STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND NATURAL RESOURCES KENNECOTT EAGLE PROJECT

UPDATED NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND HEARING

The Departments of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Natural Resources (DNR) will hold a consolidated public hearing on the Kennecott Eagle Project at the following locations and dates:

Northern Michigan University, Don H. Bottum University Center, second floor, 1401 Presque Isle Avenue, Marquette, Michigan 49855, on September 10, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

West Branch Community Center, 253-299 Avenue A, Forsyth Township, Michigan, (located on the old K.I. Sawyer AFB, approximately 3.5 miles from County Road 553, just behind the MDEQ UP District office), on September 11 and 12, 2007, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; and September 13, 2007, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Lansing Center, Rooms 203 and 204, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, Michigan, September 19, 2007, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The Kennecott Eagle Project is a proposed nickel and copper mine and associated processing equipment located in Sections 11 and 12, T50N, R29W, Michigamme Township, Marquette County, Michigan, about 30 miles northwest of Marquette. Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company, Marquette, Michigan, submitted the applications for the Kennecott Eagle Project pursuant to state regulations.

The purpose of the hearing is 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; 2) the proposed approval of the DEQ draft Groundwater Discharge Permit for the discharge of Mine Contact Water; 3) the proposed decision to grant DEQ Nonferrous Metallic Mineral Mining Permit Application for operation and reclamation and draft permit; 4) the proposed DNR draft State Land Lease Agreement for surface use of state land for the proposed production facility; and; 5) the proposed draft Mine Reclamation Plan pursuant to Kennecott's metallic mineral lease with the DNR. The hearing will be recorded.

Throughout the hearing hours, technical staff of the DEQ and DNR will be available in an area adjacent to hearing room to answer questions regarding the Departments' reviews and proposed actions. In order to accommodate the anticipated number of speakers, presentations will be limited to five minutes. Written comments will also be received at the hearing.

Interested persons may submit written comments by mail or e-mail until 5:00 p.m., October 17, 2007. Mail your comments to DEQ/DNR Kennecott Comments, Office of Geological Survey, P.O. Box 30256, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7756. E-mail your comments regarding Kennecott to the designated DEQ/DNR mailbox at <u>DEQ-Kennecott-comments@michigan.gov</u>. All verbal and written comments presented during the hearing and comment period will be considered prior to making a final decision.

Printed copies of the Mining Permit Application are available for review at the following locations:

Resource Desk	Mr. John Olsen	Township Clerk	Ms. Tina Mitchell	Ms. Sharon Carter
Peter White Library	Michigamme	Powell Township	Michigan DEQ	Michigan DEQ
217 N. Front Street	Township Hall	Hall	U.P. District Office	OGS
Marquette, MI 49855	202 West Main	County Road 550	420 5 th Street	525 West Allegan
906-228-9510	Michigamme	Big Bay, MI 49808	Gwinn, MI 49841	Lansing, MI 48933
	Township, MI 49861	906-345-9345	906-346-8520	517-241-1515
	906-323-6547			

The Mining Permit Application and other documents may be accessed on the DEQ OGS Kennecott Eagle Project web page: http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3311_4111_18442-130551--,00.html. The draft Surface Use Lease and Mining and Reclamation Plan may be accessed on the DNR Kennecott Eagle Mine information page at: http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10368 11800-161951--,00.html.

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