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**National Park Service Extends Comment Period
for Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Former Bureau of Mines, Twin Cities Research Center, Main Campus
Hennepin County, Minnesota**

The National Park Service has extended the comment period to November 27, 2006 for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the former Bureau of Mines Twin Center Research Center Main Campus (Center). The comment period has been extended in response to public requests for more time to review the document.

The Center is located between Minnehaha Regional Park and Historic Fort Snelling in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The future of the Center is limited by federal law which authorizes a transfer or sale to universities or government entities only. The Center, closed by Congress in 1995, occupying 27 acres, including 11 vacated buildings is within the boundary of the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area. The Center is partially within the Fort Snelling National Historic Landmark and the Fort Snelling National Register of Historic Places District.

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