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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

Comments due on May 10, 2006

Menard, Inc. 2006 Expansion, Hermantown, MN

Description: The project calls for construction of a new 229,348 square foot Menard retail store/warehouse, and expansion of the parking lot to 490 spaces. Demolition of the existing 162,660 square foot store, construction of a new frontage road, expansion of the storm water retention system, two acres of outlot development, filling of .657 acres of type 2, 3 and 7 wetlands in the Miller Creek watershed and mitigation by a combination of new wetland creation and preservation of existing adjacent upland buffer area.

RGU: City of Hermantown

Contact: John M. Klaers, City Planner/Zoning Director, 5255 Maple Grove Road, Hermantown, MN 55811; 218-729-3600; fax: 218-729-3620

Emily's Waters (Sand Mining Operation)

Description: This project is located in the City of Ham Lake, Minnesota, east of Lexington Avenue, and consists of mining 1.5 to 2.1 million cubic yards of sand. The result will be creation of a 31-acre lake, approximately 20 to 40-foot deep, fed by Coon Creek. A future 15-unit single-family residential subdivision is planned near the created lake.

RGU: City of Ham Lake

Contact: Tom Collins, City Engineer, 13635 Johnson Street NE, Ham Lake, MN 55304; 763-862-8000; fax: 763-862-8042; e-mail: tcollins@rfcengineering.com

Chaska Lift Station L-71

Description: The Metropolitan Council is proposing to replace the existing interim lift station L-71 at the former wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) in Chaska, Minnesota. The project will include demolition of the existing lift station and buildings associated with the former WWTP and construction of the replacement lift station with a gravity flow pipe into the lift station and two parallel force main pipes out of the lift station.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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website, at the following: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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

St. Michael 30th Street Northeast Sewers and Lift Station

Description: The city of St. Michael proposes to construct new sanitary sewer lines, including both gravity and force main portions, water main, storm sewer, street improvements and a lift station (Project). The initial phase of the Project encompasses 30th Street Northeast and County State Aid Highway 35 from LaBeaux Avenue Northeast to Jamison Avenue Northeast, including a 600-foot portion of LaBeaux Avenue Northeast. The utilities are large-diameter trunk lines, designed to accommodate anticipated infrastructure needs from future development in the city. In addition to the initial phase, this Environmental Assessment Worksheet addresses specific trunk sewer routes to the north and south, to be installed in the future, which are expected to provide sewer and water utility services to the proposed development area for the next 15 years, in accordance with the City of St. Michael's 2005 Comprehensive Plan Update.

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Blaine Ponds

Description: Blaine Ponds is a commercial office/warehouse project located in the City of Blaine, consisting of 9 buildings on 132.2 acres. The project will utilize city sewer and water services. Turn lanes will be added to 95th Avenue NE, which will serve as the primary access to the development.

RGU: City of Blaine

Contact: Jean Keely, City Engineer, 10801 Town Square Drive NE, Blaine, MN 55449; 763-785-6171

The Fields at Burandt Lake

Description: The Fields at Burandt Lake project is a conservation Planned Unit Development (PUD) of 308 units residential (260 single family and 48 twinhome units) and a 48,200 square foot commercial/retail/institutional area on a 156-acre parcel in Waconia Township. Activities will include site grading, construction of roads, buildings, storm water management system, and installation of utilities such as storm water, wastewater, and water supply piping.

RGU: City of Waconia

Contact: John Hilgers, Planning Director, 201 South Vine Street, Waconia, MN 55387; 952-442-3106; fax: 952-442-2135; e-mail: jhilgers@waconia.org



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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.

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Waste Transfer Station project in Brownsdale
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Otter Tail County Transfer Station
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Justin Luthens Feedlot
- Rice County, Hope Valley Woods

EAW NEED DECISIONS

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

- Otter Tail County Planning Commission, Walker Lake Preserve, Denied.
- City of St. Paul, Shadow Falls I project, Exempt.

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.

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Woodbury Northeast Regional Lift Station L-77 and Lake Elmo East Connection, March 29, 2006 (December 16, 2005)
- Minnesota Department of Transportation, Northstar Corridor Rail Project, Hennepin, Anoka, and Sherburne Counties, March 24, 2006 (January 2, 2006)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Blaine Sanitary Sewer and Water Main, Section 13, March 24, 2006 (January 30, 2006)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Malcolm Avenue Solid Waste Transfer Facility, March 23, 2006 (November 21, 2005)
- Hennepin County, Hennepin CSAH 61 (Shady Oak Road) Reconstruction, March 22, 2006 (January 30, 2006)

EIS ADEQUACY DECISION

Elk River Landfill Expansion Project

On March 28, 2006, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Citizens' Board voted to approve the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order for the adequacy decision on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Elk River Landfill Expansion, City of Elk River, Sherburne County. The MPCA has determined that the Elk River Landfill Expansion Project EIS is adequate.



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UPDATED ALTERNATIVE URBAN AREA WIDE REVIEW AND MITIGATION PLAN

Excelsior Crossings Office Development – Hopkins, MN

Description: Excelsior Crossings is a proposed 691,000 square foot office redevelopment with a small retail component on two parcels totaling 31 acres at the northwest quadrant of the State Highway 169 and Excelsior Boulevard interchange in Hopkins, MN (the SuperValu North Annex site). The Project may also include a hotel and medical manufacturing and research and development uses. The Project contains approximately 85,000 square feet of additional office space, approximately 6,000 square feet of new retail space, and an additional three acres of property compared to the Medica Corporate Office Development AUAR that is being updated.

RGU: City of Hopkins

Contact: Nancy Anderson, City Planner; 952-548-6342 or John Dietrich, ASLA, Principal Architect; 952-933-0972

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

High Prairie Wind Farm 161 kV Substation and 161kV Transmission Line

Description: High Prairie Wind Farm I, LLC, along with FPL Energy Mower County, LLC are planning to construct and own a new 161 kV substation in Section 23 of Clayton Township in Mower County, Minnesota. The two companies, along with High Prairie Wind Farm II, LLC also propose to construct, own and operate an approximately seven (7) mile 161 kV transmission line from the new substation in Section 23 of Clayton Township to property in Sections 7 & 18 of Lodi Township to the Adams Substation. The Adams Substation is currently owned and operated by Interstate Power Company and Xcel Energy. The substation is connected to the 161 kV bus owned by Interstate Power Company within the Adams Substation. These new facilities are part of the High Prairie Wind Farm which also includes the construction of additional wind turbines in Mower County. These new facilities will facilitate the transmission of electricity to the substation for distribution to the other needed areas.

The Environmental Assessment for the project has been completed and is available for review. See the contact information below to request a copy. The public may e-mail or mail comments on the Environmental Assessment document to Daryl Franklin by April 20, 2006.

RGU: Mower County

Contact: Daryl W. Franklin, Director, Mower County Environmental Services, 1105 ½ 8th Avenue NE, Austin, MN 55912; 507-437-9560; e-mail: darylfr@co.mower.mn.us



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