

Community Environmental Monitoring Program Committee

(A committee of the Marquette County Community Foundation)

Response to 2015 Superior Watershed Partnership (SWP) Work Plan

Review and Observations:

1. The Work Plan is well organized and thorough. It contains a description of each monitoring activity planned, a timeline for each activity and a budget identifying the cost of each part of the Community Environmental Monitoring Program. (CEMP)
2. Community outreach activities are identified including education on Eagle's environmental monitoring, community forums scheduled, presentations, brochures and Website content.
3. The inclusion of colored maps and diagrams for the Eagle mine, transportation route and the Humboldt Mill Processing facility are informative and assist with the overview of the entire monitoring program.

Recommendations:

1. We would prefer a consistent unit of measurement, if possible, be applied in the tables for measurement of the same elements in the groundwater discharge parameters. (ug/L, mg/L.)
2. We are concerned the current budget does not allocate funds to the Reserve Fund. The Reserve Fund is designed to have funds available for unforeseen situations that require resources to monitor until situation resolution. With no balance in the Reserve Fund, resources would have to be reallocated from other monitoring activities should a situation arise. We suggest Funds be allocated to the Reserve Fund.
3. We are concerned the current budget does not consider the costs involved if a dispute resolution process situation is presented to the Committee. The costs of experts and other potential expenses are not available in the current work plan.

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