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MAY 14 2008

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:
WU-16J

Brian D. Conway
State Historic Preservation Office
P.O. Box 30740
Lansing, Michigan 48909-8240

**Re: National Historic Preservation Act Inquiry: Kennecott Eagle Mine, T50N, R29W,
Section 12, United States Environmental Protection Agency Underground Injection
Control Permit Application #MI-103-5W20-0002**

Dear Mr. Conway:

On April 15, 2008, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) submitted a State Historic Preservation Office Application to your office for review as part of the National Historic Preservation Act (Act) Section 106 process. EPA is in the process of reviewing a permit application for an Underground Injection Control permit for the underground discharge of treated industrial wastewater. The application is part of a proposed mine to be located northwest of Marquette, Michigan. We would like to clarify that the application to your office was submitted in order to initiate consultation with your office (as stated in the April 15 cover letter and section III.d of the application) and that the EPA has not made any final determinations under the Act with respect to this project. Our goal is to consult with all necessary parties in order to fulfill our responsibilities under the Act. In particular, we have not made final determinations as to whether the proposed project will have adverse effects on historic properties and the scope of the Area of Potential Effect. We will be carrying out these responsibilities in consultation with you and other parties. We appreciate the role your office plays in the Section 106 process and look forward to working with you as we carry out our responsibilities under the Act. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (312) 886-6556 or send email to roy.stephen@epa.gov.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rebecca L. Harvey".

Rebecca L. Harvey, Chief
Underground Injection Control Branch