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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 8.B.4

SUBJECT: Wisconsin Metallic Mining program

FOR: AUGUST 9TH & 10 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY / TITLE: Ann Coakley, Director, Bureau of Waste and Materials Management

SUMMARY:

DNR is the state agency with the primary responsibility for regulating environmental aspects of mining activities. Within DNR, the Waste and Materials Management Program (WMM) has a lead role in regulating metallic mining activities, including metallic mineral exploration (drilling), mining and mining waste disposal.

WMM is responsible for reviewing proposed mining permit applications, including the mining plan, reclamation plan and project-wide monitoring plan, and any associated mining waste facility siting and design studies. Metallic mining operations may include an open pit or underground mine constructed for the extraction of iron, copper, lead, gold, and zinc-bearing minerals. Proposed projects undergo a comprehensive review to determine whether they will comply with the applicable laws and rules of the state.

RECOMMENDATION: This is an informational item for the Natural Resources Board

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

No	☑	Fiscal Estimate Required	Yes	☐	Attached
No	☑	Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required	Yes	☐	Attached
No	☑	Background Memo	Yes	☐	Attached

APPROVED:

Bureau Director, Ann Coakley, WMM/5 — Date 7-25-11

Administrator, Patrick Stevens, ADM/8 — Date 7/25/11

Secretary, Cathy Stepp — Date 7/26/11

cc: NRB Liaison
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