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Memorandum

To: Paul Labovitz, Superintendent
Mississippi National River and Recreation Area

From: Lyle Laverty *Lyle Laverty*
Acting Assistant Secretary - Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Subject: Bureau of Mines Property

This memorandum concerns the former Bureau of Mines, Twin Cities Research Center Main Campus. To further clarify my memorandum of September 8, 2008, the Department's preferred alternative includes removal of all existing structures and associated above-ground infrastructure (roads, power lines, ore bins, etc.) at the Center, restoration of the site to natural conditions, restoration of the spring, and retention of the site by the federal government.

Removal of the existing structures and restoration of the site and spring and development of a plan for restoration of the site and spring will be managed jointly by the US Fish & Wildlife Service and the National Park Service. Both USFWS and NPS agree that the long-term ownership of this property should rest with the National Park Service as part of the Mississippi National River & Recreation Area.

We come to this conclusion based on a thorough review of the Environmental Impact Statement and the supplemental information you provided. With this notification we ask that you issue the final EIS. Please contact me if you have questions about this decision.

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