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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF MAILCODE :
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Giiwegiizhigookway Martin
Tribal Historical Preservation Officer
Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
P.O. Box 249, Pow Wow Trail
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:

Thank you for your November 19, 2007 letter responding to our request for information about potential traditional cultural or historic properties in the Eagle Mine project area. In your letter your office officially requested that the Lac Vieux Desert Tribe be made a consulting party in the project. We agree that it would be appropriate for U.S. EPA Region 5 to consult with Lac Vieux Desert Tribe about the cultural properties you mention.

As we described in our October, 31, 2007 letter, the Water Division is presently reviewing an application for a federal Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit for the project. This review also includes ensuring compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Consultation with Keweenaw Bay Indian Community was initiated as part of the NHPA process on December 13, 2007. Our goal during the consultation with the Lac Vieux Desert Tribe is to hear from you about the following issues related to the mining project:

- Any concerns about historic properties;
- Identification and evaluation of historic properties, including those of traditional religious and cultural importance;
- Views regarding the effects on such properties, and, if applicable;
- Suggestions for resolution of any adverse effects.

Representatives of our office would be available to meet with you and other Tribal representatives within the next 30 days. I have asked Ross Micham of the UIC program to contact you to arrange a mutually convenient time and place for the consultation. In the meantime, we would also be happy to receive any further information about the cultural properties in advance of our meeting. Any material should be sent to:

Ross Micham
Water Division (Mail Code: WU-16J)
U.S. EPA, Region 5
77 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois 60604

We look forward to our discussions with you on these issues. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me or Ross Micham. Ross can be reached at (312) 886-4237 or by email at micham.ross@epa.gov.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tinka G. Hyde". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Tinka G. Hyde
Acting Director, Water Division

Cc: James Williams, Jr., Tribal Chairman