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Date: June 8, 2012

To: Parties on the EAW Distribution List
Other Interested Parties

From: Randall Doneen, Environmental Review Planning Director
Environmental Policy and Review Section
DNR – Division of Ecological and Water Resources

Re: Lake Superior – Poplar River Water District Environmental Assessment
Worksheet

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has prepared the attached Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) to describe the environmental effects associated with a proposed project called Lake Superior – Poplar River Water District in Lutsen Township, Cook County for a project to create a public rural water district and the construction of a water pipeline and water appropriation from Lake Superior to provide potable and raw water to residential, commercial, and government customers within the district..

A 30-day public review and comment period will begin on June 11, 2012, with the publication of the notice of availability of this EAW in the EQB Monitor. The DNR invites public comments on the EAW during the public review period from June 11 to July 11, 2012. A copy of the EAW is available for public review at:

- MDNR Library, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55155;
- MDNR Northeast Regional Headquarters 1201 East Highway 2
Grand Rapids, MN 55744;
- Minneapolis Public Library, Government Documents, 300 Nicollet Mall,
Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55401;
- Duluth Public Library, 520 W Superior St., Duluth, MN 55802; and
- Grand Marais Library, 104 2nd Avenue West Grand Marais, MN 55604

The EAW is also posted on the DNR's website at mndnr.gov. (Click on "Public Input", then under the "Environmental Review" scroll-down list select "Poplar River Water District EAW"). Additional copies may be requested by calling (651) 259-5156.

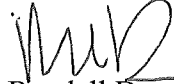
Written comments on the EAW must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11, 2012 to the attention of Randall Doneen, EAW Project Manager, Environmental Policy and Review Unit, Division of Ecological and Water Resources, Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55155-4025. Electronic or



e-mail comments may be sent to Environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us with "Poplar River Water District EAW" in the subject line. If submitting comments electronically, please include your name and mailing address. Written comments may also be sent by fax to (651) 297-1500.

For additional information, or copies of the EAW, please call (651) 259-5156.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Poplar River Water District EAW