From: Christie Kearney
To: Johnson, Bill H (DNR)
Cc: Oswald, Caroline (She/Her/Hers) (DNR); Kramka, Larry; Ciardelli, Mark C; Colin Marsh; Lucas Miller
Subject: RE: Query 7 - Permits and Approvals
Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2026 5:37:19 PM
Attachments: [redacted].png
[redacted].png
[redacted].png
[redacted].png
[redacted].png
Table - Status of Northmet Project Permits and Approvals 2026-08-04.pdf

This message may be from an external email source.
Do not select links or open attachments unless verified. Report all suspicious emails to Minnesota IT Services Security Operations Center.

Good afternoon, Bill and Caroline!

We understood you needed this information on the status of permits and approvals for the NorthMet Project but didn't anticipate you needed it for this initial review you are doing. Regardless, please find attached an updated table of the current status of the NorthMet Project permits and approvals.

Let me know if you have any questions about this submittal,
Christie

Christie Kearney, P.E.
Environmental & Permitting Manager
Mobile: +1-218-461-7746

NEWRANGE COPPER NICKEL

This message is intended for the sole use of the intended recipient. The message and any files transmitted with it may contain material that is confidential and/or legally privileged. Any review, reliance or distribution by others or forwarding without express permission is strictly prohibited. If you are not the intended recipient, please contact the sender and delete all copies.

From: Johnson, Bill H (DNR) <bill.johnson@state.mn.us>
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2026 4:11 PM
To: Christie Kearney <christie.kearney@newrangecoppernickel.com>
Cc: Oswald, Caroline (She/Her/Hers) (DNR) <caroline.oswald@state.mn.us>
Subject: NWR: EXTERNAL SENDER Query 7 - Permits and Approvals

Hello Christie. This is Query 7 to support DNR's consideration of NewRange's request and material evidence for the NewRange NorthMet Mining Project.

DNR will require an updated listing and current status of permits and approvals that NewRange believes will need to be processed before any future project can proceed to

construction. It will be fine to operate from the list in Section 2.6 of the Final EIS at pages 2-11 and 2-12. The EIS acknowledges the list is not complete and represents "some of the major permitting efforts and coordination and consultation processes required for the NorthMet Project."

It is understood that several of the permits/approvals listed in Section 2.6 are Federal actions. The approval and current status of these should be provided too.

Finally, if NewRange believes there are other permits/approvals that need to be obtained but are not listed in the Final EIS, then these are fine to note too. It is also possible that permits and approvals previously secured for the PolyMet Project remain valid for the NewRange Project and this should be captured.

Thanks in advance for your assistance with this matter. Please provide your response as soon as possible to facilitate DNR's consideration of the request and material evidence. Let me know if you have any questions. Bill J. and Caroline O.

Bill Johnson
Planning Director | EWR Environmental Policy & Review Unit

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Phone: 651-259-5126
Email: bill.johnson@state.mn.us
mndnr.gov





