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Annotated Versions of Amended Chapter 4410 Rules Now Posted at EQB Website

As promised in an earlier edition of the *Monitor*, the EQB has posted two annotated versions of the up-to-date Environmental Review program rules at its website, in the Guidance Documents section. Both versions are annotated to show the amendments that went into effect on October 30, 2006. One version presents the full text of the rules while the other is in the style of an “errata sheet” that explains how to update the turquoise-colored rule extract book that many practitioners are used to using. Anyone may access and use or download these rules found at: <http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/EnvRevGuidanceDocuments.htm>

In addition to these annotated and “unofficial” versions of the rules, the official updated version of the rules is available from the website of the Revisor of Statutes or from the Minnesota Bookstore.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: April 25, 2007

Project Title: Parkway Business Center

Description: The Parkway Business Center is a proposed light-industrial/commercial planned unit development located on 55.2 acres in St. Joseph, MN. The project includes the creation of 25 lots ranging from 1.10 acres to 3.32 acres. The project will be serviced by municipal sewer and water.

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Project Title: Brainerd Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade

Description: The city of Brainerd proposes to upgrade its wastewater treatment facility and increase its capacity from 3.6 million gallons per day (mgd) to 7.2 mgd. The project includes construction of new headworks, a new sequencing batch reactor system, a new ultra violet disinfection system, and biosolids handling facilities. Treated effluent will continue to discharge into the Mississippi River under the existing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/State Disposal System (NPDES/SDS) Permit from the existing outfall. Pollutant mass loadings of total suspended solids and carbonaceous biological oxygen demand will be frozen and a phosphorus limit of one milligram per liter will apply.

In addition to the Environmental Assessment Worksheet, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's draft NPDES/SDS Permit will also be available for public comment concurrently. The contact person for the Permit is Robin Novotny at 218-828-6114.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Website, at the following: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>.

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Project Title: Son-D-Farms Feedlot Expansion (Dale's Site)

Description: Son-D-Farms, Inc., is proposing the expansion of an existing swine nursery and finishing facility in Section 29 of Olney Township in Nobles County. The facility currently has a maximum physical capacity of 2,220 finishing hogs (666 animal units) housed in two barns and 2,350 nursery pigs (117.5 animal units) housed in two barns. The proposed facility expansion will consist of the construction of four additional barns that will each have a maximum physical capacity of 1,200 finishing hogs (360 animal units), for a total expansion of 4,800 finishing hogs (1,440 animal units). After construction, the maximum physical capacity of the entire facility will be 7,020 finishing hogs (2,106 animal units) and 2,350 nursery pigs (117.5 animal units). The proposed barns will be total confinement, tunnel-ventilated buildings. Manure will be stored in reinforced concrete pits located beneath each of the barns.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Web site, at the following: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>

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PETITION FILED

The following petitions have been filed with the EQB requesting preparation of an EAW. The EQB has assigned the indicated unit of government to review the petition and decide on the need for an EAW.

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Holden Farms Expansion Project
- City of White Bear Lake, Central and Lake Avenues and Shady Lane Reconstruction project

EIS NEED DECISIONS

The responsible governmental unit has determined the following projects do not require preparation of an EIS. The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the EAW notice was published in the *EQB Monitor*.

- Minnesota Department of Transportation, Interstate 94/County State Aid Highways 19 & 37 Interchange; City of Albertville, Wright County. November 15, 2006 (July 17, 2006)
- Minnesota Department of Transportation, Reconstruction of Trunk Highway 197 and 71, City of Bemidji, Hubbard and Beltrami Counties. February 9, 2007 (July 31, 2006)
- City of Minneapolis, The Wave Project. February 23, 2007 (August 14, 2006)
- Chisago City Council, Natures Preserve. February 27, 2007 (December 31, 2006)
- Todd County, Emerald Heights. February 20, 2007 (November 6, 2006)
- County of Becker, The Woods on Lake Maud. February 27, 2007 (December 4, 2006)

FINAL AUAR ADOPTED

Project: Final Creekside AUAR Adoption and Revised page for Records

Description: The Sauk Rapids City Council adopted the Final Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) for the Creekside Development at their City Council meeting on Monday, February 12, 2007. The Creekside AUAR study area consists of approximately 692 acres of land located north of County Road 3 and east of County Road 1 in the City of Sauk Rapids and Minden Township, Benton County, Minnesota.

At the February 12, 2007 meeting, the City Council amended the AUAR to include a reference for the city to coordinate with Benton County regarding possible options for realigning the proposed County Road 29 corridor. Page ES-5 is revised for the Final AUAR containing the new text. The additional text is included in the final paragraph under Item #21. This new page, in its entirety replaces page ES-5 included in the January 2007 Final AUAR document previously sent to the EQB distribution list and other local recipients.

NOTICES

Minnesota Department of Agriculture Notifications of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
07-NO-025	Stine Seed Farm	Corn	Herbicide Tolerance Drought Tolerance	Renville, Kandiyohi
07-NO-026	Monsanto	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerance	Steele
07-NO-027	Monsanto	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerance	Redwood
07-NO-028	M.S. Technologies	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerance	Blue Earth, Clay, Grant, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Lac qui Parle, Mower, Renville, Rice, Sibley, Traverse, Yellow Medicine
07-NO-029	University of Minnesota	Wheat	Disease Resistance Herbicide Tolerance	Dakota
07-NO-030	Stine Seed Farm	Corn	Herbicide Tolerance	Renville, Kandiyohi
07-NO-031	Monsanto	Canola	Herbicide Tolerance Increased Yield	Otter Tail, Wilkin
07-NO-032	Syngenta	Corn	Herbicide Tolerance	Brown, Dakota, Goodhue, Mower (2), Renville (3), Rice, Waseca
07-NO-033	Syngenta	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerance	Meeker, Renville (3)

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