

May 30, 2003

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Environmental Protection Branch
Prairie & Northern Division
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Via FAX

Attention: Ms. Jenny Marie Ferone, Regional Environmental Effects Monitoring Coordinator

Dear Ms. Ferone;

Re: Polaris Mine Effluent Sampling

We appreciate the guidance given in the letter we received from Sandra Blenkinsopp dated May 23, 2003. I would like to inform you that water quality monitoring will not start at Polaris on June 6, 2003.

The letter states that sampling is to be done at a time when effluent is being deposited in order to provide information that best contributes to the EEM program. As Polaris will not have deposited any effluent by June 6, 2003, we will not be initiating water effluent monitoring by then. Initiation of effluent discharge is weather dependant and will not likely be occur until the middle or later part of July. We will collect the required samples in July, August, September and possibly October (if there is still effluent discharging that late in the fall).

Yours truly,

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Reclamation Manager

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