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RE: Essar Steel Minnesota Modifications Project
Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement
Preparation Notice

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for Essar Steel Minnesota's proposal to increase the production capacity of its Nashwauk facility's crusher, concentrator, and pellet plant from 4.1 million tons per year (mtpy) to 6.5 mtpy.

Attached is a copy of the Preparation Notice for the SEIS. The Preparation Notice describes the Environmental Impact Statement being supplemented, the situation necessitating SEIS preparation, the scope of the SEIS, and the proposed time schedule for SEIS completion.

The DNR will accept comments on the Preparation Notice during a 21-day period, beginning March 22, when the Preparation Notice is published in the *EQB Monitor*. A public informational meeting will be held at the Nashwauk-Keewatin High School, 400 2nd Street, Nashwauk, MN, from 5:30 – 7:30 P.M.

Written comments on the Preparation Notice must be received by Monday, April 12, 2010, at 4:30 P.M., and should be sent to:

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Comments may be sent by email to environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us with "Essar Steel" in the subject line. If using the email address, please include your name and mailing address so that you can be added to the mailing list. Comments may be faxed to my attention at (651) 297-1500.

Thank you for your interest.

Enclosure: Preparation Notice

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