



June 5, 2006



ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

Comments due on July 5, 2006

Meadowbrook

Description: Meadowbrook is a 232 acre project located in Sections 12 and 13, Township 33, Range 27, Big Lake Township, Sherburne County, Minnesota: 113.07 acres will be subdivided into 32 single family residential lots at least 2.5 acres in size. There are two existing homes, one will remain, the other will be demolished. The balance of the property will be comprised of outlots. The remaining 94 acres are not proposed to be platted at this time. The lots will be served with individual private wells and septic systems.

RGU: Sherburne County Zoning

Contact: Lynn Waytashek, Assistant Zoning Administrator, 13880 Highway 10, Elk River, MN 55330; 1-800-438-0578; 763-241-2900

Braun Hog Feedlot Expansion

Description: Brian Braun is proposing to expand his existing feedlot by constructing a 51-foot by 360-foot swine finishing barn, with an 8-foot deep concrete pit beneath it, in Prairieville Township of Brown County. The proposed construction would house 2,400 head of finishing swine [720 animal units (AU)]. The feedlot currently consists of a 51-foot by 360-foot structure housing 2,400 head of finishing swine (720 AU) and three remodeled barns housing 600 head of finishing swine (180 AU). After the expansion, the feedlot will house a total of 5,400 head of finishing swine (1,620 AU). Manure from these structures will be land applied and incorporated once per year.

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

ABOUT THE EQB MONITOR

The *EQB Monitor* is a biweekly publication of the Environmental Quality Board that lists descriptions and deadlines for Environmental Assessment Worksheets, Environmental Impact Statements and other notices.

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Whitewater Pollution Control Facility Expansion – Dover-Eyota-St. Charles Area Sanitary District

Description: The Dover-Eyota-St. Charles Area Sanitary District proposes to expand and upgrade its existing regional wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) to treat an average wet weather (AWW) design flow of 2.184 million gallons per day (mgd). The expansion will occur on the site of the existing WWTF and continue to discharge to the South Fork of the Whitewater River. Currently, the facility has an AWW design flow of 1.12 mgd. In addition to the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW), the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's draft National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit will also be available for public comment concurrently, beginning June 5. The contact person for the NPDES Permit is Melanie Miland at (507) 285-7151.

Comments will be accepted on the EAW and NPDES Permit until July 5, 2006.

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: Debra Moynihan, Project Manager, Environmental Review and Operations Section, Regional Division, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul, MN 55155; (651) 296-8420

Clapp Subdivision Residential Development

Description: An Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) completed for the proposed Clapp Subdivision Residential Development is available for review and comment. This proposed single family residential development consists of the development of 23 lots and associated streets, wells and individual sewage treatment systems within approximately 120 acres in Northern Township, Beltrami County, Minnesota. The project site is located approximately .5 miles north of Bemidji with the current land use predominantly comprised of inactive pasture, grassland, woodland and wetlands.

Copies of the EAW are available for review from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at Freeberg & Grund, Inc. 208 Fourth Street NW, Bemidji, MN and the Bemidji Public Library beginning June 5th, 2006. Northern Township will accept written comments on the EAW until July 5th, 2006. Public comments should be directed to Mr. Mel Milender (Northern Township Land Use Administrator), 445 Town Hall Road NW, Bemidji, MN 56601.

RGU: Northern Township, Beltrami County

Contact: Mel Milender (Northern Township Land Use Administrator), 445 Town Hall Road NW, Bemidji, MN 56601.

RV Resort Village at The Preserve

Description: The proposed project is to develop a park for recreational vehicles within the city of Pequot Lakes. The development will occur on a 54.2 acre parcel of property and will include 157 RV sites and associated infrastructure that will accommodate different types of recreational vehicles.

