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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: November 8, 2006

Project Title: US BioEnergy—Janesville, LLC

Description: US BioEnergy—Janesville, LLC, plans to construct a 120-million gallon per year ethanol plant near Janesville, Waseca County, Minnesota, which will use dry milling and natural fermentation to manufacture fuel grade ethanol. Production includes 389,323 tons per year of Dried Distiller's Grains with solubles and up to 997,471 tons per year wet cake, or partially dried wet cake, at 897,720 tons per year. US BioEnergy proposes to withdraw 1,490 gallons per minute from ground water sources. Transport will use trucks and rail.

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:

Kelly Garvey, Project Manager
Environmental Review and Operations Section
Regional Division
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
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(651) 296-7796

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St. Paul, MN 55155-1388
Phone: 651-201-2480
Fax: 651-296-3698
<http://www.eqb.state.mn.us>

Project Title: Anoka CSAH 14 -- I-35W to I-35E

Description: The proposed project will reconstruct the 4.0-mile segment of CSAH 14 from I-35W to I-35E through the cities of Lino Lakes and Centerville. The first segment of the project, 1.5 miles from I-35W to Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Regional Park Reserve entrance, will be constructed as a two-lane roadway. The second segment, one mile from the park entrance through downtown Centerville, will be reconstructed with a third lane that will accommodate a continuous left-turn lane. The last segment, approximately 0.8-miles from the eastern edge of downtown Centerville to the I-35E interchange, will be reconstructed as a four-lane divided roadway. A continuous walk/trail will be constructed from I-35W to I-35E for pedestrians and bicyclists. To improve the safety and operations along the roadway, changes will be made to the existing access. Major intersections will also be analyzed for possible improvements. Construction is anticipated to begin in the winter of 2007 and be completed in the winter of 2008. A public hearing to comment on the Environmental Assessment/Environmental Assessment Worksheet has been scheduled for Thursday, November 2, 2006, from 6-7 p.m. at St. Genevieve Parish Community Center, 7087 Goiffon Street, Centerville, MN. Written comments on the Environmental Assessment/Environmental Assessment Worksheet should be submitted prior to the close of the comment period on November 16, 2006, to the contact person listed below.

RGU: Anoka County

Contact Person:

Douglas W. Fischer, P.E.
Anoka County Engineer
Anoka County Highway Department
1440 Bunker Lake Blvd., NW
Andover, MN 55304
(763) 862-4200

Project Title: Hitterdal Hogs, LLC

Description: Propose to construct new total confinement feedlot for raising market hogs. Two barns are planned; one nursery barn 41' x 100' to house 1,000 weanling hogs, and one finishing barn 51' x 380' to house 2,000 finisher hogs. Manure storage in concrete pits under the barn. Manure application—direct injection using umbilical hose.

RGU: Clay County

Contact Person:

Tim Magnusson, Director, Planning & Environmental Programs
807 No. 11th St.
Moorhead, MN 56560
Phone: (218) 299-5002
Fax: (218) 299-5195
tim.magnusson@co.clay.mn.us

Project Title: The Highlands of Harris

Description: The Highlands of Harris is a residential development of 108 single family lots in the city of Harris. The 77-acre site is south of County State Aid Highway 9 and 0.25 miles east of County State Aid Highway 30. The project will be served by city sewer and water.

RGU: City of Harris

Contact Person:

Charles D. Schwartz, P.E.
City Engineer
2335 W Hwy. 36
St. Paul, MN 55113
Phone: (651) 636-4600
Fax: (651) 636-1311

Project Title: Aggregate Industries Olson Pit

Description: Aggregate Industries proposes to expand its sand and gravel mining operation onto approximately 150 acres, adjacent and to the north and west of its existing Pit 153, located in Hawley Township. The company proposes to remove the aggregate from approximately 120 acres of this property.

RGU: Clay County

Contact Person:

Tim Magnusson
Planning Director, Clay County
807 11th St. No.
Moorhead, MN 56560
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Project Title: Luverne Municipal Airport Runway Project

Description: The Luverne Municipal Airport is in need of improvement to better and more safely accommodate general aviation traffic. As such, the city has requested and received federal funding for construction of a new 3,500-foot by 75-foot, paved and lighted runway. Other airport improvements include establishment of non-precision instrument approaches and land acquisition associated with the new runway.

The EAW has been prepared and is available for public review at the offices of the City of Luverne during regular business hours. A copy is also available for review during regular business hours at the Rock County

Community Library, 201 West Main St., Luverne, MN. The EAW will be made available for public review for 20 days beginning Monday, October 9, 2006, and written comments will be accepted until Wednesday, November 8, 2006. Please direct written comments to Melissa Underwood, Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc., 3535 Vadnais Center Dr., St. Paul, MN 55110.

