

## Dean Finnegan Email Thank You

Dear Members of the Minnesota Taconite Workers Lung Health Partnership,

On behalf of Partnership Co-Chair Ron Dicklich and me, thank you very much for your participation in the meeting earlier this week. I thought our discussion was fruitful, and I was pleased that so many of you took time to join us to discuss the status of this important research project.

As promised in the early days of the University's engagement in this project, we will continue to provide updates on the research project's status, either through calls like we had this week or through face-to-face meetings on the Range.

We appreciate your interest in the work. As we discussed, we are somewhat concerned with the level of participation thus far in the health screening. Anything you can do to reach out to your organization's constituents, to your neighbors and friends, and to other community leaders, to let them know about the importance of participating in the health survey if they are requested to do so will be greatly appreciated.

We will continue to work with Range news media to alert them to these efforts. We will also make every effort to attend your organizational meetings to keep your constituents up to date on our work. Just give us a little notice and we will try to be there.

Please remember to visit our Web site: [www.taconiteworkers.umn.edu](http://www.taconiteworkers.umn.edu). The slides from Tuesday's meeting are posted there. And don't hesitate to send me a personal message to [SPHdean@umn.edu](mailto:SPHdean@umn.edu) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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