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Mr. Richard Erstad, Vice President
General Counsel and Secretary
Hawkins, Inc.
2381 Rosegate
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RE: Citizen Petition for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet for Proposed Construction at the Hawkins Inc. Terminal-2 Facility, 701 Barge Channel Road, St. Paul, Ramsey County

Dear Ms. Amey and Mr. Erstad:

After full review of the petition for completion of an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW), received on June 15, 2015, from the Environmental Quality Board, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has determined that the proposed construction at the Hawkins Inc. Terminal-2 Facility will not have the potential for significant environmental effects. The MPCA therefore denies the petition. This decision completes the process for the consideration of a petition for an EAW under the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board Rules, Minn. R. ch. 4410. Final governmental actions to grant a permit or approval for the project may now be made.

The MPCA recognizes that the local community is concerned about the project and local environmental conditions. The MPCA prepared a separate letter addressed to Hawkins Inc. and the St. Paul Port Authority to identify actions that could help address community concerns, increase public understanding of the project, and build stronger community relationships concerning the industrial activity of Hawkins and other companies in the area.

The MPCA will provide specific Findings of Fact supporting this decision which will be available for review on the MPCA website at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>. Requests for copies of the Findings of Fact may be made by contacting the St. Paul office at 651-757-2100.

If you have questions about this project, please contact Kevin Kain at 651-757-2482, or toll free at 800-657-3864.

Sincerely,

John Linc Stine
Commissioner

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RE: Citizens Petition for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet for Proposed Construction at the Hawkins Inc. Terminal-2 Facility, 701 Barge Channel Road, St. Paul, Ramsey County

Dear Mr. Erstad and Mr. Jambois:

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has denied a citizen petition for an environmental assessment worksheet for the proposed Hawkins Inc. (Hawkins) modifications at 701 Barge Channel Road. At the same time, the MPCA identified several actions that could begin to address citizen concerns identified in the petition. These concepts are not a part of the decision to deny the petition, but would improve the confidence of the community in future decisions. Our recommendations, including actions that can be taken by Hawkins, the project proposer, and the St. Paul Port Authority, who leases the land to Hawkins, are the following:

- MPCA will commit to provide public notice to the community in advance of any proposed modification or reissuance of Hawkins's large above ground permit in the future. (The current project does not require a permit modification or reissuance.)
- The MPCA suggests that Hawkins undertake extended outreach and public engagement to enhance the community's understanding of Hawkins's current operations at the site as well as the company's intent to engage the public in future permit modifications and reissuances, and changes to products stored at the site or changes in operations that may affect the community.
- The MPCA recommends that Hawkins and the Port Authority increase community engagement and discussion of spill and emergency response procedures to increase community awareness of those procedures and how the community would be impacted in the event of an emergency. The MPCA has seen positive results in other communities when the regulated parties successfully engage those communities in these kinds of discussions.
- The MPCA recommends that the Port Authority engage Hawkins and other industry lessees with the community to discuss community health and environmental concerns and identify actions that may help to improve conditions in the area. The MPCA offers to assist in this effort.
- MPCA monitored air quality at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church for three months in 2014 as part of our Community Air Monitoring initiative. While meeting all standards, levels measured for fine particles and metals were somewhat elevated compared to other monitors in the St. Paul and Minneapolis during the same period of time. Further investigation and longer-term monitoring is needed to identify sources and better characterize risks posed by these pollutants. The MPCA plans to install a long-term monitor in this area in 2016.

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- MPCA recommends that the Port Authority include provisions addressing diesel emission reductions in future leases or other agreements with lessees to address the localized air quality issues. Mark Sulzbach of the MPCA's diesel retrofit program can provide additional information about resources available to reduce diesel emissions. His phone number is 651-757-2770.

If you have questions about this project, please contact Kevin Kain at 651-757-2482, or toll free at 800-657-3864.

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