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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

Comments due on February 1, 2006

Two Rivers Campground and Tubing expansion in Benton County

Description: Two Rivers Campground is requesting to expand its existing recreational facility consisting of 75 dependent and 55 independent campsites by 100 independent sites for seasonal recreational vehicles on 18 acres of the 36 acre site in Benton County. The new sites will have water, sewer and electric hook-ups and be a minimum of 2,000 square feet.

RGU: Benton County

Contact: William Mayland, Assistant Director of Development, 531 Dewey Street, P.O. Box 129, Foley, MN 56329; 320-968-5065; fax: 320-968-5351

Salvage Recycling Yard

Description: Jeff Kasper wants to operate a salvage recycling center for people in the community to recycle things like lawn mowers, woven wire, junk vehicles, old farm machinery, any type of metal except appliances.

RGU: Bruce Township Board of Supervisors

Contact: Beverly Eggerth, Clerk, Recording Secretary, 26234 285th Ave, Long Prairie, MN 56347; 320-732-3409; fax: 320-732-6253

Center Creek Pork Project

Description: Center Creek Pork proposes to construct a new 4,800-head (1,920 animal units) maximum capacity, farrow-to-wean swine facility (Facility) in Section 7 of Center Creek Township, Martin County, Minnesota. The Facility will have one 132-foot by 376-foot farrowing barn with three 80-foot by 380-foot breeding and gestation buildings. Each building will have an eight-foot deep engineered concrete manure storage pit below the barn for approximately 11 months of manure storage. The manure will be removed twice per year and injected at agronomic rates into designated cropland as fertilizer.

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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RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Contact: Jessica Ebertz, Project Manager, Operations and Environmental Review Section, Regional Environmental Management Division, 520 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-8011

Chanhassen 115 kV Substation and Transmission Line Tap

Description: Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative (MVEC) is planning to construct and own a new 115 kV substation in Chanhassen in Carver County, Minnesota.

Great River Energy, wholesale power supplier to MVEC, proposes to construct, own, and operate approximately 80 feet of 115 kV transmission line to energize this new substation. The line will be a single circuit design and will tap the existing 115 kV transmission line near the substation that is owned and operated by Xcel Energy. Great River Energy will also own the switch structure that will be located at the convergence of the new line and the existing transmission line.

The new facility will meet the growing electrical demand in the area and increase reliability of the local system.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment for the project is available at the City of Chanhassen, 7700 Market Blvd, P.O. Box 147, Chanhassen, MN 55317.

The public will be given an opportunity to comment on the EAW for the propose project at a public meeting to be held January 3, 2006 at Chanhassen City Hall. Public comments on the proposed project will be accepted by the City through January 13, 2006.

RGU: City of Chanhassen

Contact: Sharmeen Al-Jaff, Senior Planner, 7700 Market Blvd, P.O. Box 147, Chanhassen, MN 55317; 952-227-1134; fax: 952-227-1934; e-mail: saljaff@ci.chanhassen.mn.us

Lucht's Crossing

Description: Lucht's Crossing is a proposed residential development of 138 single family lots on approximately 80 acres. The project is located one quarter of a mile north of the intersection between County Road 14 and County Road 73. The project is south of the Sunrise River. Sanitary sewer and watermain will service the site. Stormwater management systems will be constructed on-site.

RGU: City of North Branch

Contact: Alan Cottingham, Planning Director, 6408 Elm Street, P.O. Box 910, North Branch, MN 55056; 651-674-8113; fax: 651-674-8262; e-mail: alanc@ci.north-branch.mn.us

Kasper Property

Description: The Kasper project is proposed on approximately 94 acres in the southwestern portion of St. Michael. Construction is proposed for 161 single family homes with a park, trails, wetlands, and stormwater ponds. The site is located north and west of County Road 35 and south of 35th Street NE.

RGU: City of St. Michael

Contact: Marc Weigle, Community Development Director, 3150 Lander Avenue NE, P.O. Box 337, St. Michael, MN 55376-0337; 763-497-2041 Ext. 112; fax: 763-497-5306

Two Harbors Wilderness Acres – Residential Subdivision



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Description: The property is 69 acres with 1,550 feet of frontage on Little Coyote and 1,940 feet on King Lake. A stream is located along the south boundary of proposed lot 7 that is navigable between both lakes. Proposed are 13 lake lots and 2 back lots that range from 2.5 to 6.5 acres. Lake frontages range from 203 to 630 feet.

