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Cc: Oswald, Caroline (She/Her/Hers) (DNR); Ciardelli, Mark C; Kramka, Larry; Colin Marsh; Lucas Miller
Subject: RE: Query 10 - Confirming Pit 3 and Figure Component
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Greetings, Bill and Caroline. Please see my response below in red.

Please let me know if you have further questions about this topic.
Best,
Christie

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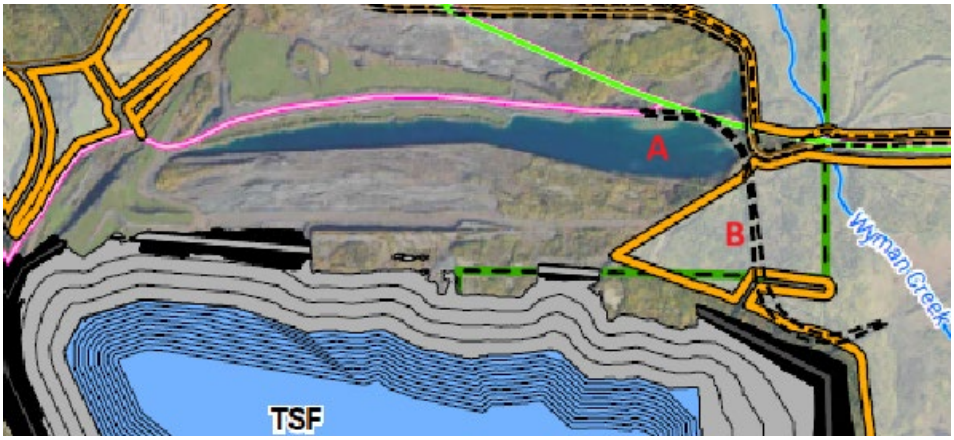
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Subject: NWR: EXTERNAL SENDER Query 10 - Confirming Pit 3 and Figure Component

Hello Christie. This is Query 10 to support DNR's consideration of NewRange's request and material evidence for the NewRange NorthMet Mining Project.

Table 1, Primary Project Changes, indicates that use of a "Pit 3" is being added to the water management infrastructure under the NewRange NorthMet Project. Figure 3 of the request document does not include any reference to a "Pit 3."

Below is an excerpt of Figure 3 that is centered on an existing mine pit feature located

due north of the TSF. Here is the image:



Here are the questions to answer. A spot is available for NewRange's response that can be used in the email reply if desired. Specifically:

1. Is the existing mine pit feature at "A" supposed to be Pit 3 to be used for water management going forward in the modified project?

   NewRange Response: Yes. See the attached Large Figure 3 from the 404 permit application that was included with Query 9, which shows the location of Pit 3.

2. What is the black dashed-lined project feature at "B" supposed to be? It is unclear from the figure legend what this represents?

   NewRange Response: The dashed black line is the 2015 NorthMet FEIS Project Area, as noted in the legend. This was the location of the proposed "Connection Track" included in the 2015 FEIS, which is no longer part of the project.

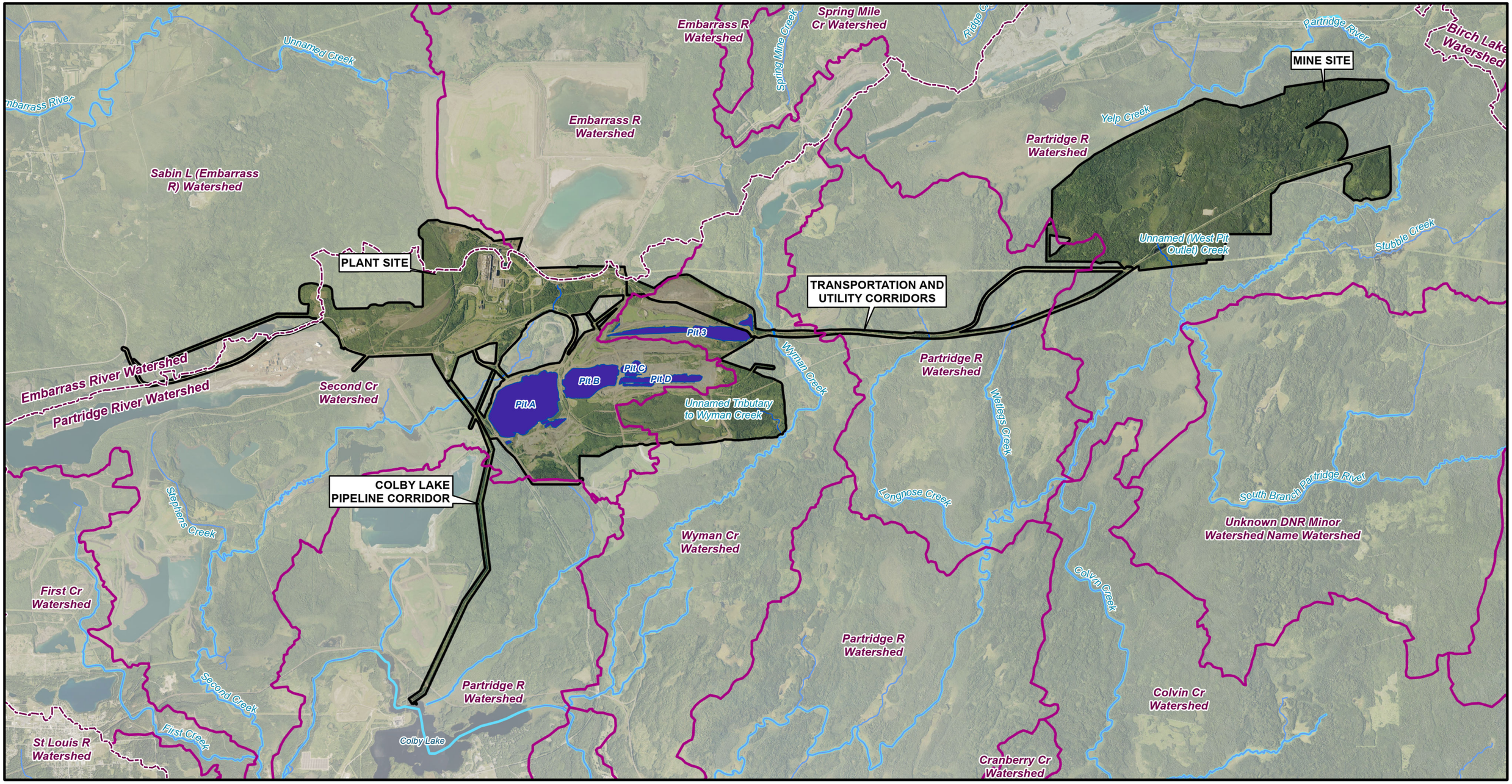
Thanks in advance for your assistance with this matter. Please provide your response as soon as possible to facilitate DNR's consideration of the request and material evidence. Let me know if you have any questions. Bill J. and Caroline O.

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Large Figure 3
Water Resources
2026 Section 404 Permit Application

NAD 1983 StatePlane Minnesota North FIPS 2201 Feet

DATE: July 29, 2026

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- NorthMet Project Areas
- Deepwater Pit Lake
- Public Waters Inventory (PWI) Watercourse
- National Hydrography Dataset (NHD) Flowline
- MDNR Level 7 Minor Watershed Divide
- Major Watershed Divide

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Credits: 2024 60cm resolution imagery service from USDA FPAC-BC-GEO NAIP. Administrative, hydrographic, and transportation data from MnDNR, MNDOT, USGS.