



STILLWATER TOWNSHIP *Minnesota*

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RE: Annual Operating Permit and Raleigh/Miller Mine

To whom it may concern,

The Township is reviewing options for permitting of mines located within the Township. The current process has involved a five-year interim use permit (IUP), that is issued by the Town concurrent with the County's five-year conditional use permit (CUP), and an annual operating permit (AOP) issued yearly by the Town. The Town has recently added conditions to their AOP that differ from requirements in the County's CUP, such as requirements for groundwater monitoring and testing, suggestions regarding traffic counts on haul routes, and others. The Town Board would like to see these requirements incorporated into the conditions of the County's CUP, either during the five-year review or as a part of an amendment to the current CUP.

The Town Board is also reviewing whether to end the AOP process and move to a different process (such as only having the five-year IUP that is concurrent or issued upon approval of the County's CUP). Chapter 7, Section 3.3 of the County Development Code requires the Town Board issue an annual operating permit, and requires the Town to notify the Washington County Zoning Administrator if the Town Board chooses to no longer participate in the AOP process. The Town Board would like this letter to serve as notification of the Town choosing to no longer participate in the AOP process.

Sincerely,

Stillwater Township

Town Board:

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