

# Exploration plan submitted by Encampment Inc. on January 15, 2025

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Encampment Minerals Inc. (Encampment) proposes exploring for metallic minerals in St. Louis County in an area four miles southeast of Babbitt, Minnesota (Figure 1). Encampment has explored this area intermittently since 2011.

If the proposal meets the requirements of applicable state laws and is approved by the DNR, Encampment will have the right to explore the specified state lands under a nonferrous metallic mineral lease consistent with the exploration plan, any conditions, and applicable laws and rules.

**Description of proposed exploration activity:** Encampment proposes diamond drilling exploratory borings at nine sites and conducting down-hole geophysical surveys. Any exploration in wetlands will occur when the ground is frozen. Encampment will clearly post drill sites and active survey areas. All exploratory boring activity will follow regulations set by Minnesota Department of Health.

**Access:** Encampment will use existing roads and trails as much as possible, but construction or improvement of temporary access trails may be required to safely reach some drill sites. If access across non-state lands is required to reach the exploration area, Encampment will contact surface owners to establish acceptable access prior to beginning proposed activities.

**State nonferrous metallic mineral leases:** MM-10221

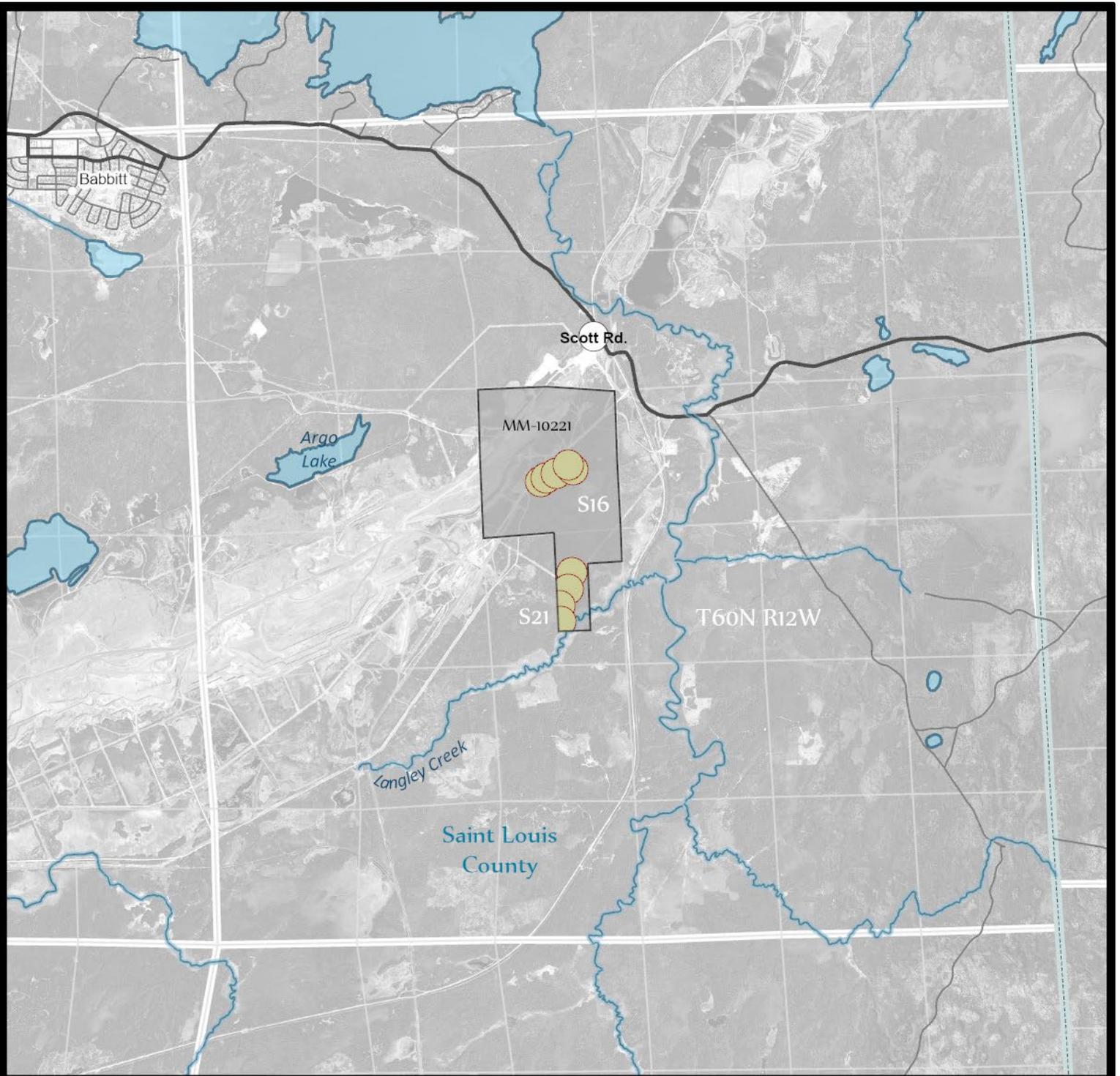
**Expected time period:** February 2025 through ~~June 30, 2025~~ April 30, 2026\* amended 7/2/25

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**Figure 1. DNR Overview Map of Exploration Plan**

-  State Nonferrous Metallic Mineral Lease
-  Proposed Exploratory Boring Sites
-  State, County, Local, Pit, and Forest Roads
-  Public Waters

0 0.5 1 2 Miles

This map is for reference purposes only. The State of Minnesota's land and mineral interests GIS data including lease boundaries is mapped at 40 acre Public Land Survey resolution.

GIS Data Sources - Exploration areas as provided by the Explorer. State minerals leases, public waters inventory, and PLS boundaries from DNR. Highways and roads from MnDOT. Aerial photography from Farm Service Agency.

