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Subject Cottage Grove Sludge

## Gentlemen,

Another wringle in the sludge disposal saga. It seems the sludge exceeds the limit for mercury and Buffalo will not take it based on the mercury content. The option open to CG is to send the sludge to an out of state landfill. The question is, are we comfortable in sending this waste stream to a landfill that has not previously taken FC containing wastes?

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Exhibit 2045

State of Minnesota v. 3M Co., Court File No. 27-CV-10-28862