

Proposed NorthMet Mining Project DNR Permit Processes – NorthMet Mining Project Timeline

Below is an overview of the various phases of DNR permits, including a note of where we currently are in each permit, as of December 14, 2017.

Permit to Mine

30 days: notice pre-application public informational meeting

Pre-application public informational meeting

Variable timeframe: application submitted with information sufficient to commence review

Variable timeframe: application review

We are currently in the variable time frame: application deemed complete, prepare public notice.

Variable timeframe: tribal pre-notice

At least 52 days: public notice and objection period, public meeting(s)

Variable timeframe: review comments and objections

Variable timeframe: permit decision

Wetland Replacement Plan (happens at the same time as the Permit to Mine)

We are here

15 business days: application submitted and deemed complete

15 business days*: comment period for TEP, WDs, DNR divisions, and public requestors

Variable timeframe*: review of application and comments

*These phases may overlap with the public review period.

At least 52 days: public review and input, public meeting(s)

Variable timeframe: review of input

Variable timeframe: replacement plan decision issued as part of the permit to mine

Water Appropriation Permit

30-60 days: application submitted with information sufficient to commence review

30 days: fees invoiced and received

30 days: application review by municipalities, SWCDs, WDs, DNR divisions, and tribal governments

Variable timeframe: review of comments, draft permit

30 days: public review and input period

We are currently in the variable timeframe: review of input

Variable timeframe: findings of facts, permit decision

Dam Safety Permit

30-60 days: application submitted with information sufficient to commence review

30 days: fees invoiced and received

30 days: application review by municipalities, SWCDs, WDs, DNR divisions, and tribal governments

30 days: proposal evaluation

30 days: review of comments, draft permit

30 days: public review and input period

We are currently in the variable timeframe: review of input

Variable timeframe: findings of facts, permit decision

OTHER DNR PERMIT PROCESSES - NORTHMET MINING PROJECT:

Endangered Species Taking Permit

Permit for Work in Public Waters

Burning Permit

Information can also be found by visiting: www.mn.gov/polymet