



City Council Meeting
Zavoral Mine & Reclamation
Project EIS

August 8, 2012

Agenda

- Overview of FEIS
- Council Questions on FEIS Content
- Overview of Next Steps/Process for FEIS
- Questions on Next Steps/Process for FEIS
- Council Action – Distribution of FEIS



OVERVIEW of FEIS
Zavoral Mine & Reclamation
Project EIS

Purposes of an EIS

- Provides information to evaluate proposed projects with potential for significant environmental effects
- Considers alternatives
- Explores methods to reduce adverse environmental effects (mitigation measures)

Minnesota Rules 4410.2000

Purposes of an EIS

- Information gathering process to help governmental units with permitting authority make better-informed decisions
- Not an approval process
- Has no enforcement authority, is a source of information that must be integrated with other permits & approvals to mitigate impacts

Permits

- CUP is separate process
- Review of CUP application is suspended until EIS process completed
- City & other permitting entities may not issue permits for project until EIS process completed

Comments Received

- City released DEIS for public review & comment on March 19, 2012
- 60-day comment period ended at 4:00 p.m. on May 18, 2012
- Received 68 written comments (via mail & e-mail)
- Received 15 verbal comments at April 3, 2012 public meeting

Final EIS Content

- Written responses to comments (by topic)
- Table 1 - Numbered list of comments
- Comment letters, e-mails, transcripts of verbal comments (Appendix A)
- Redlined version of FEIS text identifying revisions made to DEIS (Appendix B)
- Table 2 - list of redline changes made to DEIS



**Council Questions on
FEIS Content**
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**Overview of Next
Steps/Process for FEIS**
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Next Steps

- If approved for distribution
 - City distributes FEIS, sends notice for publication to EQB Monitor & press release to newspaper(s)
 - Notice of Final EIS availability is published in EQB Monitor (anticipate Aug 20, 2012)

Next Steps

- FEIS distributed to initial DEIS distribution list, any person who submitted substantive comments on DEIS, & to extent possible any person requesting FEIS
- Comment period on FEIS (anticipate Aug 20 - Sept 10, 2012)

Next Steps

- RGU determines if EIS is adequate (Special Council Meeting--September 25)
 - If found adequate, process is complete
 - If found inadequate, the RGU has 60 days to revise the EIS

EIS Adequacy Criteria

- Addresses potentially significant issues & alternatives raised in scoping so that all significant issues for which information can be reasonably obtained have been analyzed in conformance with Minn. Rules § 4410.2300, items G & H
- Follows procedures for providing an opportunity for public comment on EIS

EIS Adequacy Criteria

- Provides responses to substantive comments received during DEIS review concerning issues raised in scoping
- Was prepared in compliance with the procedures of the act and Minn. Rules parts 4410.0200 to 4410.6500

If EIS is Adequate

- Additional notices must be published
- Process of reviewing CUP & any other required permits for project may begin
- Review of CUP would take at least 60 to 120 days



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Council Action

- Adopt resolution to release the FEIS for public comment