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

From: Cynthia Novak-Krebs, Environmental Planner

RE: Hawkes Company, Peat Mining – Mercil Site Project EAW Record of Decision

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), as the Responsible Governmental Unit for environmental review of the Hawkes Company, Peat Mining – Mercil Site project, located in Marshall County, Minnesota, has issued the Record of Decision regarding the Need for an Environmental Impact Statement for the project. The project's Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) notice was published in the MEQB Monitor on May 15, 2017 (Vol. 41; No. 20).

The DNR has concluded that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required because the project does not have the potential for significant environmental effects. The justification for this determination is contained in the Record of Decision. The Record of Decision also contains the Department's responses to all substantive written comments received on the EAW during the 30-day public review and comment period.

This notice is informational only. Issuing this Record of Decision concludes the state environmental review process for this project according to the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board rules, Minnesota Rules, part 4410.1000 to 4410.1700. This project can proceed to permitting and approvals.

For additional information or copies of the Record of Decision, please contact me at:

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