RGU: St. Louis County

Contact: Scott Smith, Physical Planning Manager, 227 West First Street, Suite 100, Duluth, MN 55802; 218-725-5005; fax: 218-725-5029; e-mail: smiths@co.st-louis.mn.us

EA/DRAFT 4(f) EVALUATION AVAILABLE

Northstar Corridor Rail Project Environmental Assessment/Draft 4(f) Evaluation

The EA/Draft 4(f) Evaluation has been prepared under 23 CFR 771.129 and 23 CFR 771.130 by Mn/DOT, the NCDA and Met Council to update information found in the *Northstar Corridor Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statement (Draft and FEIS)* dated December 2000 and March 2002, respectively, and the *Record of Decision* (December 2002). The Northstar Rail Project under evaluation in the EA runs from downtown Minneapolis to Big Lake, Minnesota (40.1 mile system). This document evaluates whether there have been significant changes to the proposed action, the affected environment, the anticipated impacts or the proposed mitigation measures required since the *Record of Decision (ROD)* was issued for the project. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is the lead federal agency for the Northstar Corridor project.

Copies of the EA are being distributed to those agencies on the current Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (MnEQB) distribution list and others with interest in the proposed project. The EA/Draft 4(f) Evaluation review period will begin upon notification in the January 2, 2006 *EQB Monitor*. Comments will be accepted by Mn/DOT through February 16, 2006 (45-day review and comment period). Copies of the EA will be available at libraries in the Northstar Corridor (listed below) and at the Northstar Project Office (see address below).

Minneapolis Northeast Library
Technology and Science Library
Columbia Heights Library
Crooked Lake Branch Library
Northtown Central Library
Rum River Branch Library
Elk River Branch Library
Great River Regional Library – Big Lake and St. Cloud
Legislative Reference Library

Comments on the Northstar Corridor Rail Project EA/Draft 4(f) Evaluation should be submitted to:

Bryan Dodds
Northstar Project Office
155 Fifth Avenue South
Suite 755
Minneapolis, MN 55401
Phone: 612-215-8200
Fax: 612-215-8210
e-mail: bryan.dodds@mnrail.org

To afford an opportunity for all interested parties, agencies, groups to comment on the proposed project, Mn/DOT and its local partnering agencies, the NCDA and Met Council will be hosting three open house/public hearings as follows:



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January 25, 2006
5:30 PM Open House/7:00 PM Presentation and Comments
Coon Rapids Civic Center, Room B
1155 Robinson Drive
Coon Rapids

January 26, 2006
5:00 PM Open House/6:30 PM Presentation and Comments
Heywood Facility
560 Sixth Avenue North
Minneapolis

January 30, 2006
6:00 PM Open House/7:30 PM Presentation and Comments
Big Lake High School Cafeteria
501 Minnesota Avenue
Big Lake

Individuals with a disability, who need reasonable accommodation to participate in the public hearings, please contact Bryan Dodds at 612-215-8200. The EA/Draft 4(f) Evaluation document is available in alternate formats to individuals with disabilities by calling the Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529.

PETITIONS 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.

- Cass County, Tall Pines development on Ten Mile Lake
- Morrison County, H. Block Dog Breeding Facility

EAW NEED DECISION

The noted responsible governmental unit has made a decision regarding the need for an EAW in response to a citizen petition.

- City of Mahtomedi, Wildwood Village Project, Denied.

EIS NEED DECISIONS

The responsible governmental unit has determined the following projects do not require preparations 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.

- Maple Grove City Council, Fieldstone Meadows Residential Development, December 19, 2005 (October 24, 2005)
- Crow Wing County Board of Commissioners, Canyon Creek Meadows, December 13, 2005 (October 24, 2005)
- Salem Town Board, John Donovan Sandpit, December 7, 2005 (September 26, 2005)



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- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Heartland Corn Products Facility Expansion Project, December 9, 2005 (November 7, 2005)
- Bemidji Township, Tyler Hills Plat, December 12, 2005 (November 7, 2005)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Kerkhoff Cattle Expansion Project, December 12, 2005 (September 26, 2005)
- Glencoe City Council, Glenview Estates, December 5, 2005 (October 24, 2005)

UPDATED AUAR ADOPTED

The City of Brooklyn Park adopted the Updated AUAR and Updated Mitigation Plan for the Target Northern Campus by Resolution #2005-368 on December 19, 2005. This Updated AUAR is a comprehensive review of potential environmental impacts associated with the development of a 136+/- acre parcel in Brooklyn Park.

