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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Proposed Consent Decree
Under The Clean Air Act

On April 18, 2019, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed Consent Decree with the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota in the lawsuit entitled *United States v. United Taconite LLC*, Civil Action No. 19-1043.

The United States filed a Complaint in this lawsuit under the Clean Air Act (CAA), naming United Taconite LLC as the defendant. The Complaint seeks injunctive relief and civil penalties for violations of the environmental regulations that govern taconite mines and processing plants and the emission of particulate matter from certain sources at defendant's taconite processing plant in Forbes, St. Louis County, Minnesota. Under the proposed Consent Decree, United Taconite agrees to implement procedures to improve future compliance with the CAA and State regulations, and pay \$50,000 in civil penalties. Under the proposed Consent Decree, United Taconite also agrees to replace an existing wet scrubber at its processing plant with a more efficient dry fabric filter particulate matter control system at an estimated cost of over \$480,000. In return, the United States agrees not to sue the defendant under section 113 of the CAA for additional relief related to its past violations.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the proposed Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to *United States v. United Taconite LLC*, D.J. Ref. No. 90-5-2-1-11178. All comments must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the publication date of this notice. Comments may be submitted either by e-mail or by mail:

<i>To submit comments:</i>	<i>Send them to:</i>
By e-mail	pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov.
By mail	Assistant Attorney General U.S. DOJ – ENRD P.O. Box 7611 Washington, D.C. 20044-7611

During the public comment period, the proposed Consent Decree may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department website: <https://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees>.

We will provide a paper copy of the proposed Consent Decree upon written request and payment of reproduction costs. Please mail your request and payment to:

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