RGU: City of Luverne

Contact Person:

Greg LaFond, City Administrator
203 East Main St.
Luverne, MN 56156
(507) 449-2388

Project Title: Knife Lake Township Sand and Gravel Mine

Description: The project includes non-metallic mining on 63 acres 1/2 mile SE of Knife Lake and screening the West right-of-way of State Highway 65, installing driveway off County Road 19, and conducting sand and gravel mining in four each 15-acre phases. The ultimate 63-acre excavation is to be 20' to 25' deep and is to be restored for low density residential home sites.

RGU: Knife Lake Township

Contact Person:

John Paulson, Township Clerk
2298 Imperial Street
Mora, MN 55051
(320) 679-3741

Project Title: Crystal Springs RV Resort

Description: A 36-acre development is proposed southeast of Ellendale in Summit Township, Steele County, MN. The development will consist of 172 RV sites on lots at least 2,000 square feet in size. Sites will be connected to one shared well and an on-site septic system.

RGU: Steele County

Contact Person:

Dale Oolman, Director of Planning & Zoning
630 Florence Ave., PO Box 890
Owatonna, MN 55060
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Fax: (507) 444-7479

P&ZDirector@co.steele.mn.us

NOTICE OF FINAL EIS AVAILABILITY

Project Title: Blue Heron Bay—Dead Lake Development

Description: Otter Tail County has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) for a proposed 257-acre residential development located on Dead Lake in Dead Lake Township, Otter Tail County, MN. Blue Heron Bay Land Company LLC is the project proposer.

A copy of the Final EIS is available for review during regular business hours at:

Otter Tail County Lake and Resource Management Office
540 Fir Ave. W
Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Fergus Falls Public Library
205 E Hampden
Fergus Falls, MN 56573

Perham Public Library
225 2nd Ave. NE
Perham, MN 56573

New York Mills Public Library
30 No. Main
New York Mills, MN 56567

The Final EIS is also available online at www.co.otter-tail.mn.us.

The public comment period on the adequacy of the Final EIS ends at 4:30 p.m., C.S.T., October 23, 2006. Comments can be submitted to:

Bill Kalar, Administrator
Land & Resource Management
Otter Tail County Government Services Center
540 Fir Ave. W
Fergus Falls, MN 56537-1364
Phone: (218) 998-8095
Fax: (218) 998-8112

EAW NEED DECISIONS

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

- Becker County Board of Commissioners, The Woods on Lake Maud, Ordered

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*.

- Itasca County Board, Nature View Residential Development, September 26, 2006 (August 14, 2006)
- Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Poplar Ridge, September 26, 2006 (August 14, 2006)
- Willmar City Council, Wal-Mart SuperCenter #1470-02, September 18, 2006 (August 14, 2006)
- City of Minneapolis, Pacific Block Redevelopment Project, September 1, 2006 (July 3, 2006)
- City of Moorhead, SE Main Avenue/20th Street/21st Street Railroad Grade Separation Safety Project, September 18, 2006 (July 3, 2006)
- Winona County, Lake LaBelle Restoration Project September 28, 2006 (July 31, 2006)
- Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Pine Haven EAW, September 26, 2006 (August 14, 2006)
- Nisswa City Council, Woods of Nisswa, September 26, 2006 (July 3, 2006)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Lundy Feedlot Expansion, September 20, 2006 (July 31, 2006)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Becker Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade and Expansion, September 22, 2006 (July 31, 2006)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Waterview Business Park Interceptor Sewer, September 26, 2006 (August 14, 2006)
- City of Litchfield, Natures Edge, July 17, 2006 (April 24, 2006)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Pig City Feedlot Project, September 26, 2006 (July 31, 2006)
- City of Woodbury, Tamarack Hills PUD, September 27, 2006 (August 14, 2006)

FINAL EIS ADEQUACY DECISION

On behalf of Douglas Township, TKDA prepared an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposal by Edward Kramer and Sons, Inc. to mine a near-surface limestone deposit underlying 675 acres of agricultural lands in Douglas Township, Minnesota.

TKDA prepared a Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet and Draft Scoping Decision to identify the issues and alternatives that would be addressed in the EIS. A notice of the availability of these scoping documents was published in the *EQB Monitor* on August 18, 2003. The Town Board held a public scoping meeting in Meisville, Minnesota on September 8, 2003 and issued a final Scoping Decision in September, 2003.

The EIS preparation notice was published in the *EQB Monitor* on November 24, 2003. The Township prepared a Draft EIS addressing all issues and alternatives raised in scoping and identifying reasonable mitigation measures for identified adverse effects.

The Draft EIS notice of availability was published in the *EQB Monitor* on October 10, 2005. The Town Board held a public meeting on November 10, 2005 and accepted comments on the Draft EIS through November 30, 2005.

A Final EIS was prepared which included responses to all comments received during the Draft EIS review. The Final EIS notice of availability was published in the *EQB Monitor* on June 5, 2006. The Town Board accepted comments on the adequacy of the Final EIS through 4:30 pm on June 30, 2006.

