



July 3, 2006



ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

Comments due on August 2, 2006

Pre-Finishing Specialists, Inc. (PSI)

DESCRIPTION: PSI of Avon, Minnesota, proposes to install new low emission millwork finishing equipment and partially replace solvent based coating materials with lower emission products in order to reduce plant emissions of volatile organic compounds. The intent is to expand production capacity while reducing risks to human health and the environment.

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: 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

Knutson Feedlots

DESCRIPTION: Russell Knutson proposes to expand his current cattle feedlot operation from 1,250 head to 3,500 head. Manure will be scraped, hauled and surface applied to fields as fertilizer. Runoff impacts from the open lots will be controlled by an innovative treatment system with monitoring to minimize impacts to ground and surface water.

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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

Pacific Block Development

DESCRIPTION: The Pacific Block Development is a mixed commercial, hotel, office, and residential development totaling approximately 750,000 gross square feet proposed on the block bounded by Washington Ave. N., 3rd Ave. N, 2nd St. N., and 2nd Ave. N. in Downtown Minneapolis. The residential component comprises 450 condominium units in two buildings. The Pacific Block is within the National Register "Minneapolis Warehouse Historic District" and, except for one parcel, is within the "North Loop Warehouse Area", a historic district designated by the City of Minneapolis.

RGU: City of Minneapolis

The EAW will be posted on the City of Minneapolis web site <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/planning>. For further information about the EAW, or to receive a copy of the EAW, please

CONTACT: Rebecca Farrar, Senior Planner, Planning Division, 210 City Hall, 350 South 5th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55415; 612 673-3594 or by email at Rebecca.Farrar@ci.minneapolis.mn.us .

Crystal Speedway

DESCRIPTION: The proposed Crystal Speedway will convert 60 acres of agricultural land use to a 3/8th mile dirt/clay racetrack with associated facilities near the City of Lake Crystal in Section 1, Lincoln Township, Blue Earth County, Minnesota.

The Speedway includes the construction of a dirt-clay racetrack, grandstand, parking areas, racecar staging pits, and associated facilities. The grandstand will be constructed with an approximate 2,000 spectator capacity, but will have the potential to include expansion with seating for up to 5,000 spectators in future phases. The City of Lake Crystal will provide public infrastructure, including municipal water, sewer and emergency response services for the Speedway.

Copies of the EAW are available for review during regular business hours at:

-Blue Earth County Environmental Services, Government Center, 3rd Floor, 410 S 5th Street, Mankato, MN 56001 -Lake Crystal City Hall, 100 E Robinson St, Lake Crystal, MN 56055 -MN Valley Regional Library Reference Department, 100 E Main Street, Mankato, MN 56001 -Lake Crystal Public Library, 100 E Robinson St, Lake Crystal MN 56055 -Minnesota State University-Mankato Memorial Library, Ellis & Maywood Ave, Mankato, MN 56001

A public hearing in the form of an open house will also be held on Monday, July 17th, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Meixell Community Room, Lake Crystal Area Recreational Center, 621 W. Nathan Street, Lake Crystal, MN, 56055.

A copy of the EAW will be posted during the 30-day comment period under 'Quick Links' on the Blue Earth County website: <http://co.blue-earth.mn.us>

Comments must be received by 4:30pm Wednesday, August 2nd, 2006 and can be directed to:

RGU: Blue Earth County

CONTACT: Veryl Morrell, Land Use Administrator Blue Earth County, 410 South 5th Street, PO Box 3566, Mankato, MN 56001; (507) 304-4384; veryl.morrell@co.blue-earth.mn.us

Farmington High School

DESCRIPTION: The project consists of construction of a new Farmington High School campus and supporting infrastructure, including a building of approximately 450,000 to 470,000 square-feet and various sports facilities, with an initial capacity of 2,000 students in the City of Farmington.

RGU: City of Farmington

CONTACT: Peter Herlofsky, City Administrator, 325 Oak Street, Farmington, MN 55024; 651-463-1880; pherlofsky@ci.farmington.mn.us

The Woods of Nisswa

DESCRIPTION: The Woods of Nisswa is a proposed single-family residential development located on 34.7 acres in Nisswa MN. The project includes the creation of 50 units of a planned unit development as well as 3 additional residential lots all on wooded terrain adjacent to Clark Lake. The project will connect to existing city sewer lines.

