cooperative Mineral Resources EAW Published February 22, 2010

The February 22 publication of the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) monitor announced the posting of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the Cooperative Mineral Resources Manganese Sampling Project. The EAW is now available for public review.

A 30-day public review and comment period began on February 22, 2010, with the publication of the notice of availability of this EAW in the EQB Monitor. The DNR invites public comments on the EAW during the public review period from February 22 to March 24, 2010.

A copy of the EAW is available for public review at:

MDNR Library, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155;

MDNR Regional Headquarters, 1601 Minnesota Drive, Brainerd, MN 56401

Minneapolis Public Library, Government Documents, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401;

Brainerd Public Library, 416 South 5th St., Brainerd, MN 56401.

Kitchigami Regional Library 212 Park Ave, P.O. Box 14 Pine River, Mn 56474

The EAW is also posted on the DNR's website at www.mndnr.gov. (Click on "Public Input", then click on "Environmental Review" select "Cooperative Mineral Resources EAW" . Cooperative Mineral Resources is NOT on the scroll down list yet, but is viewable when you click on "Environmental Review". Additional copies may be requested by calling (651) 259-5163.

Written comments on the EAW must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 to the attention of Kirk Rosenberger, EAW Project Manager, Environmental Policy and Review Unit, Division of Ecological Services, Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55155-4025. Electronic or e-mail comments may be sent to environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us with "Cooperative Mineral Resources EAW" in the subject line. If submitting comments electronically, please include your name and mailing address. Written comments may also be sent by fax to (651) 297-1500.

The Environmental Review Committee formed by Cooperative Mineral Resources will meet this Thursday at 1:00 p.m. at the Emily City Hall to discuss the technical aspects of the EAW. The DNR and MPCA will be present to explain the public input process.

QUESTIONS AND CLARIFICATION ON ITEMS IN THE EAW

If you have any questions about the EAW that need technical clarification, we ask that you try to get those to Char Kinzer and Jim Agre, kinzer@cwpower.com and agre@cwpower.com by March 10th, so we can direct those questions to the proper technical experts and get you answers in a timely manner.