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Subject: Pillsbury A Mill Complex Project
Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Dear Mr. Orange:

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Pillsbury A Mill Complex in the City of Minneapolis. The Pillsbury A Mill Complex is located on a 7.9 acre site across the Mississippi River from Downtown Minneapolis, in the St. Anthony Falls Historic District. The proposed project is also within a Critical Area designated by the State of Minnesota, and within the federally-designated Mississippi National River Recreation Area (MNRRA). The Department of Natural Resources offers the following comments for your consideration.

Generally the Final EIS provided responses to the March 22, 2005 written comments the DNR submitted on the Draft EIS. The DNR has no additional comments to submit at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and to provide comments on the Final EIS for the Pillsbury A Mill Complex project. If you have questions about this letter, please contact me at (651) 296-4796.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas W. Balcom".

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