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December 19, 2016

Mr. Kenneth Kerns University Health and Safety University of Minnesota W-140 Boynton Health Service Minneapolis, MN 55455

RE: UMore Park/ Former Gopher Ordnance Works (FGOW) Site, Rosemount MPCA Project Number SR374
Supplemental Field Sampling Plan Approval

Dear Mr. Kerns:

This letter is to serve as a formal approval as a follow-up to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA's) email approval of the *Supplemental Field Sampling Plan* (SFSP) (Barr Engineering, September, 2016) dated October 6, 2016. MPCA staff completed its review of the SFSP for additional or Stage 2 remedial investigation activities at the UMore Park/Former Gopher Ordnance Works site (the Site) being completed by the University of Minnesota (U of M) with technical input from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The SFSP work scope was built upon previous investigations conducted at the Site by both the U of M and USACE, and follows the earlier Remedial Investigation Work Plan (RIWP) approved by the MPCA on June 17, 2016. The primary objective of the RIWP and SFSP is to substantially complete remedial investigation activities regarding releases of hazardous substances that occurred both during and after the construction, operation, and demolition of the former Gopher Ordnance Works facility. This current investigative work scope does not include Site sub-parcels separately managed under the US EPA Superfund /National Priorities List Program.

The U of M submitted a SFSP on September 7, 2016, after which MPCA Superfund staff and the Barr project team exchanged comments via email leading to the October 6 approval. The approval included conditions that further soil and groundwater sampling may be necessary to complete the conceptual site model and for certain site closure or assurance letters. The U of M has also completed a Sample and Analysis Plan/Quality Assurance Project Plan – Update #1 (SAP/QAPP – Update #1 by Barr dated September 2016), which has been approved by the MPCA. Both the SFSP and SAP/QAPP Update #1 have been completed to meet MPCA Superfund Program guidance established under Minnesota Environmental Response and Liability Act and is consistent with U.S.EPA Superfund Program guidance for completing Remedial Investigations under Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act. In addition, as per previous MPCA and stakeholder comments, the planned RI Report to be completed by the U of M shall be a site-wide RI report which pulls together past investigative activities conducted by both the U of M and USACE, into one comprehensive RI report.

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The MPCA appreciates the efforts being taken by the U of M to address releases and hazards that exist at the Site. If you have any questions, please contact either me at 651-757-2509 or gary.krueger@state.mn.us, or Edward Olson, at 651-757-2627 or edward.olson@state.mn.us, or Chris Formby at 651-757-2712 or christopher.formby@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

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