



October 24, 2005



ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

Comments due on November 23, 2005

Dan Fitterer Feedlot Expansion

Description: Applicant is requesting a conditional use permit to expand an existing 98 animal unit feedlot to a total of 240 animal units. The amount requested is less than the 300 animal units allowed in Meeker County's Agricultural Shoreland District.

RGU: Meeker County

Contact: John Boe, Zoning Administrator, 325 Sibley Avenue North, Litchfield, MN 55355-2155; 320-693-5290; fax: 320-693-5444; email: johnboe@co.meeker.mn.us

Fieldstone Meadows

Description: Fieldstone Meadows is a residential development consisting of 144 single family lots on approximately 62 acres located west of Lawndale Lane North and 222 multi-family units on approximately 48 acres located north of highway CSAH No. 47 and east of County Road 101. These sites are separated by previously platted Fieldstone Additions.

RGU: City of Maple Grove

Contact: Dick Edwards, City Planner, 12800 Arbor Lakes Parkway, P.O. Box 1180, Maple Grove, MN 55311-6180; 763-494-6040; fax: 763-494-6425; email: mgrove@ci.maple-grove.mn.us

MSB 6901 Diversion Project

Description: The Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) proposes to construct a lift station and forcemain to divert flows of up to 8.5 million gallons per day from interceptor Metropolitan Sewer Board (MSB) 6901 to MSB 7122 in the city of White Bear Lake. Improvements are also proposed for MCES Lift Station, L3, in Hugo.

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Contact: Debra Moynihan, Project Manager, Environmental Review and Operations Section, Regional Division, 520 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-8420

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1010 Park Avenue

Description: Heritage Development proposes the redevelopment of a 2.26 acre site assembled within the block bounded by 10th Street, Park Avenue, Grant Street, and Portland Avenue on the east edge of Downtown Minneapolis. The mixed use redevelopment, when complete, will provide 420 housing units and 37, 952 sf of commercial space served by 577 enclosed off street parking spaces. 133 housing units in linked towers of 11 and 22 floors will be constructed in the first phase. The remaining 287 housing units will be constructed in linked towers of 25 and 40 floors during the final phase. One building on the site 619 10th St. S, is locally designated and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This building will not be altered during the redevelopment.

RGU: City of Minneapolis

Contact: Michael Orange, Principal Planner, 210 City Hall, 350 South 5th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55415; 612-673-2347; fax: 612-673-2728; email: Michael.Orange@ci.minneapolis.mn.us

DeLaSalle Athletic Facility

Description: The project is an addition of a regulation size football field at the DeLaSalle High School campus on Nicollet Island. The use of the field will be shared by DeLaSalle High School and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. The new field, when not used for football, will provide one regulation size soccer field or three junior soccer fields. The use of this new football and soccer facility will be shared by DeLaSalle and by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB). The athletic field will be built on two parcels of land presently divided by Grove Street, one owned by DeLaSalle, and one owned by the MPRB. The portion of the existing Grove Street right-of-way between Nicollet Street and East Island Avenue dividing the parcels would be vacated for the Project. The project site is located within the St. Anthony Falls Historic District.

RGU: City of Minneapolis

Contact: Michael Orange, Principal Planner, 210 City Hall, 350 South 5th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55415; 612-673-2347; fax: 612-673-2728; email: Michael.Orange@ci.minneapolis.mn.us

Towne's Edge Subdivision

Description: The proposed mixed Residential and Commercial Development will include approximately 190 residential lots and 36 commercial lots on 150 acres of agricultural land adjacent to the City of Foley, Benton County and will be served by municipal utilities.

RGU: City of Foley

Contact: Richard Zimmer, City Administrator, P.O. Box 709, Foley, MN 56329; 320-968-7260; fax: 320-968-6325

Canyon Creek Meadows

Description: The 65.2 acre Canyon Creek Meadows residential development is proposed in Long Lake Township and will include 15 large lot single family units. Lots will range in size from 4.9 to 3.3 acres. All proposed lots will be serviced by individual water wells and individual septic systems. Lots will be accessed by two access roads into the property.

