



**NOTICE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A
CITIZENS ADVISORY TASK FORCE
FOR THE PROPOSED MESABA ENERGY PROJECT**



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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Department of Commerce has selected the following individuals to serve as members of a Citizens Advisory Task Force (CATF) for the Mesaba Energy Project. The CATF will assist EFP Staff throughout the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) scoping process and assist EFP Staff in determining the following:

1. Whether local site or route specific information as presented within the Joint Permit Application is inaccurate or missing information;
2. What site or route specific impacts and issues of local concern should be assessed in the EIS; and
3. The task force shall express a preference for either the preferred or alternative site contained within the Joint Permit Application, if a consensus can be reached.

Mesaba Energy Project Citizens Advisory Task Force

Name	Organization
Edwin Anderson	Citizen, Bovey
John Chell	Arrowhead Regional Development Commission
John Dimich	Itasca County Commissioner
Gary Forsberg	Greenway Area Business Association
Mike Forsman	St. Louis County Commissioner
Ross Hammond	Fresh Energy
William Hansen	Taconite City Council
Steve Kneifel	Fayal Township Board
R.D. Learmont	Citizen, Warba
David Lotti	Mayor, Marble
Bill Moraski	Citizen, Hoyt Lakes
Marleen Pospeck	Mayor, Hoyt Lakes
Arnold Rudolph	Hoyt Lakes City Council
Fred Tanner	Trout Lake Township Board
Jack Whiting	Citizen, Hoyt Lakes

On June 19, 2006 DOC EFP Staff received Excelsior Energy’s Joint Permit Application and Environmental Supplement for the Mesaba Energy Project, a 1,200 MW IGCC power plant proposed for Itasca County. The application was accepted by the Public Utilities Commission on July 6, 2006. Copies of the application can be obtained from the EFP website, where persons can also request to be added to the EFP mailing list. <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=16573>

The CATF will be meeting the weeks of August 7th, August 21st, and August 28th. Meeting minutes along with specific meeting dates and locations will be made available on the Project Docket website listed above.

Questions about the CATF should be directed to Jeff Haase (jeffrey.haase@state.mn.us), Department of Commerce, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101. Telephone 651.297.5648, facsimile 651.297.7891 (TTY relay service 800.627.3529).