



Date: May 11, 2017

To: Parties on the EAW Distribution List / Other Interested Parties

From: Lisa Fay, Principal Planner 

Subject: Hawkes Company, Peat Mining – Mercil Site Environmental Assessment Worksheet / EQB Monitor Notice

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has prepared the attached Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) to describe the environmental effects associated with the Hawkes Company, Peat Mining Mercil Site project, located in Marshall County, Minnesota. The production of this document is mandatory. The DNR is the Responsible Governmental Unit for the environmental review of this project.

A 30-day public review and comment period will begin on May 15, 2017 with the publication of the notice of availability of this EAW in the EQB Monitor. The DNR invites public comments on the EAW during the public review period from May 15, 2017 to June 14, 2017 at 4:30 pm. A copy of the EAW is available for public review at:

- DNR Library, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155
- DNR Northwest Region Headquarters, 2115 Birchmont Beach Road NE, Bemidji, MN 56601-8599
- Hennepin County – Minneapolis Central Library, Government Documents, Second Floor, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401-1992
- Crookston Public Library, 110 North Ash Street, Crookston, MN 56716
- Thief River Falls Public Library, 102 First Street East, Thief River Falls, MN 56701

The EAW is also posted on the DNR's website at:

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/hawkes/index.html>

Written comments must be received by Wednesday, June 14, 2017, at 4:30 pm and sent to:

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Electronic or e-mail comments may be sent to Environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us with "Hawkes Peat EAW" in the subject line. If submitting comments electronically, please include your name and U.S. mailing address.

Signed written comments may be sent via facsimile to (651) 296-1811. For additional information, or copies of the EAW, please call (651) 259-5110.

Attachment: Environmental Assessment Worksheet