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Kevin Kain
Resource Management and Assistance Division
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
520 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Lab USA's Ash Processing Project – Red Wing, Goodhue County

Dear Mr. Kain,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above listed project. We have reviewed the EAW pursuant to the responsibilities given to the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council by the Private Cemeteries Act (MS 307.08), and the Minnesota Field Archaeology Act (MS 138.31-.41). Although there is no recorded archaeological site within the area of the proposed Processing Facility we are concerned with the project because of its proximity to the Water Tank Mound site (21GD0042). Adding to our concern is the fact that the storm water ponds for the project are in the planned laydown area within the boundaries of the mound/cemetery site. Given that 21GD0042 is protected under the Private Cemeteries Act (MS 307.08) any development or construction activities are not permitted within the site boundaries without direct consultation with the Office of the State Archeologist and our office. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions on our review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa Cerda".

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