

MnDNR Division of Lands and Minerals – Mineral Potential Section

Project #411 – Drill Core Library Workshop Report

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## **Project Overview**

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has published a summary report for a November 2022 workshop on updating the policies and procedures for the DNR Drill Core Library, located in Hibbing, Minnesota. This workshop, sponsored by the Minnesota Minerals Coordinating Committee (MCC), included DCL stakeholders from the mining and mineral exploration community, governmental agencies, academic institutions, and private consulting firms. Workshop exercises and surveys focused on the mission of the DCL, storage priorities, sampling policies and database enhancements. The report presents the results of these workshop exercises and surveys and describes how they will inform curational decisions and policies that support the DCL mission.

The DCL is Minnesota's public repository of drill core and other geological materials. It is one of the largest public core repositories in North America, providing public access to more than 3 million feet of material from thousands of drill holes across the state. DCL curation activities support a diversified mineral economy, environmental research, the management of state minerals, and a better understanding and awareness of the state's natural resources.