Contact: Cindy Sherman, City of Brooklyn Park Planning Director; 763-493-8051; e-mail: cindys@ci.brooklyn-park.mn.us

NOTICES

**Minnesota Department of Commerce
Notice of Public Information Meeting
January 10, 2006, 7:30 p.m.
Lake Wilson American Legion
Lake Wilson, Minnesota
Site Permit Application and Draft Site Permit
For the
Fenton Wind Power Plant
In
Murray and Nobles Counties
MPUC Docket No. PT6499/WS-05-1707**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public information meeting will be held on the application by enXco Development Corporation to build up to 205.5 megawatt (MW) large wind energy conversion system (LWECS). The public meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m., on **Tuesday, January 10, 2006**, at the Lake Wilson American Legion, 133 Broadway Avenue, Lake Wilson, Minnesota

Staff of the Minnesota Department of Commerce (MDOC) will conduct the meeting and review the state's wind energy site permitting process and Public Utilities Commission (PUC) authorized Draft Site Permit. Please note that the authority for wind permits was transferred to the PUC from the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board on July 1, 2005, and responsibility for conducting the public review process was assigned to the MDOC. Representatives of the applicant (enXco) will be at the meeting to describe the proposed project and answer questions.

Project Description

The Fenton Wind Power Plant (Project) is a Large Wind Energy Conversion System of approximately 205.5 MW and will consist of up to 137 wind turbines. The turbines will be either the GE Wind 1.5 MW or similar wind turbine model mounted on freestanding



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tubular steel towers. The towers will be 80 meters (262 feet) in height. The blades on the wind turbines are 38.5 meters (126 feet) long, resulting in a maximum overall height of 118.5 meters (389 feet) when one blade is in the vertical position. The rotor diameter will be 77 meters (253 feet). The Project will also require a 34.5 kV electrical collection and feeder system to deliver power from each turbine to the new Fenton Substation, located in section 20 of Fenton Township. Other associated facilities will include pad mounted step-up transformers for each wind turbine and access roads.

Proposed Site Location

As shown on the accompanying map, the proposed project site is located in southern Murray and northern Nobles counties, near the town of Chandler. In Murray County, the site includes parts of Chanarambie, Moulton and Fenton townships; and in Nobles County, the includes parts of Leota and Wilmont townships. The total project site area including the wind plant and land easements is approximately 38,400 acres. The total development consists of approximately 65 acres.

PUC Site Permit Review Process

enXco Development Corporation (enXco) filed a site permit application, on behalf of Fenton Power Partners, LLC, with the Public Utilities Commission on November 28, 2005, for the 205.5 MW LWECS project, which the PUC accepted on December 15, 2005. The DOC is now reviewing the Fenton Wind Power Plant site permit application under the Wind Siting Act (Minnesota Statutes, sections 116C.691 – 116C.697) and the PUC Wind Permitting Rules (Minnesota Rules, Chapter 4401). Upon completion of the review requirements, the MDOC will present the record of this matter to the PUC for a final decision.

Public Comments

The site permit application, Draft Site Permit and the agency rules guiding the review process are available on the PUC website at:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=18236>

Interested persons may comment on the site permit application and Draft Site Permit at the public meeting or may submit written or fax (651-297-1959) comments by 4:30 p.m. on **February 1, 2006**. **Please include the following docket number (PT6499/WS-05-1707)**. Written comments should be directed to: Sharon Ferguson, Department of Commerce, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101-2198.

DOC Project Contacts

Questions about the project and the PUC permitting process may be directed to: Larry B. Hartman, Department of Commerce, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101-2198; Tel: 651-296-5098; Fax 651-297-7891; **e-mail** larry.hartman@state.mn.us. David Birkholz, with the DOC staff, has been appointed as the public advisor to assist and advise citizens on how to participate in the site permit process. He can be reached at: Tel: 651-296-2878 or e-mail david.birkholz@state.mn.us and the mailing address above.

Questions about the Fenton Site Permit Application can also be directed to the applicant by contacting Ian Krygowski at 612-746-0770 or IanK@enxco.com, 10 Second St., Suite 107, Minneapolis, MN 55413.