RGU: City of Nisswa

CONTACT: Loren Wickham, Planning and Zoning Administrator, P.O. Box 410, Nisswa, MN 56468; 218-963-2402; loren@ci.nisswa.mn.us

Autumn Winds

DESCRIPTION: The project is a proposed residential development. It is located on 78 acres in the part of NW ¼ of Section 3, township 118 N, Range 26 W. the EAW may be reviewed at the City Hall of Montrose, 311 Buffalo Avenue South. Any comments regarding the EAW may be sent to Bradley C. DeWolf, City Engineer. Anyone interested in this matter may review the EAW at City Hall or contact the City Engineer, Brad DeWolf, for a copy of the EAW by calling 320-231-3956.

RGU: City of Montrose

CONTACT: Bradley C. DeWolf, City Engineer, Bolton and Menk, 2040 Highway 12 East, Willmar, MN 56201; 320-231-3956

EA W/EAs

**SE Main Avenue/20th Street/21st Street Railroad Grade Separation Safety Project
Environmental Assessment/Environmental Assessment Worksheet**

State Project SP 144-116-07, SP 144-136-06, SP 144-123-11**Minnesota Project HPP MN 58(102)**

DESCRIPTION: The City of Moorhead has prepared an Environmental Assessment/Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EA/EAW) and Programmatic Section 4(f) Evaluation for proposed improvements of SE Main Avenue/20th Street/21st Street. The proposed project includes construction of a grade-separated facility between the Burlington Northern-Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway Moorhead Subdivision and Otter Tail Valley (OTV) railroad tracks and the SE Main Avenue/20th Street/21st Street intersection in Moorhead. The existing 20th/21st Street alignment will be shifted to the west; three railroad overpass structures will be constructed and the SE Main Avenue/20th Street/21st Street intersection will be lowered to accommodate the railroad overpasses. A railroad wye connection will also be constructed between the BNSF Moorhead Subdivision tracks and BNSF Main line tracks to the north of the SE Main Avenue/20th Street/21st Street intersection.

The EA/EAW can be viewed at the following locations: Lake Agassiz Regional Library – Moorhead Public Library, 118 5th Street South, Moorhead, MN; Fargo Public Library, 102 3rd Street North, Fargo, ND; Fergus Falls Public Library, 205 E. Hampden, Fergus Falls, MN; Moorhead City Hall, Engineering Department, 4th Floor, 500 Center Avenue, Moorhead, MN.

The City of Moorhead will use substantive comments in deciding whether there are potential significant impacts to the environment, and whether an environmental impact statement is needed. Written comments regarding the proposed project must be received by **August 2, 2006** and should be addressed to:

CONTACT: Clair Hanson, Assistant to City Engineer
City of Moorhead
500 Center Avenue
Moorhead, MN 56561
phone: (218) 299-5390
fax: (218) 299-5399
email: clair.hanson@ci.moorhead.mn.us

A notice of a public hearing will be published in the Fargo Forum. The public hearing will be held Wednesday, July 19, 2006 at Moorhead Senior High School (2300 4th Avenue South, Moorhead) from 5:00 to 7:30 pm. A short presentation will begin at 6:30 pm.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET**CSAH 13 (RADIO DRIVE) RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT****State Project: S.P. 82-613-21****State Aid Project: SAP 82-613-22****City Project: 16-2004-11****Minn. Proj. No. STP 8207 (043)**

From Pioneer Drive to 0.2 miles south of Bailey Road (SP 82-613-21) and from 0.2 miles south of Bailey Road to Glen Road (SAP 82-613-22) in the City of Woodbury, County of Washington of Minnesota Sections 16, 20, 21, 28, 29, 32 and 33; Township 31 N Range 21 W

**Submitted pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 4332 and M.S. 116D
By the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and Minnesota
Department of Transportation for**

Reconstruction of an approximately 3.3-mile segment of roadway as a four-lane divided section, with separated pedestrian/bicycle paths, traffic control signals and a multi-lane roundabout.

