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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
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DAN WYANT
DIRECTOR

July 5, 2011

Dear Interested Party:

Thank you for your interest regarding the Permit to Install application submitted by Northern Michigan University, to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), requesting installation and operation of a 1 megawatt (MW) (net) solid biomass fired reciprocating grate stoker boiler (RGSB). The facility will be located on the campus of Northern Michigan University, at the existing Ripley Heating Plant, at the intersection of Presque Isle Avenue and Wright Street, Marquette, Michigan.

Pursuant to state and federal requirements, the MDEQ held a public comment period that ended on June 30, 2011, on its proposed conditional approval of the permit. The Air Quality Division (AQD) received two written comments on the project during the public comment period.

After careful consideration of the issues and pursuant to the delegation of authority from the Director of the MDEQ, I have approved Permit to Install No. 29-11.

Thank you for your input regarding our review of this permit application. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. David Riddle, AQD, at 517-373-7081 if you have any questions regarding this permit, or you may contact me.

Sincerely,

G. Vinson Hellwig, Chief
Air Quality Division
517-373-7023

Enclosures

cc/enc: Mayor John Kivela, City of Marquette
Ms. Connie M. Branam, Marquette County Clerk
Ms. Pamela Blakley, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5
Mr. Constantine Blathras, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5
Mr. Kenneth Meshigaud, Hannahville Indian Community
Mr. W. Chris Swartz, President, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Mr. Jeff Jaros, NTH Consultants, Ltd.
Mr. Chris Hare, MDEQ
Mr. Brad Wurfel, MDEQ
Mr. David Riddle, MDEQ