



# Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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Ms. Anne Hurlburt  
Administrator, City of Scandia  
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Scandia, MN 55073

Re: Zavoral Mine and Reclamation Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Ms. Hurlburt:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Zavoral Mine and Reclamation Project (Project) located in the city of Scandia, Washington County, Minnesota. The Project consists of the operation of a 64-acre gravel mine. Regarding matters for which the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has regulatory responsibility and other interests, MPCA staff has the following comments for your consideration.

### **Section 2.0 Permits and Approvals**

Please note that facilities that are eligible for the Nonmetallic Mineral Mining & Associated Activities NPDES/SDS General Permit (MNG490000, formerly the 'Construction Sand and Gravel, Rock Quarry and Hot Mix Asphalt Production Facilities General Permit'), a separate General Permit for Construction Stormwater Activity is not required. However, if the applicant chooses to be covered by the General Permit for Industrial Stormwater Activity (MNR10000) because they do not dewater, have multiple sites, or perform other activities covered under the Nonmetallic Mining & Associated Activities General Permit, then the initial construction phase must be covered by the General Permit for Construction Stormwater Activity.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this project. Please be aware that this letter does not constitute approval by the MPCA of any or all elements of the Project for the purpose of pending or future permit action(s) by the MPCA. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the Project proposer to secure any required permits and to comply with any requisite permit conditions. If you have any questions concerning our review of this Draft EIS, please contact me at 651-757-2508.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Kromar".

Karen Kromar  
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cc: Craig Affeldt, MPCA, St. Paul  
Doug Wetzstein, MPCA, St. Paul