CONTACT: Cory B. Slagle, P.E., Design Engineer
Washington County
11660 Myeron Road North
Stillwater, MN 55082
email: Cory.Slagle@co.washington.mn.us
Phone: 651-430-4337
Fax: 651-430-4350

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, Flint hills resources #3 crude Unit Expansion June 15, 2006 (March 27, 2006)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Victoria Interceptor and Lift Station 15, June 15, 2006 (April 24, 2006)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Harris Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements, June 22, 2006 (March 27, 2006)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Shafer Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements, June 22, 2006 (May 8, 2006)
- Pillager City Council, Trunk Highway 210 Backage Road Improvements Project, June 27, 2006 (May 8, 2006)

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.

- Pine County, Repair of Judicial Ditch #1
- Todd County, residential project, SE shore of Lake Osakis

EAW NEED DECISIONS

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

- Minnesota pollution Control Agency, Meyer feedlot project, Wytopa Township, proposer volunteered EAW
- City of Lilydale, Lilydale Tennis Club property, Denied

- Rochester/Olmsted Common Council, Willow Heights Fifth Addition, Denied

EIS SCOPING NOTICE

Scoping Document Notice of Availability

Trunk Highway 23 and U.S. 71 EIS Scoping

Description: The Scoping Document/Draft Scoping Decision Document (SD/DSDD) identifying the project's purpose and need, alternatives considered, and alternatives recommended for further study in an Environmental Impact Statement for improvements proposed for Trunk Highway 23 and U.S. Highway 71 is available for review. The proposed improvements are located in the 3.5-mile common section of Trunk Highway 23 and U.S. Highway 71 ("Highway 23/71"). The project corridor extends from the Highway 23/71 northern split in Dovre Township to the southern split of TH 23/71 and Business 71 in the City of Willmar.

Several alternatives are currently being studied for this project, including an expressway option and multiple freeway options. The expressway option would allow at-grade intersections to remain along the highway, while the freeway options would require an interchange to be constructed at one or more locations in the corridor. These alternatives will be analyzed for safety and future traffic conditions, as well as potential social, economic, and environmental impacts, such as private property impacts and effects to water resources and other natural environment features. The SD/DSDD recommends which alternatives should be carried forward for further review in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the degree of additional study needed to assess potential social, economic, and environmental impacts.

Copies of the Highway 23/71 SD/DSDD are being distributed to those agencies on the current MEQB document review list and others. The comment period will begin on **July 3, 2006** and will extend through **August 2, 2006**. Copies of the Highway 23/71 SD/DSDD are available for public review at the following locations and on the project website at www.projects.dot.state.mn.us/seh/2371:

- Mn/DOT District 8 Offices, 2505 Transportation Road, Willmar, MN
- Willmar City Hall, 333 SW 6th Street, Willmar, MN
- Kandiyohi County Highway Department, 1801 E Litchfield, Willmar, MN
- Willmar Public Library, 410 5th Street SW, Willmar, MN

The Highway 23/71 SD/DSDD can be made available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities by calling the Project Manager at (320) 214-3698 or to individuals who are hearing or speech impaired by calling the Minnesota Relay Service at (800) 627-3529 or (651) 296-9930 TTY. Individuals with a disability who need a reasonable accommodation to participate in the public meeting, please contact the Project Manager or through the Minnesota Relay Service at the telephone numbers listed above, as soon as possible.

To afford an opportunity for all interested persons, agencies and groups to comment on the project, a public meeting will be held on Monday, July 17, 2006 at the Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services Building located at 2200 23rd Street NE in Willmar. An informational open house will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a presentation starting at 5:45 p.m. Copies of the Highway 23/71

SD/DSDD will be available for review and Mn/DOT representatives will be present to answer questions during the open house.