Status of NorthMet Project Permits and Approvals

Type of Permit/Approval	Identification Number	Date Applied	Date Approved	Date Denied	Status	Subject(s) Covered	Permit Action[1]	Key Changes Necessitating Permit Action
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers								
404 Wetland Permit	MVP-1999-05528-JKA	7/16/2004	3/21/2019	6/6/2023	Revoked	Federal wetland impacts and mitigation	New Permit	Changes to wetland impacts due to changes in mine plan, tailings, and ore conveyance
FEIS Record of Decision	Not applicable	6/10/2005	3/21/2019		Active	Record of decision on National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process	Supplemental Approval	Substantial changes to the NorthMet Project that affect potential impacts as studied in the 2015 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) requiring a Supplemental EIS (SEIS)
Section 7 Endangered Species Act	MVP-1999-05528-JKA	8/24/2015	2/5/2016		Active	Consultation with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on federal threatened or endangered species	Additional consultation	Changes to NorthMet Project footprints due to changes in mine plan, tailings, and ore conveyance
Section 106 Consultation	MVP-1999-05528-JKA	2007	12/15/2016		Active	Consultation with State Historic Preservation Office on cultural and historic properties	Additional consultation	Changes to NorthMet Project footprints due to changes in mine plan, tailings, and ore conveyance
U.S. Forest Service								
FEIS Record of Decision	Not applicable	2/23/2005	1/9/2017		Active	Record of decision on National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process	No further action	
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources								
FEIS Adequacy Decision	Not applicable	2/23/2005	3/3/2016		Active	Record of decision on Minnesota Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) process	Supplemental Approval	Substantial changes to the NorthMet Project that affect potential impacts as studied in the 2015 FEIS requiring a SEIS
Permit to Mine (Nonferrous)	Not applicable	11/3/2016	11/1/2018		Remanded	Construction, operations, and reclamation; financial assurance	Amendment	Changes to the NorthMet Project footprints and financial assurance needs due to changes in mine plan, tailings, ore conveyance, and closure
Wetland Conservation Act Decision	Not applicable	12/13/2017	11/1/2018		Active	State wetland impacts and mitigation (linked to permit to mine)	Amendment	Changes to wetland impacts due to changes in mine plan, tailings, and ore conveyance
Water Appropriations Permit (West Pit)	2016-1365	4/14/2017	11/1/2018		Active	Water quantity and use	Amendment	Changes to water use due to changes in mine plan
Water Appropriations Permit (Central Pit)	2016-1364	4/14/2017	11/1/2018		Active	Water quantity and use	Permit not needed	
Water Appropriations Permit (East Pit)	2016-1363	4/14/2017	11/1/2018		Active	Water quantity and use	Amendment	Changes to water use due to changes in mine plan
Water Appropriations Permit (Mine Site)	2016-1367	4/14/2017	11/1/2018		Active	Water quantity and use	Amendment	Changes to water use due to changes in mine plan
Water Appropriations Permit (Plant Site)	2016-1369	4/14/2017	11/1/2018		Active	Water quantity and use	Amendment	Changes to water use due to changes in tailings and Plant Site design
Water Appropriations Permit (Colby Lake)	2017-0260	4/14/2017	11/1/2018		Active	Water quantity and use	No further action	
Water Appropriations Permit(s) (Tailings Storage Facility)	Future permit(s)					Water quantity and use	New Permit(s)	Changes to water use due to changes in tailings design
Dam Safety Permit (Tailings Storage Facility)	Future permit					Construction, operation, and maintenance of dams	New Permit	Changes to tailings storage design
Dam Safety Permit (Flotation Tailings Basin)	2016-1380	7/11/2016	11/1/2018		Active	Construction, operation, and maintenance of dams	Permit not needed	
Dam Safety Permit (Hydrometallurgical Residue Facility)	2016-1383	7/11/2016	11/1/2018		Active	Construction, operation, and maintenance of dams	Amendment	Changes to tailings storage design
Public Waters Work Permit	2017-2077	5/16/2017	11/1/2018		Active	Construction within a public water	Amendment	Changes to impacts to public waters along Dunka Road (ore conveyance)
Takings Permit	23235	9/1/2018	11/1/2018		Active	Sensitive plant species impacts and mitigation	Amendment	Changes to impacts to state-listed threatened and endangered species due to changes in mine plan and tailings design

Type of Permit/Approval	Identification Number	Date Applied	Date Approved	Date Denied	Status	Subject(s) Covered	Permit Action[1]	Key Changes Necessitating Permit Action
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency								
NPDES/SDS (Water Discharge) Permit	MN0071013	7/11/2016	12/20/2018		Remanded	Treated water and groundwater discharges	Amendment	Changes to treated water and discharge locations due to changes in mine plan, tailings, and water treatment
Air Quality Permit	13700345-101	8/1/2016	12/20/2018		Active	Air emissions; sources and limits	Amendment	Changes to air emissions due to changes in mine plan, tailings, ore conveyance, and plant design
401 Certification	1999-5528-JKA	8/2/2016	12/20/2018		Inactive	Water quality certification of 404 permit activities	New certification	Changes to federal wetland impacts due to changes in mine plan, tailings, and ore conveyance
Construction Stormwater Permit (Mine)	C00053253	4/2/2019	6/12/2019		Active	Runoff from land-disturbing construction activities	Revised SWPPP	Changes to construction stormwater management due to changes at Mine Site
Construction Stormwater Permit (Plant)	C00053251	4/2/2019	5/14/2019		Active	Runoff from land-disturbing construction activities	Revised SWPPP	Changes to construction stormwater management due to changes at Plant Site
Construction Stormwater Permit (Tailings Basin)	C00053252	4/2/2019	5/14/2019		Active	Runoff from land-disturbing construction activities	Revised SWPPP	Changes to construction stormwater management due to changes at TSF
Construction Stormwater Permit (TUC)	C00053254	4/2/2019	11/24/2020		Active	Runoff from land-disturbing construction activities	Revised SWPPP	Changes to construction stormwater management due to changes along TUC
Industrial Stormwater Permit (Mine)	MNR053DNH	8/24/2018	8/31/2018		Active	Runoff from industrial activities	Revised SWPPP	Changes to stormwater management due to changes at Mine Site
Industrial Stormwater Permit (Plant)	MNR053DNJ	8/24/2018	8/31/2018		Active	Runoff from industrial activities	Revised SWPPP	Changes to stormwater management due to changes at Plant Site
Industrial Stormwater Permit (TUC)	MNR053DMW	8/24/2018	8/31/2018		Active	Runoff from industrial activities	Revised SWPPP	Changes to stormwater management due to changes along TUC

[1] The requirement for permit changes listed here denotes the action necessitated by the proposed change in NorthMet Project scope.