

2010 Permits/Action (revised June 25, 2010)

- June 2: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency issued a State Disposal System Permit (SDS Permit). This permit requires CMR to monitor ground water at the site as well as process water injected to the bore hole and process wastewater discharged to the rapid infiltration basin system. The permit provides details on site drainage, best management practices and authorizes CMR to construct and operate a disposal system at the site.
- June 2: A city ordinance previously banning mining was amended to allow Cooperative Mineral Resources (CMR) specifically the right to conduct a bulk sample demonstration project.
- June 2: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources approved the Operations and Reclamation Plan. The plan will ensure that the project is reclaimed properly at the end of the project and includes financial assurances that funding will be available for the reclamation.
- June 10: Minnesota Department of Transportation issued a site access permit. The permit includes requirements to construct a new turning lane for safe access to the site. CMR has also volunteered to construct a bypass lane at the site.
- June 20: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency issued an NPDES/SDS General Stormwater Permit for Construction Activity. This requires CMR to prevent erosion and control sediment from the site, using Best Management Practices.
- June 22: The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources issued a Water Appropriations Permit. This permit is required for all users withdrawing more than 10,000 gallons of water per day or one million gallons of water per year. The permit requires water sampling from six residential wells, along with lake stage levels and water quality sampling from seven area lakes including Blue, Anna, Ruth, Roosevelt, Buchite, Davis, and Andrews.
- June 23: The Emily Planning and Zoning Commission approved an Interim Use Permit. The commission voted 4 to 1 in favor of the permit that would allow CMR to recover up to 12,000 cubic yards of ore.