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September 26, 2024

Barry O'Shea, CEO
Copperwood Resources, Inc.
310 Highway US-2, Suite B
Wakefield, Michigan 49968

Dear Barry O'Shea:

This letter is in reference to your Permit to Install (PTI) application, identified as No. APP-2023-0218, State Registration Number P0304. The application was received on August 22, 2023, for a copper and silver mining and ore processing facility to be located in Ironwood (T49N, R46W) & Wakefield (T49N, R45W) Townships, Gogebic County, Michigan.

Review of your PTI application is complete. We have announced a public comment period as required by state and federal regulations, on the intent of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to approve the proposed permit. The public comment period will begin on September 26, 2024 and will end on November 13, 2024. A virtual informational session and virtual public hearing have been scheduled on October 30, 2024. You may submit comments during the comment period and are encouraged to appear at the virtual informational session and virtual public hearing, on behalf of your PTI application.

After resolving any issues raised during the public comment period and/or the virtual hearing, a final decision will be made on your PTI application.

By law, construction of the proposed process should not begin until you receive an approved PTI. *This letter is not an approved permit to install* and only references a proposed action on your PTI application.

Enclosed are copies of the proposed permit conditions, "Notice of Air Pollution Comment Period and Public Hearing," "Proposed Project Summary," and the "Technical Fact Sheet" regarding our analysis of your proposed project.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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