Hearing Request

Any person may request a contested case hearing in this matter. All contested case hearing requests must be filed with Sharon Ferguson (address above) in writing by 4:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 1, 2006**. The person requesting the public hearing must list the issues to be addressed in the hearing and the reasons why a hearing is required to resolve those issues. The MPUC shall



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order a contested case hearing if it finds that a material issue of fact has been raised and that the holding of the hearing will aid the PUC in making a final decision on the site permit application.

Project Background Information

Copies of the site permit application for the Fenton Wind Power Plant and the PUC authorized Draft Site Permit have been distributed to affected landowners, and township, county and state officials. Copies of the application and Draft Site Permit are available for review at the Auditor's Offices in Murray and Nobles counties, and the city offices in Chandler. All project documents are available on the PUC Web site at:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=1823> or on the PUC Web site at:

<http://www.puc.state.mn.us/index.htm> (See eDockets at (05-1707).

DRAFT EIS PUBLIC MEETINGS SET

Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant Independent Spent Nuclear Fuel Installation

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission has scheduled public information meetings and hearings to accept comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for a proposed dry cask storage facility for spent nuclear fuel at Xcel Energy's Monticello Generating Plant. Sessions will be held at two locations:

Monticello Community Center, Mississippi Room
505 Walnut Street
Monticello, Minnesota
February 2, 2006 at 1:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
Commission's Small Hearing Room
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, Minnesota
February 16, 2006 at 1:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Public review copies of the DEIS are available at the Monticello Public Library, 200 West 6th St., Monticello, by contacting the Minnesota Department of Commerce at 651-297-3652 and online at <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=9901>.

Formal comments on the accuracy and completeness of the DEIS will be accepted until **March 3, 2006**. Please refer to Docket E002/CN 05-123 in all correspondence. Comments should be sent by e-mail or U.S. mail to:

Ms. Sharon Ferguson
Department of Commerce
85 7th Place, Suite 500
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198
e-mail: Sharon.ferguson@state.mn.us



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Reclamation Project Planned for Swan and Middle Lakes – DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife is planning a rotenone treatment on Swan Lake in Nicollet County, Protected Waters Inventory number 52003400. Middle Lake is Nicollet County (52002300) may also be a part of this proposed treatment if carp are also documented in this lake in the near future. This project may involve the application of rotenone, a federally and state registered pesticide to eliminate/reduce carp. Endangered or threatened species are not known to be present in either lake. Project goals include treating the undesirable fish species, carp to prevent this fish from degrading water quality and wildlife habitat in Swan and Middle Lakes.

Swan Lake will be drawn down prior to any chemical treatment. If fish do not naturally winter kill the lake will be treated with chemical either under the ice or aurally in early spring just after ice-off. The chemical application would occur at the earliest in February of 2006 and at the latest Maybe of 2006 and may include Middle Lake if carp are documented in this lake as well. Rotenone distribution will be done either through the ice, by drip station and/or aurally. Target treatment concentration is 3-4 ppm of 2.5% liquid rotenone or a similar concentration of powdered rotenone. Benefits of the project will be to prevent carp from degrading water quality, aquatic vegetation abundance, and maintain habitat for wildlife and waterfowl.

Swan Lake is a Designated Lake under M.S. 97a.101 and this strategy is consistent with the existing management plan for this basin.

For general information about any of these projects, contact Area Wildlife Manager, Joel Anderson 507-225-3572, Regional Wildlife Manager, Ken Varland 507-359-6030 or Nicole Hansel-Welch, Shallow Lakes Program, 218-833-8626.



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EQB Monitor Publication Calendar for 2006

Deadline for Submission	Publication Date	EAW Comment Deadline
December 23, 2005	January 2	February 1
January 9	January 16	February 15
January 23	January 30	March 1
February 6	February 13	March 15
February 17 (Friday)	February 27	March 29
March 6	March 13	April 12
March 20	March 27	April 26
April 3	April 10	May 10
April 17	April 24	May 24
May 1	May 8	June 7
May 15	May 22	June 21
May 26 (Friday)	June 5	July 5
June 12	June 19	July 19
June 26	July 3	August 2
July 10	July 17	August 16
July 24	July 31	August 30
August 7	August 14	September 13
August 21	August 28	September 27
September 1 (Friday)	September 11	October 11
September 18	September 25	October 25
October 2	October 9	November 8
October 16	October 23	November 22
October 30	November 6	December 6
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