

March 24, 2015

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Solid Waste Bureau Director Attn: Ann Coakley 101 S. Webster Street Madison, WI 53703

Ms. Coakley:

Re: Wisconsin Statute 295.465

PreApplication Withdrawl

On June 17, 2013, Gogebic Taconite, LLC submitted to your agency a PreApplication Notice for a ferrous mining project located in Iron and Ashland County. The PreApplication Notice gave your agency notification of the intention to file an Application for a mining permit after at least 12 months. The filing of the PreApplication Notice also required that funding for the Department's evaluation of the mining project was initiated.

Gogebic Taconite, LLC notifies your agency through this letter that the PreApplication activity is being withdrawn. With this Withdrawl notification, DNR's evaluation of the mining project is no longer reimbursable. Please provide us with a final billing as described under Wisconsin Statutes 295.73 (3)(a).

This follows the February 27, 2015 announcement of the closing of our Hurley office. Site activity responsibility will continue with personnel maintaining the facilities in place including exploration sites, bulk sampling sites and groundwater wells.

Any questions should be directed to our Hurley office at (715) 561-2601. Our mailing address is:

Gogebic Taconite, LLC 402 Silver Street Hurley, WI 54534

Sincerely,

Timothy J Myers / Authorized Person