RGU: City of Pequot Lakes

Contact: Dawn Bittner, Zoning Administrator, 4638 County Road 11, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472; 218-568-6699; dbittner@pequotlakes-mn.gov

Olson Pit Expansion

Description: The proposed project will develop 40 acres of land for the purposes of mining and processing gravel material for the construction of state, county and local road projects. The development of the mining process will be divided into five phases of approximately 15 years. The duration ultimately depends on the market demands for the materials.

RGU: Meeker County

Contact: John Boe, Zoning Administrator, 325 North Sibley Avenue, Litchfield, MN 55355; 320-693-5290; john.boe@co.meeker.mn.us

EAW/federal EA AVAILABLE

CSAH 70/I-35 Interchange Reconstruction Project

Description: A federal/state Environmental Assessment/Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EA/EAW) document for the proposed CSAH 70/I-35 interchange reconstruction project in Lakeville, MN has been prepared and is available for public review/comment. The proposed project includes the reconstruction of a section of CSAH 70 to provide additional travel lanes and separated bicycle paths, bridge replacement over I-35, reconstruction of interchange ramps, realignment of frontage roads, and relocation and expansion of a park and pool lot. Copies of the EA will be available after Monday, June 5, 2006 for public viewing during regular business hours at the following locations:

- DAKOTA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
14955 Galaxie Avenue, 3rd Floor
Apple Valley, MN 55124
- LAKEVILLE CITY HALL
20195 Holyoke Ave.
Lakeville, MN 55044
- DAKOTA COUNTY HERITAGE LIBRARY
20085 Heritage Drive
Lakeville, MN 55044
- Online at: www.co.dakota.mn.us/highway/design/csah70.htm

A public hearing on the EAW/EA for the proposed project will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2006 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Lakeville South High School, located 21135 Jacquard Avenue, Lakeville. The format of the meeting will be an open house. Comments will be received at the hearing, either in writing or

verbally, and will become part of the official public hearing record. Written comments can also be mailed, prior to the close of the public comment period at 4:30 p.m. on July 5, 2006, to John Sass, Dakota County Transportation Department, 14955 Galaxie Avenue, 3rd Floor Apple Valley, MN 55124.

RGU: Dakota County Transportation Department

Contact: John Sass, Dakota County Transportation Department, 14955 Galaxie Avenue, 3rd Floor Apple Valley, MN 55124; 651-891-7130; john.sass@co.dakota.mn.us

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.

- City of Harris, Highlands of Harris
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Myron Myer feedlot expansion, Watopa Township, Wabasha County
- Kandiyohi County, Pleasant Cove

EAW NEED DECISIONS

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

- City of Harris, Highlands of Harris, Ordered (Mandatory)
- Itasca County, LWBC Youth Bible Camp, 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.

- Carlton County, Laveau Trucking Sand & Gravel, April 11, 2006 (February 27, 2006)
- Beltrami County, Summer Haven on Gull Lake CIC, May 23, 2006 (April 12, 2006)
- City of Hermantown, Menards, May 17, 2006 (March 13, 2006)
- Baxter City Council, Baxter Town Center, May 16, 2006 (March 13, 2006)
- City of La Crescent, Houston County, Minnesota/ Minnesota Department of Transportation, Trunk Highways 14/61 Reconstruction and Bridge #5475 Replacement, May 23, 2006 (September 27, 2004)
- City of Wayzata, Locust Hills, May 16, 2006 (March 13, 2006)

Final AUAR Adopted East Ravine Master Plan

The City of Cottage Grove adopted the final Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) for the East Ravine Master Plan on April 5th. The document dated 6 March 2006 is the final AUAR document and mitigation plan. The East Ravine area is a roughly 4,000 acre portion of largely undeveloped land in eastern Cottage Grove. The master plan envisions a development pattern that integrates an extensive open space network connecting the Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park with new neighborhoods of residential and commercial development. Approval of the AUAR culminates a four year public planning process

Final EIS Adequacy Decision

The Department of Natural Resources prepared an Environmental Impact Statement for the proposal by UPM/Blandin Paper to expand pulping and paper production capacity at their mill located in Grand Rapids, Itasca County, Minnesota.

