

NORTHMET MINING PROJECT AND LAND EXCHANGE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PROCESS

EIS Scoping

October 2005

Scoping identified the major environmental issues and alternatives that the EIS would look at. It included a public review and comment period and a public meeting.

Draft EIS

October 2009

The DEIS described potential environmental effects, alternatives to the proposed project, and potential mitigation measures. It included a public review and comment period, and a public meeting to help determine if additional analysis or information was needed.

Consideration of Comments/
Decision to prepare

Supplemental Draft EIS

June 2010

This was an optional step in environmental review. The determination to prepare the SDEIS was based on:

- Significant project changes, including the addition of a land exchange;
- The decision made by the U.S. Forest Service to develop an EIS for the land exchange;
- Deficiencies identified during the public review of the DEIS.

Supplemental Draft EIS

December 2013

The SDEIS included a 90-day public review and comment period and public meetings in Duluth, St. Paul and Aurora.

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Consideration of Comments

In progress

All substantive comments are considered, including those that identify whether new analysis is needed. Comments are categorized and responses prepared.

Final EIS

TBD

The FEIS includes responses to substantive comments and new analysis or information developed since the SDEIS.

State Process: Adequacy
Determination – TBD

This ends the Environmental
Review process

Federal Process: Record of
Decision – TBD

State permit decisions cannot be made until after Adequacy Determination.

Federal permit decisions cannot be made until the Records of Decision are developed.