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The Honorable Senator Ellen R. Anderson, District 66 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Room 120 St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-1606

The Honorable Jean Wagenius, District 62B 449 State Office Building 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Re: Report to Legislature concerning cost of issuing and monitoring Mineland Reclamation Permits (Permits to Mine)

Dear Senator Anderson and Representative Wagenius:

Enclosed please find a copy of the report on the costs expected to be incurred by the DNR with regard to the issuance and monitoring of existing and future Permits to Mine. This report was prepared in accordance with the legislative request found in Laws of 2008, Chapter 363, Article 5, Sec. 4, Subd. 2.

If you have any questions regarding this report please contact Marty Vadis at (651)259-5379 or marty.vadis@dnr.state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

Mark Holsten Commissioner

Enclosure