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REMARKS:

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

In the Matter of:

HECLA MINING COMPANY,
LUCKY FRIDAY MINE
NPDES Permit No. ID-000017-5

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REGION 10's FOURTH STATUS REPORT

In accordance with the Environmental Appeals Board's ("EAB's") August 23, 2005 Order Requiring Status Report, Region 10 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("Region") respectfully submits the following report.

On December 28, 2005, the Region completed its remand proceedings in the above-referenced matter by issuing a modified NPDES permit for the Lucky Friday facility. On this same date, the EAB and the parties to the remand proceedings were notified by letter of the Region's decision on remand. As the Region has now completed action on both Hecla Mining

Company's variance request and in response to the EAB's remand order, it will not submit additional status reports unless so ordered by the EAB.

Dated this 6th day of January, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,



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