From:	Westlake, Kenneth
To:	Burdick, Melanie
Subject:	FW: Big 39 and Little 39 Creek Mitigation Project EAW Available
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Melanie, FYI. This is info from MN DNR about a proposed creek mitigation project by Northshore Mining. The only federal action appears to be a nationwide permit by the Corps. The NEPA program will not be commenting on this state evaluation under state law.
Ken

From: MN_Review, Environmental (DNR) <environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:19 AM
To: Westlake, Kenneth <westlake.kenneth@epa.gov>
Subject: Big 39 and Little 39 Creek Mitigation Project EAW Available

Dear Mr. Westlake,

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has prepared the attached Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) to describe the environmental effects associated with the Big 39 and Little 39 Creek Mitigation Project proposed by the Northshore Mining Company in Lake County, Minnesota. The preparation of this EAW is mandatory and the DNR is the Responsible Governmental Unit for the environmental review of this proposed project. If possible, please confirm receipt of this email.

A 30-day public review and comment period will begin on March 15, 2022 with the publication of the notice of availability of this EAW in the *Environmental Quality Board Monitor*. The DNR invites public comments on the EAW during the public review period from March 15, 2022 to April 14, 2022 at 4:30 pm.

The EAW, Exhibits, and Appendices are also available online at the DNR's Environmental Review website (https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/big-39-and-little-39-creek-mitigation-project/index.html). Note the Appendices are not attached to this email due to size constraints.

Hard copies of the EAW will be available for public review at:

- Duluth Public Library, 221 W. First Street, Duluth, MN 55802
- Silver Bay Public Library, 9 Davis Drive, Silver Bay, MN 55614

The DNR will accept written comments on the EAW until 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, 2022. All comments should be addressed as follows:

Sara Mielke, EAW Project Manager
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
500 Lafayette Road, Box 25
St. Paul, MN 55155-4025

Electronic or email comments can be submitted and sent to environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us. Please use the subject line "Big 39 and Little 39." People who submit comments will receive a copy of the decision document, which includes responses to comments. Because all comments and related information are part of the public record for this environmental review, commenters' names and email or postal addresses will also be published and publicly available as they appear in the materials they submit.

Sincerely,

Sara Mielke
EAW Project Manager | Environmental Review Unit