

Mr. Storm,

The draft EIS for the Mesaba Energy Project (PUC Docket E6472/GS-06-688) is inadequate in several areas.

1. The EIS is meant to study the environmental impact of a project not evaluate it for CCPI Program funding. By not including wind, solar and conservation as reasonable alternatives, an adequate environmental impact study has not been done.
2. The DOE should not be leading the EIS because of it's interest in the CCPI Program. This is quite evident in the "No Action Alternative" section of the Draft EIS.
3. CO2 emissions have to be reduced today, not increased or reduced in the future. Increasing CO2 emissions now, with the hope that sequestering technology will be available in the future let alone used, is irresponsible and inadequate.

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