RGU: Crow Wing County

Contact: Ms. Bonnie Finnerty, County Planner, 326 Laurel Street, Brainerd, MN 56401-3565; 218-824-1125; fax: 218-824-1126

Mankato Regional Airport Runway Expansion

Description: The Mankato Regional Airport proposed project is to expand Runway 15-33 and parallel taxiway 1,200 feet to the northwest. The proposed project would lengthen the runway and taxiway from 5,400 feet to 6,600 feet. The runway would be 100 feet wide and the taxiway 50 feet wide.

RGU: City of Mankato

Contact: Patrick Hengtes, City Manager, 10 Civic Center Plaza, P.O. Box 3368, Mankato, MN 56002-3368; 507-387-8600; fax: 507-388-7530; email: sschulz@city.mankato.mn.us

Woodland Enclave (to be platted as Benham Park)

Description: Woodland Enclave is a proposed development of 21 single-family homes on 30.4 acres in southwest Burnsville. The property, near existing large-lot homes and adjacent to Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, is largely wooded, characterized by rolling to steep topography and zoned rural residential. It will be served by municipal sewer and water.

RGU: City of Burnsville

Contact: Terry Schultz, Director of Natural Resources, 100 Civic Center Pkwy., Burnsville, MN 55337-3817; 952-895-4505; fax: 952-895-4531; email: terry.schultz@ci.burnsville.mn.us

Glenview Estates

Description: R&B Developers, LLP and Glenview Investments, LLC propose to construct a low-density residential development called Glenview Estates, by converting 110 acres of predominantly agricultural farmland into approximately 222 single-family residential lots in the City of Glencoe, MN. This development will be constructed in phases and includes the construction of roads, lots, and public infrastructure. The site is in the process of being annexed into the City and all lots will utilize city water and sewer.

Glenview Estates is located in the NW1/4 of Section 24 Township 115 North, Range 28 West (Glencoe Township).

Copies of the EAW are available for review at:

- Glencoe City Hall, 620 10th Street East, Glencoe, MN
- Willmar Public Library, 410 5th Street SW, Willmar, MN

A copy of the EAW will also be posted on the I&S Engineers & Architects, Inc. website: <http://www.is-ea.com>

New 150 Bed Segregation Unit at Minnesota Correctional Facility – Stillwater

Description: This project is to construct a new 150 bed Segregation Housing Unit within the walls of Stillwater State Prison, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This will provide a safer and more secure correctional facility and require demolition of existing vacant Hospital Building #10. This project is contingent upon receiving construction funding from the legislature in 2006.

RGU: Minnesota Department of Corrections

Contact: Joseph Miller, Capital Resource Administrator, 1450 Energy Park Drive, St. Paul, MN 55108; 651-642-0247; fax 651-603-0150; joe.miller@state.mn.us

SCOPING EAW COMMENT EXTENSION

Red Path Heifer, LLP (Special Two-Week Public Comment Extension)

Description: Redpath Heifers, LLP (proposer), is proposing to construct a new dairy heifer feedlot containing three 1,212-foot long by 210-foot wide free stall barns. Manure from these buildings will be stored in a concrete structure below the building

1,212-foot long by 210-foot wide by 13 feet deep. In addition, a 500-foot long by 300-foot wide covered feed storage pad will be built. When completed, the facility will have a maximum physical capacity to house 14,000 dairy heifers (9,800 animal units (AU)).

A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency website, 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, 520 Lafayette Road N, St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-297-1788

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.

