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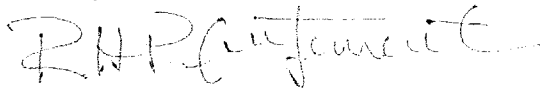
Robbie LaFleur, Director
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Dear Ms. LaFleur:

Minnesota Statutes Section 137.52(b) requires the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to annually report to the legislature on the University's efforts and the efforts of the United States Department of Defense to remedy contamination associated with the former Gopher Ordnance Works ("GOW") on the University land in Rosemount, Minnesota that is under the cooperative management of the University and the Department of Natural Resources. Since the passage of this legislation in 2006, the land has come to be designated as Vermillion Highlands and it is operated as a wildlife management area under state law.

Since the University's last report to the legislature dated January 30, 2008, the United States Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE") completed a draft report of the findings of a Focused Site Inspection ("FSI") of portions of the former GOW, including Vermillion Highlands. The USACE and its contractor, Bay West, Inc., performed the field work for that study in the summer/fall of 2007. The University, Dakota County and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency ("MPCA") reviewed the June 2008 draft FSI and submitted comments to the USACE in August 2008. In December 2008, USACE issued a revised draft of the FSI. The University, Dakota County and the MPCA are reviewing the revised FSI Report and will submit comments to the USACE, which is expected to issue the final FSI in the spring of 2009. It is anticipated that USACE will find that there has been a release of potentially hazardous substances associated with GOW in Vermillion Highlands, and recommend that further investigation be completed in certain areas of concern in 2009.

Sincerely,



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