

Date: April 6, 2026

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

From: Becky Horton, Project Manager

Re: United States Steel Keetac Tailings Storage Facility Project –Record of Decision on Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), as the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) for environmental review of the U.S. Steel Keetac Tailings Storage Facility Project (Project), located in Itasca and St. Louis counties, has issued a Record of Decision (ROD) regarding the Need for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Project. The Project’s EAW notice was published in the EQB Monitor on September 2, 2025.

The DNR has concluded that an 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 ROD. The ROD also contains the DNR’s responses to written comments received on the EAW during the 30-day public review and comment period.

A copy of the ROD is available on the [DNR project webpage](#).

Issuing this ROD concludes the state environmental review process for this Project according to the State Environmental Review rules, Minnesota Rules part 4410.1000 to 4410.1700. The Project can proceed to permitting and approvals.

Please contact Becky Horton (becky.horton@state.mn.us) to request copies of this ROD, if needed.