



MINING MINNESOTA™

RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT of NATURAL RESOURCES



THE PROOF IS IN THE PERMIT

In Minnesota, modern mining and environmental stewardship go hand in hand because there is a comprehensive science-based environmental review and permitting process already in place. Make no mistake, ANY proposed legislation to “Prove it First” by mining opponents would be a moratorium on new mining. It also chases investment away from many Minnesota industries. If a company demonstrates it will meet all state and federal standards, then it will not harm the environment, and ongoing monitoring by regulators will ensure that.

HERE’S THE PROOF.

1 130+ YEARS OF MINING

Minnesotans know how to mine. More importantly, how to mine safely while also protecting the environment we so cherish. Northeast Minnesota is home to 6 active iron mines and arguably the cleanest water in the state. Regulators – both state and federal – have extensive knowledge of the industry and the environment.

2 SUCCESS AT FLAMBEAU MINE

We look to our neighbors in Wisconsin for proof that nonferrous mining can be completed successfully without causing pollution. Recently, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources issued a Certification of Completion of Reclamation for the remaining acres of the permitted mine site, along with a Revised Mining Permit.

- Produced copper, gold and silver in the 1990s
- Completed reclamation and revegetation activities
- Ongoing monitoring
- Site converted into a recreation area with 10 acres of wetlands

• Wisconsin DNR lists Flambeau as a successful operation and closure

• Proof

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Mines/Flambeau.html>

3 CLEAN OPERATIONS AT EAGLE MINE

Michigan’s Eagle Mine project is the first nonferrous mine permitted under their state’s new Non-Ferrous Mineral Mining Law, and it has been operating safely since 2014.

- Permitted in 2007 and started operating in 2014
- Site expanded in 2017
- Solid environmental track record
- 24/7/365 operation monitoring

• Progressive reclamation practices

• Direct Community involvement in monitoring and review

• Proof

MINNESOTA, PROVING IT FOR YEARS

Our comprehensive, science-based environmental review and permitting processes are proof. Nonferrous mine permits are difficult to obtain. Decades of review and testing inform permits, which outline strict regulatory standards for water, air and soil quality. Minnesota mines can (and do) operate safely while safeguarding the environment. We have an opportunity to lead the nation in providing the critical minerals needed for a greener and more sustainable future.

TOMORROW'S FUTURE

Minnesota has what it takes to support the green economy. Our state holds world-class copper, nickel, cobalt, and platinum group metals deposits necessary for building our sustainable future. We have a hard-working, knowledgeable workforce—ready to get started—and our well-established and well-tested permitting process and world-class existing mining operations prove that we will do it right.

THE MINNESOTA DIFFERENCE

Life depends on metals and minerals, and responsible mining is essential for a green economy. Recycling is critical, but recycling alone cannot produce the amount of material needed to build clean energy and infrastructure. Minnesota's world-class deposits should be part of a holistic approach to obtaining the minerals and metals we need. The vast majority of the US domestic resources of nickel and cobalt and significant portions of the nation's copper supply are located in Minnesota's deposits. We should not export our jobs and environmental conscience to mines in foreign countries with few protections for workers or the environment. We should mine here, supplying needed materials with protection for workers and the environment.

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"To support demand, we will need to mine as much copper in the next 25 years as has been mined in the last 5,000 years."

– World Bank Group

DEMAND for NICKEL for energy technologies will be 99% of current global production by 2050.

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