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Cultural Historic Preservation Officer
Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
P.O. Box 249
Watersmeet, Michigan 49969

Re: National Historic Preservation Act Compliance
    Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company; Eagle Mine Project; Marquette County, Michigan; U.S. EPA Permit Application Number MI-103-5W20-0002

Dear Ms. Martin:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is in the process of reviewing a permit application and all related material in order to prepare a draft federal Underground Injection Control permit decision for the underground discharge of treated industrial waste water. This discharge system is proposed to be part of the above referenced project that is shown on the enclosed maps. The purpose of this letter is to request information about any potential traditional cultural or historical properties that may be eligible for protection under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 that are located within the project area.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community’s (KBIC) Tribal Historic Preservation Officer has indicated that there may be traditional cultural properties in the proposed project area that are relevant to the Ojibwa Nation. EPA has agreed to consult with KBIC about this issue. We would like to know if your Band has a traditional religious or cultural significance attached to a historic property that may be affected by the project and therefore would be interested in consultation with EPA.

Please contact me within 30 days if you may have any information to satisfy this request. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me or Ross Micham of my staff at (312) 886-4237, or by email at micham.ross@epa.gov.

Sincerely yours,

Robert D. Tolpa
Acting Director, Water Division

Enclosures

cc: Ann McCammon Soltis, Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission