



## Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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Mr. Robert A. Kaplan, Acting Regional Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60604

RE: Confirmation of Request to Remove Northshore Mining – Silver Bay from Data Requirements Rule  
List of Subject Sources

Dear Mr. Kaplan:

On June 8, 2016, I submitted to you a letter regarding removal of the Northshore Mining – Silver Bay facility (NSM) from Minnesota's list of sources subject to further air quality characterization requirements under the Data Requirements Rule (DRR) for the 2010 1-Hour Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) National Ambient Air Quality Standard. The letter requested the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) removal of NSM from the DRR list pending completion of a state-enforceable Administrative Order by Consent (Order) limiting the facility's SO<sub>2</sub> emissions to less than or equal to 2,000 tons per year.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has executed the Order in question and therefore requests EPA finalize removal of NSM from the list of DRR-subject sources in Minnesota.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 651-757-2500 or [frank.kohlasch@state.mn.us](mailto:frank.kohlasch@state.mn.us) with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank L. Kohlasch".

Frank L. Kohlasch, Manager  
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