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State Historic Preservation Office

April 7, 2009

Mr. John Jamnick
RLK Inc.
PO Box 656
Hibbing, MN 55746-0656

Re: City of Nashwauk Public Infrastructure – extension of sanitary sewer and water lines to
Minnesota Steel Facility and future Central Industrial Park
Project No. 2007-438
Nashwauk, Itasca County
SHPO Number: 2009-1337

Dear Mr. Jamnick:

Thank you for submitting the above referenced project for review.

This project comprises water and sanitary sewer connections from the City of Nashwauk to the Minnesota Steel Industries facilities. In 2007, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) completed a Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement regarding the Minnesota Steel project. The agreement relates to the Corps' Section 404 permit and the Corps' responsibilities as a federal agency under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The project scope covered by the agreement includes five areas of the mining operation itself and five different infrastructure improvements. One of the infrastructure improvements is the provision of water and sanitary sewer services from the City of Nashwauk to the Minnesota Steel facility.

In 2008, Amendment #1 of the agreement was executed to integrate the Section 106 responsibilities of the Surface Transportation Board (STB), pursuant to their involvement in the construction of the rail line to the project (another one of the five infrastructure improvements covered in the original agreement).

You have indicated that the City of Nashwauk may be receiving funds from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for the water and sanitary sewer connection project. Because this project is one of the five infrastructure improvements covered in the original agreement, we recommend that the EDA consult with the Corps about the possibility of executing a second amendment to the Corps' agreement. This could integrate the EDA's Section 106 responsibilities into the overall cultural resource framework already established by the Corps and the STB, and help prevent duplication and confusion.

We would be happy to discuss this approach with the EDA and with the other parties who participated in the original agreement and the first amendment. Contact us at 651-259-3456 with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dennis A. Gimmestad'.

Dennis A. Gimmestad
Government Programs & Compliance Officer

cc: C. Robert Sawyer, EDA Chicago Regional Office
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