

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
AQUILA RESOURCES BACK FORTY MINE  
MINING PERMIT AMENDMENT APPLICATION  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND COMMENT PERIOD**

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Oil, Gas, and Minerals Division (OGMD), is holding a public meeting regarding the Back Forty Mine Mining Permit Amendment Application on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019**, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. CST at the Stephenson High School, W526 Division Street, Stephenson, Michigan. The Back Forty Project is in Lake Township, Menominee County.

The purpose of the meeting is (1) to inform the public that the MDEQ has received an application from Aquila Resources, Inc. to amend Mining Permit MP 01 2016, issued under Part 632, Nonferrous Metallic Mineral Mining, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, and how to access documents, (2) to provide information regarding the review process, and (3) to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment for MDEQ consideration.

Meeting participants will be asked to fill out an attendance card and indicate intent to speak before entering the meeting area. Oral comment presentations will be limited to three minutes. This limit may be reduced or extended dependent on number of requests to speak. Written comments will also be accepted at the meeting.

MDEQ will also accept written comments regarding the amendment application by mail or e-mail from the day of the meeting until **5:00 P.M. EST, WEDNESDAY, February 6, 2019**. Mail your comments to Back Forty Mining Permit Amendment, MDEQ-OGMD, 1504 West Washington Street, Marquette, MI 49855. E-mail your comments to the designated MDEQ mailbox at [DEQ-Mining-Comments@michigan.gov](mailto:DEQ-Mining-Comments@michigan.gov), including "Back Forty Mining Permit Amendment" as the subject. **The MDEQ will only consider comments that pertain to the Mining Permit Amendment Application prior to making a final decision.** For additional information, contact Melanie Humphrey, MDEQ, Oil, Gas, and Minerals Division, 906-250-7564, or e-mail [humphreym@michigan.gov](mailto:humphreym@michigan.gov).

The Mining Permit Application Amendment documents may be accessed at the following:

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/DEQ\\_FTP\\_372266\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/DEQ_FTP_372266_7.pdf)

Once you are in the FTP site, select the "Mining" directory, then select the "Back Forty project."

The amendment documents are:

R-MP Amendment Volume II EIA\_Nov. 2018.pdf

R-MP Amendment Volume I\_Nov. 2018.pdf

A paper copy may be viewed at the Menominee County Public Library, S319 Railroad Street, Stephenson, MI 49887

Individuals needing accommodations for effective participation at the hearing should contact Tina Coluccio, 906-228-4524 one week in advance of the hearing date to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.