

## TWIN METALS MINNESOTA EXPANDING FACILITIES IN ELY

**A little more than one year after moving into their Ely headquarters, Twin Metals Minnesota is expanding its facilities with a new core sample storage building.**

Over the past year Twin Metals has been hard at work, drilling approximately 300 holes and collecting more than 500,000 feet of core samples from its targeted mineral deposits. Core samples are studied to determine mineral content and general rock structure, and are a source of critical information in properly engineering the Twin Metals proposed underground mine project and associated environmental protections. Each core sample is properly logged based on its location and depth of extraction. Core material not sent to laboratories for analysis (or to the state for geological records) is stored by Twin Metals for future reference. The pure volume of Twin Metals' core samples has resulted in the need for additional storage space.



The new 16,200 square foot core storage building, located next to the Ely headquarters, will allow Twin Metals to store core samples close to its geology experts, improving efficiency and reducing transport needs. The building's foundation work has begun, and Twin Metals is finalizing details of the overall building design. Construction on the building structure will begin in the near future. Twin Metals anticipates the building will be completed and ready for use by spring 2013.

Twin Metals will provide periodic progress updates on the core sample storage building at [www.Twin-Metals.com](http://www.Twin-Metals.com).

