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Follow-up Monitoring Confirms Uranium Controlled at Mine Site

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Follow-up monitoring conducted by the Superior Watershed Partnership (SWP) confirms that the trace amounts of uranium recently detected at the Rio Tinto Eagle Mine are controlled on the mine site. The SWP Community Environmental Monitoring Program (CEMP) recently conducted additional monitoring that confirmed the water treatment plant is effectively removing uranium before the water is discharged or recycled back into the mining process.

The SWP sends monitoring samples to Underwriters Laboratory which delivered the expedited results late on April 5, 2013. The lab results indicated that low levels of uranium were present in the water coming into the water treatment plant (0.46 ug/L) but uranium was not detected in the water leaving the facility.

SWP Executive Director Carl Lindquist explained "Our monitoring confirms the uranium is contained and that local groundwater has not been impacted." Lindquist also stated that the SWP is conducting additional monitoring and will continue to inform the public as new information is obtained.

New information will be posted to the CEMP website (www.cempmonitoring.org.) as it becomes available.

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Additional CEMP Project Background

<http://www.cempmonitoring.com/marquette-county-community-foundation-announces-independent-environmental-monitoring-program-of-eagle-mine/>

About the Superior Watershed Partnership:

The Superior Watershed Partnership and Land Trust is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to protect and improve the natural resources of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan on a watershed basis; by promoting responsible individual and community actions that ensure a sustainable environment, encourage a sustainable economy and help improve quality of life. A recognized leader in watershed protection, SWP provides technical, educational, and monitoring assistance on a variety of water quality, land use and community initiatives through creative, science-based solutions.

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