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JUN 23 2006

Joseph M. Polito
Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP
2290 First National Building
660 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48226-3506

Re: Proposed Underground Injection Wells for Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company;
Marquette County, Michigan

Dear Mr. Polito:

Thank you for your letter of June 9, 2006 on behalf of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community expressing concerns about the mine proposed by Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company in Marquette, Michigan. I appreciate receiving the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's views on this matter.

We agree that any regulated underground injection well activity proposed as part of this project must be protective of underground sources of drinking water and must not adversely affect the health of persons. Until we receive an adequate response to our request for inventory information from the company, we are not in a position to make any formal decision on this proposed activity. In making our decision, we will consider the points set forth in your letter. I will keep you informed of any decision in this situation.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss the role of the Underground Injection Control program and the concerns of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community in this proposed project. Please feel free to contact me at (312) 886-6594 or via email at harvey.rebecca@epa.gov.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Harvey".

Rebecca Harvey, Chief
Underground Injection Control Branch