On July 5, 2006 pursuant to the criteria prescribed in Minnesota Rules Part 4410.2800, subpart 4, the Town Board determined the EIS was inadequate. The Town Board prepared a record of its decision and distributed it to all parties receiving copies of the Final EIS.

Comments received by the Town Board in a timely manner were responded to on September 1, 2006. The Town Board accepted comments on the adequacy of the responses to comments until 4:30 p.m. on September 19, 2006. A Special Town Board Meeting was held on September 20, 2006. The responses to the comments were considered and the Town Board found the Final EIS to be adequate conditioned upon receipt and review of the Final EIS with the responses to comments implemented into the Final EIS.

On September 26, 2006, the revised pages of the Final EIS were distributed. On October 2, 2006, the Town Board found that the Final EIS satisfied the criteria required to be determined adequate as outlined by Minnesota Rule 4410.2800. The Town Board prepared a record of its decision and distributed it to all parties receiving copies of the Final EIS.

The contact person for the Town Board is Ralph Schweich, 11581 240th St. E., Hampton, MN 55031.

COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED

Xcel Energy Ash Landfill Project

Based on citizen feedback at a recent public meeting, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has extended the public comment period on the Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet and Draft Scoping Decision Document for the proposed Xcel Energy ash landfill project. These documents are intended to identify the issues to be addressed in the forthcoming Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the proposed project. An additional two weeks will be added to the comment period, which will now end on Thursday, October 26, 2006, at 4:30 p.m. Commenters are urged to focus their comments on the issues they believe should be addressed in the EIS.

Last week's public meeting revealed that a large number of people who wish to review the documents were not on the initial mailing list and, therefore, did not receive these documents at the start of the notice period.

For those who have already commented, there is no need to resubmit comments. All will be reviewed and considered, and any written comments received will be responded to in writing in the record. After reviewing all comments, MPCA staff will revise the Draft Scoping Decision Document, as necessary. The result will be the final “blueprint” for the EIS.

Because the comment period is being extended, the Final Scoping Decision Document is tentatively scheduled to be presented to the MPCA Citizens’ Board (Board) for final approval in December, rather than November as previously announced. Everyone on the mailing list will be notified in advance of the time and date of that meeting, and at the same time be sent copies of the documents that will be considered by the Board.

Copies of the Xcel Energy Ash Landfill Scoping EAW and Draft Scoping Decision Document are available for review at:

The MPCA’s St. Paul office, 520 Lafayette Road No.
MPCA Web site at www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.htm.
Valley Branch Library, 380 St. Croix Trail, Lakeland
Washington County Library, 8595 Central Park Place, Woodbury

Copies may also be requested directly by calling Mary Osborn at (651) 297-8510. Questions about the project should be directed to Jennifer Groebner at (651) 296-7706; (800) 657-3864 (toll free/TTY).

Please send all written comments to:

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St. Paul, MN 55155-4194
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william.lynott@state.mn.us

EIS TERMINATED

- Becker County Board of Commissioners, Blue’s Valley Campground, Eagle Lake, September 26, 2006

AUAR AVAILABLE

Project Title: CSAH 42/Akron Study Area

Description: The CSAH 42/Akron study area is approximately 1,500 acres. The site is located north of CSAH 42/145th Street. The Bloomfield development, Meadows of Bloomfield development, and Bacardi Avenue are located west of the area. Old County Road 38/135th Street bisects the study area. The area is shown on “Figure 5-1, 5-2, and 5-3.

The existing cover types are primarily agricultural with some farmsteads and large lot single-family houses scattered along the travel corridors of the study area. Some wetlands and wooded areas are located in the northwest quadrant of the study area, providing more habitat for wildlife than the remainder of the site.

RGU: City of Rosemount

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NOTICES

Notice of Final Decision

PUC decision on Xcel Energy’s HVTL Route Permit Application for the Cannon Falls Transmission Line Project: (1) Environmental Assessment and Record created at the public hearing adequately addresses issues identified in the Scoping Decision; (2) HVTL Route Designation and issuing of a HVTL Route Permit.

At its regular meeting on September 21, 2006, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission determined that the Environmental Assessment and the record created at the public hearing had adequately addressed the issues identified in the Scoping Decision. The Commission also designated a HVTL route and issued a HVTL Route Permit for the proposed Cannon Falls Transmission Line project.

If you have any questions about this project or would like more information, please contact the Minnesota Department of Commerce project manager: Bill Storm, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55155. Tel: 651-296-9535; e-mail: bill.storm@state.mn.us

Information about this project may also be obtained on the Energy Facilities section of the EQB web site:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=18548>

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

The Minnesota Forest Resources Council Biomass Guideline Committee will meet on Thursday, October 12, 2006 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the University of Minnesota's Cloquet Forestry Center located at 175 University Road in Cloquet. To get additional details about the meeting, contact Dick Rossman at (218) 755-4062.