



December 10, 2013

Tim Myers
Gogebic Taconite, LLC
402 Silver Street
Hurley WI 54534

Subject: Construction Site Stormwater Discharge Permit for Access Road 3

Dear Mr. Myers:

On July 9, 2013, Gogebic Taconite, LLC (GTAC) submitted a Construction Site Stormwater Discharge Permit application for a project to stabilize and improve the condition of Access Road 3. The review of that application and supporting materials prompted the Department to request additional information in a letter dated July 29, 2013 and an email dated July 30, 2013.

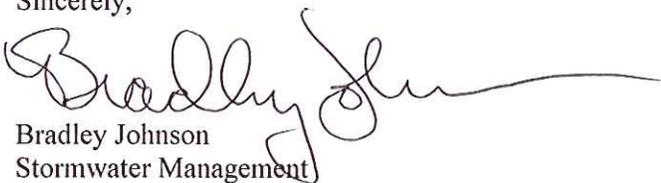
At that time, GTAC was considering using that road to gain access to Bulk Sampling sites 1 and 2. However, based on the steep terrain, unstable soils and potentially hazardous driving conditions of the branch access roads, GTAC selected another route thereby avoiding the need to utilize Access Road 3.

While the Department understands that you will not be using Access Road 3 during Bulk Sampling, it appears likely that GTAC will utilize Access Road 3 for future activities including monitoring and access to the western part of the site. Since the standing water, soft sediment, and poor drainage associated with this road present an ongoing potential source of sediment should your implemented erosion controls fail, the Department would like you to move forward with a revised application and erosion control plan for Access Road 3 and submit it by February 8, 2014.

The goal is to have Access Road 3 permitted by spring so you can work on stabilization efforts right away as weather permits. An added benefit of that timeframe is that you will likely have a ready source of gravel available due to the restoration activities associated with the Access Road 6 project.

I hope this timeline can be accommodated and I look forward to seeing your revised plan. Please contact me at 715-359-2872 or bradleya.johnson@wi.gov with questions or to discuss.

Sincerely,



Bradley Johnson
Stormwater Management

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