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Andrea Hayden  
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**Re: Extension to the Milepost 7 Tailings Basin 2019-2023 Five Year Operations Plan and the Milepost 7 Master Permit for Northshore Mining Company**

Dear Ms. Hayden,

In response to Northshore's letter of September 15, 2023, the Department hereby grants extensions of the Milepost 7 Master Permit as Amended and the 2019-2023 Five-Year Operations Plan until July 1, 2024. These extensions are granted providing Northshore Mining Company continues operations consistent with the approved 2019-2023 Five-Year Operations Plan and the current Milepost 7 Master Permit pending the agency review of the 2024-2028 Five-Year Operations Plan, which was received on November 10, 2023.

Ultimately in order to continue operations at the Milepost 7 Tailings Basin beyond July 1, 2024, a renewal of the Master Permit and approval of a 2024-2028 Five-Year Operations Plan will be required.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Engstrom ([jennifer.engstrom@state.mn.us](mailto:jennifer.engstrom@state.mn.us) or 651-259-5385).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Joseph Henderson'.

Joseph Henderson  
Director, Lands and Minerals Division

cc: Michael Liljegren, Assistant Director  
cc: Jennifer Engstrom, Reclamation Manager  
cc: Katie Larson, Reclamation Supervisor  
cc: Bill Johnson, Mining Planning Director  
cc: Jeff Udd, MPCA  
cc: Paul Carlson, Northshore Mining Company