The DNR prepared a Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet and a draft Scoping Decision to identify the issues and alternatives that would be addressed in the EIS. A notice of the availability of the scoping documents was published in the *EQB Monitor* on December 20, 2004. The DNR held a public scoping meeting in Grand Rapids, Minnesota on January 12, 2005, and issued a final Scoping Decision in February 2005.

The EIS preparation notice was published in the *EQB Monitor* on March 28, 2005. The DNR 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 January 30, 2006. The DNR held a public information meeting on February 21, 2006, and accepted comments on the Draft EIS through March 7, 2006.

The DNR prepared a Final EIS, which included responses to all comments received during the Draft EIS review period. The Final EIS notice of availability was published in the *EQB Monitor* on April 24, 2006. The DNR accepted comments on the adequacy of the Final EIS through 4:30 PM on May 8, 2006. The DNR received five comments during the Final EIS review period. The DNR will forward comments received after the review period to permitting entities for their consideration.

On May 17, 2006, pursuant to the criteria prescribed in Minnesota Rules part 4410.2800, subpart 4, the DNR determined the EIS is adequate. The DNR prepared a record of its decision and distributed it to all parties receiving copies of the Final EIS. The finding of adequacy concludes environmental review for the proposed project.

The contact person at the DNR is: Bill Johnson, Division of Ecological Services, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-4025; (651) 259-5157.

EIS Preparation Notice

Olmsted Waste-to-Energy Facility: MWC Unit 3 Project

A Request for Proposals was published in the State Register on Monday, December 12, 2005. The submission deadline ended on January 2, 2006; however, a request was granted to extend the submission date to January 17, 2006. Two proposals were submitted, ranked and ENSR was chosen after the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) followed the State Contract Process. A contract was signed on March 8, 2006, and work on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) commenced on March 9, 2006.

The MPCA intends to prepare an EIS on the Olmsted Waste-to-Energy Facility: MWC Unit 3 Project. On September 27, 2005, the MPCA Citizens' Board adopted a Final Scoping Decision Document for an EIS on the proposal by Olmsted County Public Works (OCPW), located in Rochester, Minnesota, to expand its existing Olmsted Waste-to-Energy Facility (OWEF).

OCPW is proposing to construct a third municipal waste combustor (MWC), having a planned capacity of 200 tons per day (TPD), at its OWEF. The existing MWC Unit 1 and Unit 2 (capacity: 100 TPD each) will continue operation. Energy recovered will continue to be sold as electric energy and district heating/cooling services. The facility is situated along the west side of Silver Creek Road and the south side of the DM&E Railroad and approximately 0.4 miles north of College View Road East. The MPCA is the Responsible Governmental Unit for this EIS.

The MPCA prepared a Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the project. The Notice of Availability of the EAW and draft Scoping Document were published in the EQB Monitor in the July 4, 2005, issue. A public meeting was held on Wednesday, July 27, 2005, to discuss the proposed contents of the EIS.

The issues that have yet to be resolved and examined in more detail in the EIS are identified below:

- 1) The EIS will contain a focused human health risk analysis of air toxic emissions from Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Unit 3, including human health hazards and cancer risks from exposures to air, soils, and biota as outlined below.
- 2) The EIS will include an analysis of the mercury emissions and local deposition to include the following:
 - Assessment of the air concentrations and deposition of mercury, in the vicinity of the facility, to waters of the state that are associated with MWC Unit 3 emissions.
 - Estimation of any increase in methylmercury concentrations in fish tissue associated with MWC Unit 3 emissions.
 - Calculation of the percent increase of mercury in fish tissue associated with MSW Unit 3 emissions as compared to estimates of existing concentrations.
- 3) The EIS will include a discussion of alternatives.
- 4) The EIS will include a discussion of economic and social impacts.

