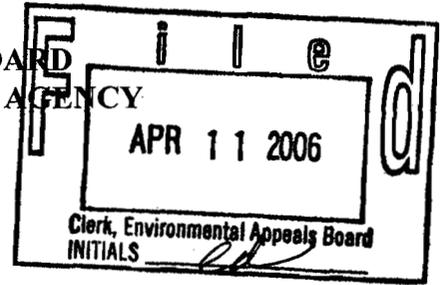


BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C.



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In re:)
Hecla Mining Company, Lucky Friday Mine)
NPDES Permit No. ID-000017-5)
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NPDES Appeal No. 03-10 & 06-05

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO FILE REPLY

By motion filed ¹ on April 10, 2006, Hecla Mining Company, Lucky Friday Mine (“Hecla”), seeks permission to file a reply to the response filed by U.S. EPA Region 10 on March 14, 2006. Motion for Leave to File Reply Brief (Apr. 10, 2006) (“Motion”). Hecla has attached its proposed reply brief along with the Motion. Hecla Mining Company’s [Proposed] Reply Brief in Support of Petition for Review (Apr. 10, 2006) (“2006 Reply Brief”).

Upon review, the Board has decided to grant the Motion. Hecla’s 2006 Reply Brief is hereby incorporated into the record on appeal.

So ordered.

Dated: 4/11/2006

ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

By: Scott C. Fulton
Scott C. Fulton
Environmental Appeals Judge

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