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Subject: Tribal letters regarding US Steel Minntac

Dear Margaret and Nancy –

Thank you for participating on a call with EPA on the US Steel Minntac permit on November 30, 2018. During that call, you requested that the Region update you on the status of EPA's enforcement activity at U.S. Steel Minntac since EPA didn't respond to letters sent by Grand Portage and Fond du Lac Tribes back in 2011, requesting EPA enforcement intervention. Region 5 did conduct an NPDES compliance sampling inspection at the U.S. Steel Minntac Tailings Basin Facility on September 12-13, 2017. I know this answer won't be satisfactory, but the Agency has a long standing policy that it does not comment on the status of any enforcement matters.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Patrick Kuefler, the Chief of the Water Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Branch at Kuefler.patrick@epa.gov.

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Subject: Ltr from Grand Portage requesting enforcement intervention for US Steel Minntac

Please find attached a letter from Grand Portage dated 5/25/2011 requesting enforcement intervention for US Steel, Minntac.

From: Nancy Schuldt <NancySchuldt@FDLREZ.COM>
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Subject: letters requesting enforcement intervention

Kevin, Linda: attached is the letter from Chairwoman Diver dated June 2011, requesting EPA's intervention on the CWA violations at the Minntac tailings basin.

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