Notes of meeting with NewRange and Cleveland Cliffs

Cliffs Erie Property Discussion

Date: August 13, 2026

Meeting Attendees: DNR (Joseph Henderson and Michael Liljegren), New Range (Christie Kearney), Cleveland Cliffs (Jason Aagenes)

New Range and Cleveland Cliffs requested meeting with DNR to discuss a land control change that happened in July 2026. New Range and Cleveland Cliffs describe that ownership of certain lands covering and area approximately 10,000 acres had been transferred from Cleveland Cliffs to New Range. This area covered land from northeast of Colby Lake along a southwest to northeast line to just north of the area 5 pits. This includes the following pits: 2, 2W, 2E, 3, 5NE, 5NW, 5SE and 5 SW.

New Range and Cleveland Cliffs wanted to start the conversation on transfer/assignment of DNR permits and state mineral/surface leases associated with these lands. DNR requested more details on the land transfer and associated permits. NewRange and Cleveland Cliffs stated they would send us more information to follow. They indicated they would provide maps and additional details within a future written request to the DNR. They also indicated that they would be reaching out to the MPCA with information and a request.

Cc: NewRange Permitting File
Cleveland Cliffs Permitting File

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