

Chapter 8 provides the list of individuals who filled primary roles in the preparation of this EIS.

8.1 Federal and State Agencies

Julie Smith of the Department of Energy Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (DOE) and Bill Storm of the Minnesota Department of Commerce – Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (DOC-ERRA) directed the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). DOE invited other federal agencies to participate in the preparation of this EIS to ensure that it satisfies those agencies’ environmental requirements and to engage their specialized expertise. The federal cooperating agencies include the St. Paul District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Region 5 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Twin Cities Ecological Field Office (Region 3) of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians to act as cooperating agencies on the EIS. Table 8 1 lists the federal agency, state agency, and cooperating agencies.

8.2 EIS Preparation Team

The EIS Preparation Team was led by the EIS contractor Barr Engineering Co. (Barr) with support from Ecology and Environment Inc. (E & E) and Azar Law LLC. This team provided primary support and assistance to DOE and DOC-ERRA. Primary members of this team included John Wachtler (Barr), Cheryl Feigum (Barr), Dan Belin (E & E), Courtney Dohoney (E & E), and Lauren Azar (Azar Law LLC). In addition, a range of resource specialists, NEPA specialists, and technical writers were also part of the team. Table 8-2 lists each individual and their organization, education and experience, and responsibilities.

8.3 Responsibilities

DOE and DOC-ERRA provided direction to Barr and E & E which were responsible for developing analytical methodology and assessing the potential impacts of the alternatives, coordinating the work tasks, performing the impact analyses, and producing the document. DOE and DOC-ERRA were responsible for the scope, content, and organization of the EIS, data quality, and issue resolution and direction.

DOE and DOC-ERRA independently evaluated all supporting information and documentation prepared by the Barr and E & E project teams. Further, DOE and DOC-ERRA retained the

Table 8-1 List of the Lead Federal and State Agencies and Federal Cooperating Agencies

Name	Organization
Lead Agencies	
Julie Smith, Ph.D.	DOE Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Washington, DC
Bill Storm	Department of Commerce – Energy Environmental Review, St. Paul, MN
Cooperating Agencies	
Margaret Rheude	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
William Baer	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bemidji Regulatory Field Office
Virginia Laszewski	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5
Joe Plumer	Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, Minnesota

responsibility for determining the appropriateness and adequacy of incorporating any data, analyses, and results of other work performed by Barr and E & E in the EIS. Barr and E & E were responsible for integrating this work into the EIS.

As required by Federal Regulations (40 CFR 1506.5(c)), Barr, E & E, and Azar Law LLC signed a NEPA Disclosure Statement in relation to the work they performed on this EIS. These signed statements are provided in Appendix T of this EIS.

Table 8-2 List of Preparers - EIS Preparation Team

Name, Organization	Education and Experience	Responsibility
Cheryl Feigum, PhD Vice President Barr Engineering Co.	Ph.D. Soil Science M.S. Zoology B.A. Biology Years of Experience: 15	Barr Project Manager
John Wachtler, Vice President Barr Engineering Co.	J.D. M.S. Civil and Environmental Engineering, B.S. Biology Years of Experience: 30	Barr Principal in Charge, Corridor Sharing, Electrical System Reliability
Louise Segroves Barr Engineering Co.	M.S. Geosciences B.A. Geology/Economics Years of Experience: 7	Barr Deputy Project Manager, Land- based Economies, Cultural Values, Relative Merits
Mike Strong Barr Engineering Co.	B.A. Environmental Studies Years of Experience: 9	GIS Management
Jessica Butler Barr Engineering Co.	M.S. Soil Science B.S. Resource Conservation Years of Experience: 11	Vegetation, Wildlife, Rare Natural Communities, Land-Based Economies
Shanna Braun Barr Engineering Co.	B.S. Natural Resources Management Years of Experience: 10	Water Resources, Cumulative Effects
Daniel Jones Barr Engineering Co.	M.S. Biology – Ecology and Evolution B.S. Botany and Plant Pathology Years of Experience: 24	Vegetation, Wildlife
Sarah Olson Barr Engineering Co.	B.S. Environmental Science Years of Experience: 4	Data Management
Kathy Brown Barr Engineering Co.	M.L.S. Library and Information Science B.S. Business Administration Years of Experience: 4	Administrative Record
Lauren Azar Azar Law LLC	J.D., M.S. Philosophy, B.S. Water Resources Management, B.A. Philosophy Years of Experience: 21	NEPA Advisor
Rick Holton Rick Holton Writing for Results	Ph.D. English, M.A. English, A.B. English Years of Experience: 25	Summary
Dan Belin, AICP E & E	M.S. Forestry, B.A. History/Environmental Studies Years of Experience: 19	E & E Project Director
Courtney Dohoney E & E	M.E.M. Environmental Management B.S. Environmental Studies Years of Experience: 9	E & E Project Manager
Katie Day E & E	M.S. Biology B.S. Biology and Environmental Studies Years of Experience: 9	E & E Deputy Project Manager
George Welsh E & E	M.S. Forest Resources, B.S. Forest Resource Management Years of Experience: 42	E & E Principal Reviewer
Natasha Snyder E & E	M.A. Anthropology B.A. Anthropology/Environmental Science A.A. Liberal Arts Years of Experience: 30	Cultural Resources
Carl Sadowski, AICP E & E	M.U.P. Urban Planning B.A. Environmental Design Years of Experience: 6	Transportation and Traffic

Name, Organization	Education and Experience	Responsibility
Laurie Kutina, CEM, REM E & E	M.B.A. Business Administration, M.A. Architecture, B.A. Physics Years of Experience: 22	Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas
Joe Donaldson E & E	M.L.A. Landscape Architecture , B.A. Architecture Years of Experience: 37	Aesthetics
Kathleen Welder E & E	M.S. Environmental Science, B.A. Urban Studies Years of Experience: 13	Environmental Justice and Socioeconomics
Silvia Yanez E & E	M.S. Development and Environment Diploma (M.S. Equivalent) Environmental Management Diploma (B.S. Equivalent) Chemical Engineering Years of Experience: 13	Noise, Human Health and Safety

8.0 List of Preparers

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