RGU: Minnesota Department of Transportation

Contact: Lowell Flaten, Mn/DOT Project Manager
Minnesota Department of Transportation – District 8
2505 Transportation Road
Willmar, MN 56201
Phone: (320) 214-3698
lowell.flaten@dot.state.mn.us

DRAFT EIS AVAILABLE and Public Meeting

Blue Heron Bay – Dead Lake Development

DESCRIPTION: Otter Tail County has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft 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 L.L.C. is the project proposer.

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

Otter Tail County Land and Resource Management Office, 540 Fir Avenue West, Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Fergus Falls Public Library, 205 E. Hampden, Fergus Falls, MN 56537

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

New York Mills Public Library, 30 N. Main, New York Mills, MN 56567

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

The public comment period would end at 4:30 PM, C.S.T., August 15, 2006. A public information meeting on the Draft EIS will be held Tuesday August 1, 2006 from 6:30 PM -9:00 PM at the Otter Tail County Government Services Center, 500 Fir Avenue West.

RGU: Otter Tail County

CONTACT: Mr. Bill Kalar, Administrator-Land & Resource Management, Otter Tail County Government Services Center, 540 Fir Ave. West, Fergus Falls, MN 56537-1364; 218-998-8095, Fax: 218-998-8112

NOTICES

RECLAMATION PROJECTS PLANNED FOR LAKES - DNR DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife is planning up to twenty-six walleye rearing pond reclamation projects this fall. The projects involve the application of rotenone or antimycin, federal and state

registered pesticides, to eliminate or reduce less desirable fish species. Following treatment ponds will be stocked with walleye fry. Endangered or threatened species are not present in any of the lakes or ponds. Project goals include improved fish habitat, expanded angling opportunities, and increased walleye fingerling production. Specifics regarding the projects are as follows:

Walleye rearing pond reclamations. Up to twenty-six ponds are proposed to be treated in the fall or winter for the purpose of removing existing bullhead or other unwanted fish populations. This alteration will allow the ponds to be used for raising walleye fingerlings, which will later be stocked into local fishing lakes. Rotenone will be used on up to 25 ponds, with a target concentration of 3.0 – 5.0 ppm. Antimycin will be used on Tomash Lake, with a target concentration of 3.0 ppb.

Lake Name	County	Township	Range	Section
Smith (DOW 10-120)	Carver	116N	26W	29,32
Ancel Glen (DOW 27-1068)	Hennepin	27N	24W	19
Heritage Hills (DOW 27-1069)	Hennepin	27N	24W	19
Holy Name (DOW 27-158)	Hennepin	118N	23W	24
Henry (DOW 27-175)	Hennepin	120N	23W	28,29,32,33
Unnamed (DOW 27-301)	Hennepin	120N	23W	28
Laura (DOW 27-123)	Hennepin	120N	22W	7
Chaklos (DOW 70-78)	Scott	115N	22W	27,28
Bridal Path (DOW 70-200)	Scott	114N	21W	29,30
Sandshore (DOW 2-102)	Anoka	34N	24W	25,36
Fox Glen (DOW 19-34)	Dakota	27N	22W	3
Cedar (DOW 73-255)	Stearns	126N	33,34W	6,1
Otter (DOW 86-153)	Wright	121N	26W	30
Snodgrass (DOW 86-12)	Wright	119N	24W	6

Rohrbeck (DOW 47-100)	Meeker	121N	30W	33
Butternut (DOW 47-05)	Meeker	118N	29W	3
Maiden (DOW 17-15)	Cottonwood	106N	35W	32
Chandler (DOW 32-08)	Jackson	101N	35W	19,20
Kubie Pond (DOW 56-79)	Otter Tail	131N	43W	3
Anderson B (DOW 3-508)	Becker	139N	42W	1
Anderson C (DOW 3-509)	Becker	139N	42W	1
Anderson D (DOW 3-507)	Becker	139N	42W	1
Christianson (DOW 14-200)	Clay	138N	44W	9
Lunde (DOW 3-621)	Becker	139N	43W	9
Mary (DOW 56-10)	Otter Tail	131N	36W	22
Tomash (DOW 16-345)	Cook	62N	2;3W	6;1

For general information about any of these projects, contact Mike Halverson, Fisheries Habitat and Development Consultant, Box 12, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155.



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