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hi paula - thank you for your voicemail message. below is the status you requested of epa's current work.

EPA's work on reviewing allegations in your petition to withdraw the minnesota NPDES program is continuing. as you are aware, EPA conducted reviews of a subset of MPCA's NPDES permit files in july and we are currently reviewing materials from that review. additionally, EPA is reviewing the response of the minnesota attorney general and specifically any necessary followup.

regarding the northmet permit application, EPA is in the process of completing its review of the permit application pursuant to the memorandum of understanding between EPA and MPCA for the implementation of the NPDES permit program. EPA expects to provide its written comments to the state shortly.

regarding EPA's review of the state's 2014 CWA 303(d) list, EPA is in the process of completing its review, although an anticipated additional tribal consultation and an unanticipated, temporary absence by a key staff person may extend EPA's timeframe for a final determination into early 2017.

if you have more information you believe is relevant to EPA and MPCA's ongoing review of the northmet permit application, please feel free to provide it to both agencies.

i hope that this responds to your request for status on the above matters. if you still would like to schedule a conference call, please let me know, thanks, barbara

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