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01/04/2012 11:41 AM

To Gaylene Vasaturo  
cc  
bcc

Subject Re: Variance question/Mesabi Nugget

Gaylene, yes we did approve the variance for these same parameters in 2005 based essentially on the same justification. Attached are two documents that I happen to have electronically; the approval letter and the rationale document. I will check the hardcopy file to see if there is anything else that might be of interest such as their incoming variance request or permit. These are not in our tracking system.

Tom



Mesabi\_draftapproval\_082605.doc Mesabi variancechecklist and ROD8-26-05.doc

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Gaylene Vasaturo Did we approve a variance for this fa... 01/04/2012 10:56:21 AM

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Subject: Variance question/Mesabi Nugget

Did we approve a variance for this facility previously (e.g. 5 years ago with the last permit)?  
If so, do you have a copy of what we approved?  
(and possibly our approval decision)

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**Thomas  
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01/04/2012 12:48 PM

To Krista McKim, Christine Wagener  
cc  
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Subject MPCA PolyMet Permittability Memo

Chris, this was the memo I was thinking of but it doesn't really address the seasonality issue although it does mention sulfate.

Krista, since I dug this up I thought you might be interested in case you hadn't seen this.

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PolyMet\_MPCA Tailings Basin Impact Criteria-Permittability Memo\_062011.pdf

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