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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

David Thornton
Assistant Commissioner
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
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Dear Mr. Thornton:

Thank you for the letters from Frank Kohlasch dated June 8, 2016 and June 20, 2016 requesting delisting of two sources that you had previously listed as subject to the requirements of the sulfur dioxide (SO₂) Data Requirements Rule (DRR). The list identifies SO₂ sources for further evaluation and air quality characterization.

Previously, on January 8, 2016, you identified six facilities in Minnesota as meeting the criteria for listing as subject to the requirements of the DRR. Each of these six facilities was identified as emitting over 2,000 tons per year in 2014. This list included Xcel Energy – Black Dog, identified as having 2014 emissions of 3,228 tons of SO₂, and Northshore Mining – Silver Bay, which you identified as having 2014 emissions of 2,369 tons of SO₂. In your January 8, 2016 correspondence, you note that 2015 SO₂ emissions from these facilities were 1,012 tons and 1,586 tons, respectively. In addition, your correspondence of June 8, 2016 and June 20, 2016 describes circumstances at these facilities that assure that future emissions at each of these facilities also will not exceed 2,000 tons per year.

We have reviewed this information and concur that these facilities qualify not to be listed as subject to the requirements of the DRR. Accordingly, we will remove these two facilities from the list of sources subject to the requirements of the DRR.

Again, thank you for your letter and for your efforts to implement this important standard. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 312-353-2212 or to contact me at nam.ed@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Nam".

Ed Nam
Acting Director
Air and Radiation Division