

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
KENNECOTT HUMBOLDT MILL PROJECT

**NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND HEARING**

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will hold a consolidated public hearing on the Kennecott Humboldt Mill Project at Westwood High School Auditorium, 300 Westwood Dr., Ishpeming, MI 49849, on December 1, 2009, from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company (KEMC) is proposing to reuse the existing Humboldt Mill facilities located in Sections 2 and 11 in Township 47 North, Range 29 West, Humboldt Township, Marquette County, Michigan, for beneficiation of ore from the Eagle Mine. KEMC, Marquette, Michigan, submitted the applications for the Kennecott Humboldt Project pursuant to state regulations.

The purpose of the hearing is to allow all interested parties the opportunity to comment on the following proposed actions: 1) the proposed conditional approval of the DEQ Draft Michigan Air Use Permit for the installation and operation of the process; 2) the proposed issuance of the DEQ draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the discharge of treated process wastewater to wetland contiguous to the Middle Branch Escanaba River via a pipeline; 3) the proposed decision to grant DEQ Nonferrous Metallic Mineral Mining Permit application for operation and reclamation; and 4) application for permit under Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, for tailings placement into the Humboldt pit.

Throughout the hearing hours, technical staff of the DEQ will be available in an area adjacent to the hearing room to answer questions regarding the Department's reviews and proposed actions. In order to accommodate the anticipated number of speakers, presentations will be limited to five minutes. Written comments will also be received at the hearing.

Interested persons may submit written comments by mail or e-mail until **5:00 p.m. on December 29, 2009**. Mail your comments to DEQ Kennecott Comments, Office of Geological Survey, P.O. Box 30256, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7756. E-mail your comments regarding the Humboldt project to the designated DEQ mailbox at [DEQ-Kennecott-Humboldt-Mill-comments@michigan.gov](mailto:DEQ-Kennecott-Humboldt-Mill-comments@michigan.gov). All verbal and written comments presented during the hearing and comment period will be considered prior to making a final decision.

Printed copies of the Mining Permit Application are available for review at the following locations:

Resource Desk Peter White Library 217 N. Front Street Marquette, MI 49855 906-228-9510	Mr. Joseph Derocha Humboldt Township Hall 244 County Road FAF Champion, MI 49814 (906) 361-6686	Ms. Tina Mitchell Michigan DEQ U.P. District Office 420 5 <sup>th</sup> Street Gwinn, MI 49841 906-346-8520	Ms. Sharon Carter Michigan DEQ OGS 525 West Allegan Lansing, MI 48933 517-241-1515
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Printed copies of the Air Permit Application, NPDES Permit Application, and Part 301 Permit application are also available for review at the Michigan DEQ U.P. District Office.

The Mining Permit Application and other documents may be accessed on the DEQ OGS Kennecott Eagle Project web page: [http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3311\\_4111\\_18442-130551--\\_00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3311_4111_18442-130551--_00.html).

Individuals needing accommodations for effective participation at the hearing should contact Ms. Tina Coluccio at 906-346-8520, one week in advance of the hearing date to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.