A more detailed description of each of these major areas can be found in the Final EIS Scoping Decision Document. A copy of the Final EIS Scoping Document is 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: Denise Leezer, Project Manager, Environmental Review and Operations, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul, MN 55155; (651) 297-8236

Final EIS Available

Edward Kraemer and Sons Quarry, Douglas Township

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

The Final EIS responds to timely substantive comments on the Draft EIS, provides information in addition to that contained in the Draft EIS, and corrects errors in the Draft EIS. Together, the Final EIS and Draft EIS comprise the complete EIS, which documents the analysis of potential impacts associated with the mining operation.

The Douglas Township Town Board will accept comments on the Final EIS during the public review and comment period that concludes at 4:30 PM on June 30, 2006. The public may submit written comments to Douglas Township, Attn. Ralph Schweich, 11 581 240th Street East, Hampton, MN 55031.

Minnesota Rules part 4410.2800, subpart 4 requires that EIS to be found adequate if it:

- a. Includes topics required to be in the EIS or that were in the scoping document and does a reasonable job analyzing the topics
- b. Includes responses to comments on the draft EIS
- c. Followed procedures for providing an opportunity for public comment on the EIS

Copies of the Final EIS and responses to comments are available for public review at the Douglas Township Town Hall, and three libraries serving Douglas Township: Cannon Falls Library, 306 West Mill Street, Cannon Falls, MN, Dakota County Public Library in Hastings, 1490 South Frontage Road, Hastings, MN and Dakota County Public Library in Apple Valley, 14955 Galaxie Avenue, Apple Valley, MN.

The comment period ends on June 30, 2006. Following the close of the Final EIS comment period, the Town Board will determine whether the EIS is adequate and will prepare a record of its decision. A Special Town Board Meeting will be held on July 5, 2006 at the Douglas Township Town Hall, located at the intersections of State Highway 50, State Highway 20 and State Highway 61, from 7:30 to 9:30 PM where public comment on the adequacy of the Final EIS will be heard.

A notice of the Town Board's adequacy decision will be published in the *EQB Monitor*.

NOTICES

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY - FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
PHASE ONE CEMETERY EXPANSION
FORT SNELLING NATIONAL CEMETERY**

The U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announces the preparation and availability of a document titled "Finding of No Significant Impact" (FONSI) for the proposed construction associated with the Phase One Cemetery Expansion project at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. The FONSI has been prepared as a result of an Environmental Assessment accomplished in accordance with the regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Section 1508.13.

For further information and/or a copy of the FONSI or Environmental Assessment, please contact:

Arthur Smith, Director
Fort Snelling National Cemetery
7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450-1199
Phone: 612-725-2000
Fax: 612-725-2059
E-mail: Arthur.Smith1@va.gov

Copies of the FONSI and Environmental Assessment are available for public review at:

1. Fort Snelling National Cemetery
7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450-1199
2. Department of Veterans Affairs
National Cemetery Administration
Suite 235, Lafayette Building
811 Vermont Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20005
3. www.va.gov

MEETING NOTICE – Minnesota Forest Resource Council Biomass Guidelines Committee

The Minnesota Forest Resource Council's (MFRC) Biomass Harvest Guideline Development Technical Committee will be meeting on Thursday June 15, 2006 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the main conference room at the Forest History Center located at 2609 County Road 76, Grand Rapids, MN. The focus of the meeting will be on sub-committee reports and guideline recommendations for the forest management residue harvesting guidelines. For more information on this and subsequent meetings, contact Dick Rossman at (218) 755-4062 or e-mail dick.rossman@dnr.state.mn.us.

MEETING NOTICE – Minnesota Forest Resource Council

The Minnesota Forest Resource Council (MFRC) will meet on Wednesday July 19, 2006 from 9:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. at the Rainy River Community College located in International Falls. For more information please contact Leslie McInenly at (651) 603-6761 or go to the calendar on the MFRC website at <http://www.frc.state.mn.us>



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