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Dear Ms. Jackson,

I am deeply concerned that Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company is attempting to circumvent yet another permitting process, this time regarding the required UIC permit which would allow them to discharge waste water from the Eagle Mine to the groundwater.

Many of us who have been following the history of the Eagle Project are aware that Kennecott submitted proposed modifications to its Treated Water Injection System (TWIS) to the MDNRE, with the principal difference being that the discharge pipes would no longer be covered by a layer of soil but instead would be encased in Styrofoam insulation. Kennecott itself stated there would be no change to the quantity, effluent characteristics and treatment process.

We also know that MDNRE subsequently approved the Design Modification and on March 22, 2010, Jon Cherry of KEMC wrote to the agency, "certifying" that Kennecott did not need EPA approval for their Treated Water Injection System (TWIS). He stated that the redesigned TWIS did not qualify as a subsurface fluid distribution system.

In a rapid response, on the same day, the DNRE gave Kennecott the go-ahead to implement the conditions of their lease, based on the certifications Kennecott had provided. There has to be something wrong with allowing a company to certify itself.

Those of us who have been involved in the struggle against this mining company, or have become more recently aware of what's going on, have been frustrated and appalled at the apparent ineptitude and dishonesty at the DEQ, turned DNRE. We feel they have failed to protect the citizens and environment, which is what they were charged to do. It is extremely disheartening, but at the same time, we cannot give up hope.

Thank you very much for the care you've taken with the permitting process so far. Please continue to hold Kennecott's plans and devices under a strong lens, and show them that the EPA, at least, is one regulating agency that cannot be fooled or corrupted.

Sincerely,

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