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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: November 22, 2006

Project Title: Nature's Refuge Residential Subdivision

Description: Nature's Refuge is a conservation development project located in the city of Lino Lakes on CSAH 14, consisting of 278 proposed residential lots on 100 acres and conservation areas totaling 132 acres in size, which will be restored and maintained under a permanent conservation easement and a city-approved natural resources stewardship plan. The project will utilize city sewer and water services.

RGU: City of Lino Lakes

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Minnesota Environmental Quality Board
658 Cedar St., 300 Centennial Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155-1388
Phone: 651-201-2480
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<http://www.eqb.state.mn.us>

Project Title: Menahga Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvement Project

Description: The city of Menahga proposes to expand their existing three-cell wastewater treatment facility (WWTF), approximately 15 acres in size, by constructing a new 13.4-acre secondary stabilization pond directly to the south of the existing stabilization pond system. The expansion of the WWTF will provide for greater treatment of municipal wastewater treatment. The WWTF will discharge seasonally through an unnamed ditch and, ultimately, to the Crow Wing River.

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>

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Contact Person:

Jim Sullivan, Project Manager
Operations and Environmental Review Section
Regional Environmental Management Division
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
520 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul, MN 55155
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Project Title: Ryan Contracting Co. Sand and Gravel Mine

Description: Ryan Contracting Co. proposes to mine sand and gravel for private use from approximately 12.91 acres of a 29-acre parcel of land located on the north side of McKenna Road, about 1/4 mile north of CSAH 42, in the South 1/2 of Section 22, Township 115, Range 22. Mining will occur for approximately four years and is limited to no more than 500,000 cubic yards of sand and gravel. Site reclamation will allow for agricultural use.

RGU: City of Prior Lake

Contact Person:

Jane Kansier, Planning Director
17073 Adelman St. SE
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DRAFT EIS PERIOD EXTENSION**County State Aid Highway 21 Extension**

At the request of the City of Shakopee, Scott County has extended the public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 21 Extension and park-and-ride transit station project. The comment period will now end on Monday, November 20, 2006. For those who

have already commented there is no need to resubmit comments. All comments will be reviewed and considered. Substantive comments received will be responded to in writing in the Final EIS.

Copies of the Draft EIS have been distributed to the EQB list and are also available for review at:

Shakopee Public Library
235 So. Lewis St.
Shakopee, MN 55379

Prior Lake Public Library
16210 Eagle Creek Ave., SE
Prior Lake, MN 55372

Scott County Government Center
200 Fourth Ave. W
Shakopee, MN 55379

Shakopee City Hall
129 Holmes St.
Shakopee, MN 55379

Prior Lake City Hall
16776 Fish Point Road SE
Prior Lake, MN 55372

Scott County Public Works
600 Country Trail East
Jordan, MN 55352

The Draft EIS is also available on the Scott County Web site at www.co.scott.mn.us. Go to What's New in Scott County/CSAH 21 Extension home page.

Please send all written comments to:

Mitchell Rasmussen, County Engineer
Scott County Public Works Division
600 Country Trail East
Jordan, MN 55352-9339
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Email: mrasmussen@co.scott.mn.us

RGU: Scott County

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.

- St. Louis County, Arthur Lake Shores Plat
- Belle Prairie Township, 195th Avenue Reconstruction
- Carver County Planning & Zoning Department, Butler Brothers Contractor's Yard Project, Dahlgren Township
- Otter Tail County, Homeland Investment Company Project, Dunn Township, sections 17 & 20

ADOPTION OF AUAR

Adoption of Mississippi Jewel AUAR Five-Year Update

On September 30, 2006, the city of Lake City completed its five-year update of the Mississippi Jewel AUAR and documented its findings as part of the Resolution No. 06-076 accepting the review and a revised Mitigation Plan for the project area.

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 Natural Resources, Valley Creek Stream Habitat Restoration Project, October 3, 2006 (July 28, 2006)
- City of Winona, Jason Phillips Development, October 9, 2006 (July 18, 2005)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Victoria and St. Bonifacius Area Interceptor, October 9, 2006 (August 14, 2006)

- City of Woodbury, Tamarack Hills PUD, September 27, 2006 (August 14, 2006)
- Meeker County, McNamara Pit Expansion, October 3, 2006 (August 14, 2006)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Meeting Notice Minnesota Forest Resources Council's Biomass Guideline Committee

The Landscape Committee of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC) will meet on Thursday, November 2, 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in Cloquet at the Cloquet Forestry Center.

For more information, please contact Lindberg Ekola at (320) 256-8300 or go to the MFRC Website at <http://www.frc.state.mn.us>.

**Metropolitan Airports Commission/
Assessment of Environmental Effects
of the 2007-2013 Capital Improvement Program
for MSP and Reliever Airports.**

Minnesota Statutes 1988, Chapter 664, requires the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) to prepare an Assessment of Environmental Effects (AOEE) for projects in the Commission's seven-year Capital Improvement Program (2007-2013) for airports included in its system.

An EAW, EA or EIS has been previously prepared and public hearing held for each MSP and reliever airport project in the 2007-2013 CIP that requires an EAW under Chapter 664. An assessment of the cumulative environmental effects of CIP projects at each affected airport in the system is presented in the AOEE.

A copy of the AOEE can be obtained by contacting Robert Vorpahl, Metropolitan Airports Commission, 6040 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55450; 612-726-8127. Comments concerning the AOEE can be given at a Public Hearing to be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in room 3040, Mezzanine level, Lindbergh Terminal, Minneapolis -St. Paul International Airport, or in writing to Robert Vorpahl at 6040 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55450. Comments on the AOEE must be received by the close of business on Wednesday, November 22, 2006. Persons planning to attend the public hearing should call Robert Vorpahl at 612-726-8127 for security checkpoint information.

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Please take a few moments to visit the EQB Website <http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/CustomerSurvey.html>. Your comments and suggestions are valuable and appreciated. Thank you.