Message

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Sent: 4/18/2017 12:00:16 PM
To: Pierard, Kevin [pierard.kevin@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: First Quarter 2017 MPCA Mining Report

I will remove you. If I recall correctly, EPA specifically requested to receive these.

We checked with Krista and she got the quarterly PolyMet update last week so the problem seems resolved.

We can certainly let you know about significant updates during our regular calls. We would have let you know about the movement of the treatment facility in our next call. The final document was very recent.

From: Pierard, Kevin [mailto:pierard.kevin@epa.gov]
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Subject: RE: First Quarter 2017 MPCA Mining Report

I thought it was something we might be relying on as a result of the joint priority. It is of little utility for us for the reasons I mentioned and with you describing it as being for internal PCA use I would prefer that it not be sent to the NPDES Branch staff which I believe is just Krista and me at this point. The mailing list includes a number of folks that are no longer with the agency. On the Polymet updates we continue to have trouble receiving these but that should not be a problem as long as we continue to have our bi-weekly calls. I would ask that PCA include for discussion during those calls any significant updates, such things as the intent to move the WWTP and submission of supplemental application info. Possibly just include in routine updates item on our agendas. thanks

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From: Foss, Ann (MPCA) [mailto:ann.foss@state.mn.us]
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Subject: RE: First Quarter 2017 MPCA Mining Report

Kevin, this report is not a report we develop for EPA. It is a report we have been doing for at least 8 years, probably longer. As you can see, there are a long list of a variety of stakeholders. We will be retaining the current format and level of detail.

From: Pierard, Kevin [mailto:pierard.kevin@epa.gov]
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Subject: FW: First Quarter 2017 MPCA Mining Report

Ann – I think we should have a more robust description of the plans for the next reporting period. Generally when it is simply "continuation" items there is not much impetus to complete these items. I would like to see a goal or target included. For example on minntac's it would be good to establish a goal of completing the evaluation of comments and hearing requests – like continue to evaluate comments .....with an expected completion data of xxx. That would provide us with more insight on what to expect and when. Cliffs Hoyt – continue discussions with goal of refining the permit approach … and …continue technical review of long term mitigation plans … It would be good to have a target for when you think a proposal on the permit approach and a conclusion on mitigation will be ready for discussion. On norhtshore when you anticipate completing review of the pre-PN feedback. Let me know what you think.

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Subject: First Quarter 2017 MPCA Mining Report

Attached please find the MPCA Mining Report for First Quarter 2017. This report contains a status update on projects that MPCA's metallic mining sector is actively managing, a list of major permit applications received, and a list of recently completed projects. This report does not include any inactive projects or projects being worked on by other parts of the agency.

As always, if you have any questions about the status of a project feel free to contact the people listed for each project.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the report in general. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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