

## FLAMBEAU MINE DEMONSTRATES SUCCESSFUL OPERATION AND RECLAMATION

Mining Minnesota, a mining trade association, recently released a series of fact sheets which answer four questions an activist group posed to Governor Dayton regarding copper-nickel mining in the state. Each fact sheet provides details about how one of the world's largest undeveloped resources of copper and nickel can be responsibly mined, protecting Minnesota's environment and creating unprecedented economic opportunity.

This week, Mine Reader highlights Mining Minnesota's fact sheet explaining how copper-nickel metal mining has been done safely and successfully at the Flambeau Mine in Ladysmith, Wis.

"Wisconsin's mining laws, as well as Minnesota's, are among the strictest in the country and cover every aspect of mining, from exploration to reclamation. Flambeau Mine met these requirements throughout its lifetime.

In fact, not a single permit condition was violated and the mine has not impaired local waters. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources points to the Flambeau Mine as an example of successful operation and closure of a copper-nickel mine.

Plans for reclamation were part of the initial permitting process and were approved by state regulators and communities. The reclaimed site is home to:

- More than 10 acres of wetlands.
- Hundreds of species of plants and animals.
- The Flambeau River, which attracts tourists, paddlers and fisherman; protected at every phase of the project.
- Clean and healthy groundwater of the same quality as before mining took place."

The reclaimed Flambeau Mine demonstrates that copper-nickel mining can be done in an environmentally responsible and safe way while producing materials society needs and providing economic opportunity for the region and state. For more information on the successful operation and reclamation of the Flambeau Mine site, visit the Wisconsin DNR at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/mines/flambeau.html>; or visit: <http://www.flambeaumine.com/>.



*Flambeau Mine during production and after reclamation.*