

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

Comments due on July 19, 2006

Forest Lake, Section 21 Sanitary Trunk Sewer Line Project

DESCRIPTION: The city of Forest Lake (City) is proposing to construct, over the next 14 years, approximately 4,065 feet of 12, 18, and 21-inch diameter trunk sewer line to serve approximately 280 acres of the City in accordance with their approved Comprehensive Plan. The proposed alignment begins at County Road 50/202nd Street North and proceeds in a zigzag pattern to the north and east until it connects to the existing sewer line on Graystone Avenue North. The trunk line will be constructed entirely within future road right of way.

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: Kevin J. Kain, Project Manager, Environmental Review and Operations Section, Regional Division, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul, MN 55155; (651) 296-7432

Moore Lean, LLP

DESCRIPTION: The proposed project will include two buildings for gestation and farrowing of swine. The gestation building will include 2,768 swine over 300 pounds, and the farrowing building will include 482 swine over 300 pounds. Both barns will be total confinement and have underfloor reinforced concrete manure storage. Manure will be land applied at agronomic rates to cropland. The total number of animal units proposed for the site is 1,300. A compost facility will be constructed to handle on-site animal mortalities. The site is located in Stevens County in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17 of Stevens Township.

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RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

CONTACT: Randy Hukriede, Project Manager, Environmental Review and Operations Section, Regional Division, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 7678 College Road, Suite 105, Baxter, MN 55155; (218) 828-6076

New Prague Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade

DESCRIPTION: The city of New Prague proposes to upgrade its existing wastewater treatment facility to treat an average wet weather flow of 2.50 million gallons per day (mgd) from the currently permitted capacity of 1.378 mgd. The upgrade is to meet new and more stringent discharge limits and to treat greater flows and loads anticipated from future growth.

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RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

CONTACT: William Lynott, Project Manager, Environmental Review and Operations Section, Regional Division, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul, MN 55155; (651) 296-7794

Southridge Farms, LLP, Hog Feedlot Project

DESCRIPTION: Southridge Farms, LLP, proposes to construct two 102-foot by 192-foot hog barns to house a maximum of 4,800 wean-to-finish hogs (1,920 animal units) in Section 3 of Otisco Township in Waseca County, Minnesota. Manure will be stored underneath the barns in eight-foot deep engineered concrete pits and pumped out annually during the fall. The manure will subsequently be land applied, as directed in the manure management plan.

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: 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; (651) 297-1788

Lennes Mining Project

DESCRIPTION: The project proposes excavating approximately 617,000 cubic yards of organic material and sand on approximately 14.1 acres of land east of Lexington Avenue NE and south of 138th Avenue NE in Ham Lake, Minnesota. Upon completion of the project, the excavated area will provide two ponds.

RGU: City of Ham Lake

CONTACT: Tom Collins, City Engineer, 13635 Johnson Street, Ham Lake, MN 55304; 763-862-8000
tcollins@RFCengineering.com

Vesterra, LLC – Haven Township Sand and Gravel Mine

DESCRIPTION: Vesterra LLC intends to operate a sand and gravel mine together with a crushing, washing and screening plant and a ready mix concrete plant to provide construction aggregates and concrete for the St Cloud/Twin Cities metropolitan areas. The facility will be located in an agricultural area on the west side of Highway 10 south of 32nd St SE, adjacent to the Granite City Ready Mix/MDU operation. It is located on 94 acres, approximately 50 acres will be mined to depths of up to 75 ft, located in Sections 16 & 17, Twp 35, Rge 30, Haven Twp in Sherburne County.

RGU: Sherburne County Zoning

CONTACT: Lynn Waytashek, Assistant Zoning Administrator, Sherburne County Planning and Zoning Administration, 13880 Highway 10, Elk River, MN 55330; 763-241-2933
Lynn.Waytashek@co.sherburne.mn.us

Hunter's Crest at Taylors Falls

DESCRIPTION: Hunter's Crest at Taylors Falls is a proposed residential community consisting of 236 lots and open space for recreational uses on 132 acres located along the north side of Highway 95 and west of Mulberry Street.

RGU: City of Taylors Falls

CONTACT: Jo Everson, Clerk/Treasurer, 637 First Street, Taylors Falls, MN 55084-1144; 651-465-5133; tfclerk@ecenet.com

Benton County CSAH 29/8 Connector Project

DESCRIPTION: Benton County proposes to acquire/preserve right of way from CSAH 29's intersection with CSAH 1 to the intersection of CSAH 8 and TH 23 (approximately five miles to the southeast), and uses segments of 35th Avenue NE, CR 80, and CSAH 8. The project would fill gaps in a road proposed to connect TH 10 from within Sauk Rapids to south of the St. Cloud Airport.

Benton County will hold public hearings on this project on June 20 (1:00 p.m. at the Benton County Administration Building, 531 Dewey Street, Foley, Minnesota, 56329) and July 18 (details to be determined). The public comment record will be open through July 28, 2006.

RGU: Benton County

CONTACT: Robert Kozel, County Engineer, Benton County Department of Public Works, P.O. Box 247, Foley, MN 56329-0247; 320-968-5051

Disabled Veterans Rest Camp

DESCRIPTION: The Veterans Rest Camp located on Big Marine Lake in May Township, Minnesota is proposing the following updates and expansion of the Rest Camp: Addition of fifty RV Sites, construction of eight duplex cabins plus six duplex cabins to replace and repair existing cabins, three pavilions, a shower/storm shelter, relocation of thirty tent sites, construction and renovation of walking trails, adding 32 boat slips (over 20,000 square feet in total) at their marina area, repair of existing

cabins, add a storage garage, installation of two residential type septic systems, installation of a 1000 gallon RV dump station and construction of two potable wells.

