

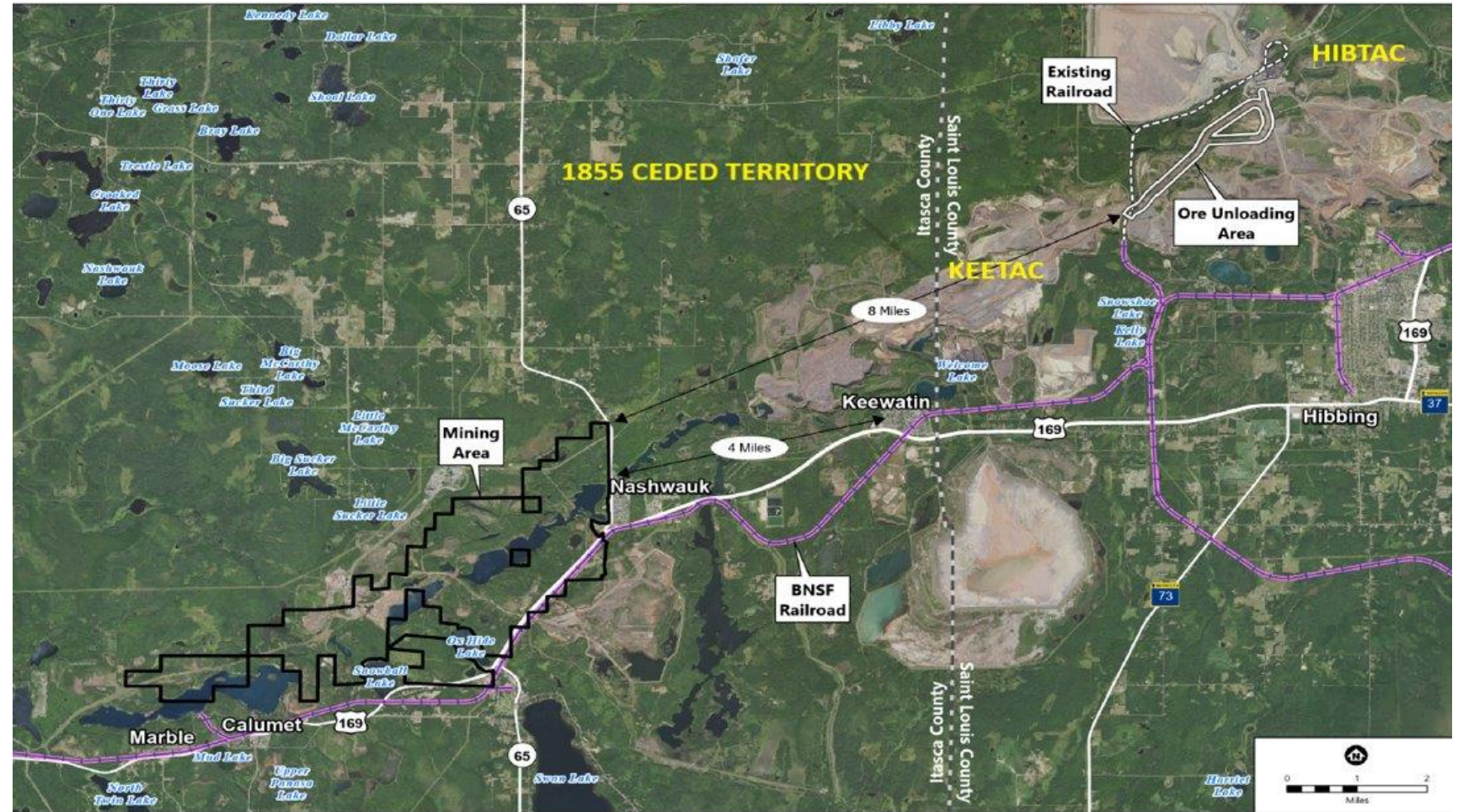


Cliffs Nashwauk Update

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Proposed Project - Overview

- **New** open-pit mine for taconite ore
- **New** mine site rail loadout facility
- **New** ore unloading area at HibTAC



Mandatory Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

- Cliffs sent substantial submittal on Dec 29, 2023
 - This started the EIS process
- 3 phases: Scoping, EIS (draft and final), Adequacy
- We are at the beginning

PERMITTING

- Permitting review may occur concurrent to the EIS
- **EIS must be completed before permitting decisions made**

EIS Phases and Products

EIS Scoping

- [EAW Form](#)
- [Draft Scoping Decision Document \(DSDD\)](#)

Draft EIS

- [Follows Final Scoping Decision](#)

Final EIS

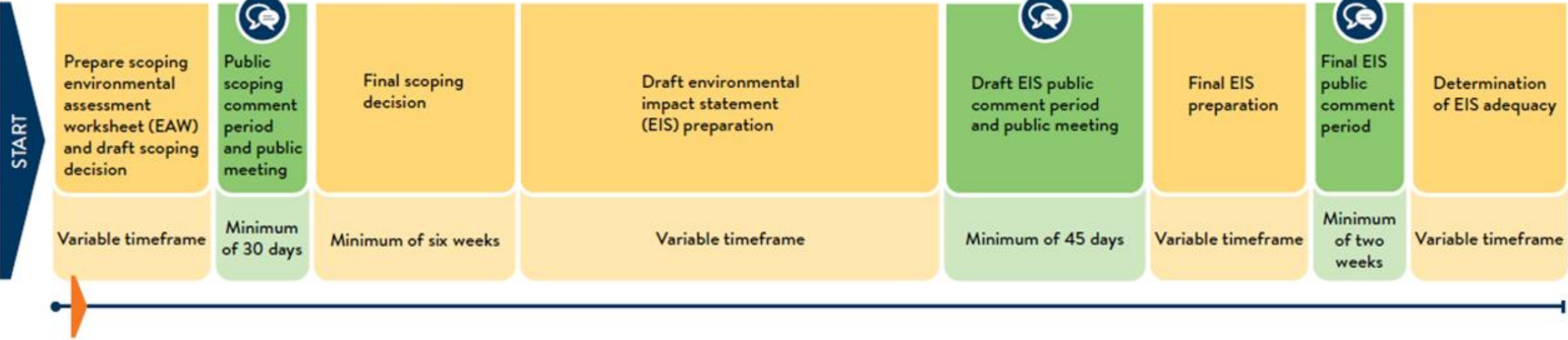
- [Responds to Public Comments on Draft EIS](#)

Adequacy Determination

- [RGU Determination](#)

Typical EIS Timeline

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Environmental Review Process Timeline



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Questions?