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Mayor Tom Watson
City of North Oaks
100 Village Center Drive, Suite 150
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Re: Highway 96 Dump Superfund Site
Feasibility Study/Minnesota Decision Document Amendment

Dear Mayor Watson:

As you are aware, in the upcoming months the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) will select a remedy for the west side of Gilfillan Lake and document this remedy selection in an amendment to the Minnesota Decision Document (MDD), dated October 7, 1993, for the Highway 96 Dump Superfund Site (Site).

As part of this process, the MPCA will ask Whirlpool and Reynolds, the Responsible Parties (RPs) for the site, to conduct a Feasibility Study (FS) to review proposed remedies for the Site. Under MPCA oversight, the RPs will evaluate the proposed remedies in the following two categories:

- 1) To address the current situation where the levels of vinyl chloride in water samples from residential wells remain below the Minnesota Department of Health's (MDH) Health Risk Limits (HRLs), the MPCA will review the following proposed remedies:
 - a. No Action;
 - b. Continued Monitoring; and
 - c. Installation and operation of a pumpout well and treatment system in the Ski Lane ravine area.
- 2) To address the situation where MDH issues a well advisory for a residential well (or multiple wells) that exceeds the HRL for vinyl chloride, or for a residential well (or multiple wells) that exceeds the HRL due to the additivity of several volatile organic compounds, the MPCA will review the following proposed remedies:
 - a. No Action;
 - b. Installation of a carbon filter at the home with a well advisory;
 - c. Installation of a new well into a different/deeper aquifer at the home with a well advisory; and
 - d. Installation of a municipal water system.

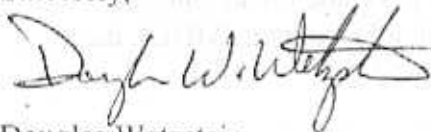
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State Superfund law requires the MPCA to evaluate the No Action Alternative. Additionally the FS may also consider a combination of alternatives such as continued monitoring and installation of the Ski Lane ravine pumpout well and treatment system.

With this letter, the MPCA asks the city of North Oaks to submit comments on the proposed remedies, if any, at its earliest possible convenience. The City's comments must be submitted no later than May 7, 2007, to allow a minimum of forty-five days for the Responsible Parties to prepare a FS and to allow the MPCA to review the FS and still meet the scheduled public notice goal of publication in July 2007.

If you have any questions in this matter, feel free to call Fred Campbell at 651/296-7267 or Nile Fellows at 651/296-7299.

Sincerely,



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