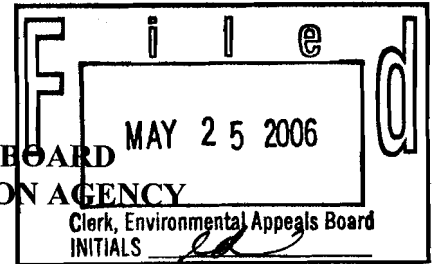


BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C.



In re:)

Hecla Mining Company, Lucky Friday Mine)

NPDES Permit No. ID-000017-5)
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NPDES Appeal Nos. 03-10 & 06-05

ORDER SCHEDULING ORAL ARGUMENT

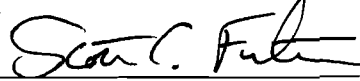
Upon review of the file and the briefs in the above-captioned matter, the Board has decided that oral argument will assist it in its deliberations. Accordingly, the parties are hereby requested to participate in oral argument beginning at 10:00 a.m. on July 13, 2006, in the Administrative Courtroom, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA East Building, Room 1152, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. The Board has allocated sixty (60) minutes total for this oral argument, divided as follows: (1) thirty minutes for Helca Mining Company and (2) thirty minutes for the U.S. EPA Region 10. At the outset of the proceedings, Helca may reserve five minutes of its thirty-minute allocation for rebuttal.

The parties shall notify the Clerk of the Board in writing by July 6, 2006, of the names of counsel who will present argument. Counsel for either of the parties who wish to participate in this oral argument via the EPA video-conferencing equipment in the Administrative Courtroom

shall contact the Clerk of the Board, at 202-233-0122, no later than June 15, 2006, to make arrangements for use of such equipment.

So ordered.

ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD



Scott C. Fulton

Environmental Appeals Judge

Date: 5/25/06

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the forgoing Order Scheduling Oral Argument in the matter of Hecla Mining Company, Lucky Friday Mine, NDPES Appeal Nos. 03-10 & 06-05, were sent to the following persons in the manner indicated:

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