RGU: Washington County

CONTACT: Ann Pung-Terwedo, Senior Land Use Planner, Washington County, 14949 62nd Street North Stillwater, MN 55082; ann.pung-terwedo@co.washington.mn.us

EAW NEED DECISIONS

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

- City of Shoreview, Summercrest of Shoreview Residential, Denied
- Kandiyohi County, Pleasant Cove, Denied
- City of Lilydale, Lilydale Tennis Club, 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.

Prairie Island Tribal Council, Sturgeon Lake Road (MSAS 104) Reconstruction, June 9, 2006 (November 21, 2005)

Elk River City Council, Liberty Heights Estates, June 5, 2006 (March 27, 2006)

Carver County Board of Commissioners, S.P. 10-632-14/S.P. 10-610-30, March 21, 2006 (2004 – updated)

City of Waconia, The Fields at Burandt Lake, June 5, 2006 (April 10, 2006)

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Chaska Lift Station L-71, June 1, 2006 (April 10, 2006)

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, St. Michael 30th Street Northeast Sewers and Lift Station, May 26, 2006 (April 10, 2006)

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Shakopee – CSAH 83 Trunk Sanitary Sewer, May 26, 2006 (March 27, 2006)

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Crosslake Construction Demolition Debris Facility Inc., May 23, 2006 (January 30, 2006)

NOTICES

Notice of Availability

Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement/Final Section 4(f) Evaluation (SFEIS); St. Croix River Crossing Project.

The Minnesota and Wisconsin Departments of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration have issued a Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement/Final Section 4(f) Evaluation (SFEIS) for the St. Croix River Crossing Project.

The SFEIS documents the identification of the Preferred Alternative and the anticipated social, economic, and environmental impacts that may occur as a result of construction of the Preferred Alternative. The St. Croix River Crossing Project Preferred Alternative includes a crossing of the St. Croix River between Hwy 36 in the City of Oak Park Heights in Washington County, Minnesota, and Hwy 64 in the Town of St. Joseph in St. Croix County, Wisconsin. The existing Lift Bridge will be converted to a pedestrian/bicycle facility as part of a loop trail system between Minnesota and Wisconsin. The project also includes reconstruction/construction of the Minnesota and Wisconsin approach roadways to the bridge (including interchanges at Minnesota Hwy 36 and Hwy 95, and at Wisconsin Hwy 64 and relocated Hwy 35/St. Croix County Highway E), as well as construction in Stillwater and Bayport, Minnesota.

The required federal review period for the SFEIS will begin on June 16, 2006, with the notice in the *Federal Register*. The required state review period will begin with publication of the SFEIS Notice of Availability in the June 19, 2006, *EQB Monitor*. The SFEIS comment period will remain open through July 19, 2006.

Comments on the SFEIS will be accepted as follows:

Written Mail Written comments by mail should be sent to the following address:

Mn/DOT Metro District

Attn: Monty Hamri – SFEIS Comments

Waters Edge Bldg., 1500 West County Road B2

Roseville, MN 55113

E-Mail Comments by direct e-mail should be sent to the following e-mail address: metstcroixriverxing@dot.state.mn.us. Please note - No forwarded emails will be accepted.

Questions related to this project may be directed to: Todd Clarkowski, Mn/DOT Area Engineer, (651) 582-1169, or Terry Pederson, WisDOT Northwest Region Planning Projects Engineer, (715) 836-2857 or 1-800-991-5285.

Hardcopies of the SFEIS (including technical memoranda) are available for review at the locations listed below. The SFEIS is also available on the project website at:

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/stcroix/>

Oak Park Heights City Hall (14168 Oak Park Blvd. N., Oak Park Heights)

Stillwater City Hall (216 North Fourth Street, Stillwater)

St. Joseph Town Hall (1337 County Road V, Town of St. Joseph)

Bayport Public Library (528 North Fourth Street, Bayport)

Carleton A. Friday Public Library (155 East First Street, New Richmond)

Hudson Area Joint Library (911 Fourth Street, Hudson)

Somerset Public Library (208 Hud Street, Somerset)

Stillwater Public Library (223 Fourth Street North, Stillwater)

Washington County Government Center Library (14949 62nd Street North, Stillwater)

Environmental Conservation Library (300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis)

Mn/DOT – Metro District (1500 West County Road B2, Roseville)

Mn/DOT Library (395 John Ireland Boulevard, St. Paul)

WisDOT NW Region Office (718 West Clairemont Ave., Eau Claire)

WisDOT Planning Library (4802 Sheboygan Ave., Madison)

The SFEIS is available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities or to individuals who are hearing or speech impaired. If you require these services, contact the Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529, or Todd Clarkowski at (651) 582-1169.

Following the review period and consideration of the comments received on the SFEIS, a Federal Record of Decision and Minnesota State Adequacy Determination are anticipated in August 2006. This Record of Decision and Adequacy Determination will document Mn/DOT, WisDOT and FHWA's final decision regarding the environmental phase of the project.

Public Meeting Notice – Landscape Committee

Minnesota Forest Resources Council

The Landscape Committee of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC) will meet on Tuesday, June 15, 2006 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm 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>



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