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FLAMBEAU DISAGREES WITH DRAFT LISTING

Jana Murphy, environmental and reclamation manager for the Flambeau Mining Company, today issued the following statement regarding the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' (WDNR) draft impaired waters listing that includes an intermittent stream that runs through the company's property near the Ladysmith Community Industrial Development Corporation industrial outlet.

"The Flambeau Mining Company is disappointed by the draft impaired waters listing of Stream C south of Copper Park Lane and disagrees with it. Flambeau Mining has been monitoring this stream for years and there is no new data which justifies such a listing.

"There are a variety of factors that need to be considered for such a listing, and we remain of the opinion that those factors should result in the stream not being included on a final listing. We look forward to the public comment period on the draft list, at which time we can share key questions and facts for the WDNR's consideration before the list is finalized next year.

"Even though this stream is just proposed for the list at this time and as a low priority, the matter is a top priority to us. The Flambeau Mining Company has a very good environmental record and has done extensive monitoring of this stream for years and shared all results publicly. Additionally, in conjunction with the WDNR, the company will continue to make best management practice updates and improvements at the outlot area to address the surface water runoff. Those factors are important when analyzing this stream, its impacts, and a draft listing. The company will emphasize those factors during the public comment period."

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