- Crosslake Construction Demolition Debris landfill, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- Class 1 Demolition Debris landfill project in Roseville Township, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

AMENDED SCOPING DECISION

Highway 14 improvements

The Minnesota Department of Transportation has amended its scoping decision on the project to improve Minnesota Trunk Highway 14 between New Ulm and North Mankato. Mn/DOT issued a Scoping Decision Document on this project in May, 2003. Since that time additional analysis and public and agency involvement have resulted in changes to the alternatives identified for study in the Draft EIS. Those changes are described in the Amended Scoping Decision Document being made available by Mn/DOT. Briefly, the changed features include the following:

- The west project limit will be extended to include consideration of improvements to the TH 14 bridge over the Minnesota River in New Ulm;
- The alternative which carried TH 14 on existing alignment through Courtland is eliminated from consideration in the EIS;
- The Courtland Northern Bypass #2 is eliminated from consideration in the EIS;
- The alternative which carried TH 14 on existing alignment through Nicollet is eliminated from consideration in the EIS.

These are described in more detail in the Amended Scoping Decision Document. The Amended Scoping Decision Document can be found at the following address on the Mn/DOT website:

www.dot.state.mn.us/d7/projects/14newulmtonmankato/documents.html

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.

- Sandy Rivers Brethren Hutterian Feedlot Expansion, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, October 13, 2005 (August 1, 2005)
- Scenic Hills, Sherburne County Board of Commissioners, October 4, 2005 (August 17, 2005)
- Kueker Swine Facility, Feedlot Expansion, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, October 6, 2005 (August 15, 2005)
- Hunts Point, Planning Commission of Cass County, September 27, 2005 (July 18, 2005)

- Hanson Pit EAW, Kandiyohi County Board of Commissioners, October 4, 2005 (August 15, 2005)
- Lowell Johnson Pit EAW, Kandiyohi County Board of Commissioners, October 4, 2005 (August 15, 2005)
- Featherwind Farms, City of Otsego, September 26, 2005 (August 15, 2005)

DRAFT AUAR AVAILABLE

Southwest Corcoran Area

Description: The Southwest Corcoran AUAR area consists of 746 acres in the City of Corcoran, Hennepin County. The area is north of State Highway 55, east of County 19, west of Rolling Hills Road, and south of Jubert Lake and Pioneer Trail. Proposed land uses include business park/light industrial and urban residential.

RGU: City of Corcoran

Contact: Sue Vergin, City Administrator, 8200 County Road 116, Corcoran, MN 55340-2100

DRAFT EIS AVAILABLE

University of Minnesota Football Stadium

Description: The University of Minnesota has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a new 50,000 seat open air on-campus football stadium, including site and associated public infrastructure improvements with Minneapolis in Hennepin County, Minnesota. The Stadium Project is located on the existing Huron Boulevard parking lots, in close proximity to Mariucci Arena and the Williams Arena/Sports Pavilion complex.

RGU: Regents of the University of Minnesota

Contact: Brian Swanson, University Project Coordinator, 335 Morrill Hall, 100 Church Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455; 612-625-6665; email: bswanson@umn.edu

Elk River Sanitary Landfill Expansion

Description: The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the proposal to expand the Elk River Landfill (ERL), located in the city of Elk River, Sherburne County. Elk River Landfill, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Waste Management, Inc., owns and operated a landfill under Minnesota Solid Waste Permit Number SW-74. ERL is also licensed and permitted by Sherburne County and the city of Elk River. ERL proposes to expand operations at its existing mixed municipal solid waste (MSW) disposal facility by developing 73.7 acres currently used by a gravel mining operation located immediately south, adjacent to, and as a contiguous part of the existing Landfill property. The proposed Landfill expansion, known as the Southern Development Area (SDA), will provide approximately 15,000,000 cubic yards of additional MSW disposal capacity and extend Landfill operations for 16 to 20 years, depending upon incoming waste volumes. This Draft EIS addresses the potential for environmental impacts on ground water, landfill gas emissions, stormwater run-off, visual effects, alternatives, and economic and social impacts. Mitigation measures are recommended for unavoidable environmental impacts.

The public comments period on the Draft EIS will end December 1, 2005. The MPCA will hold a public informational meeting on the Draft EIS at the Uppertown Conference Room, 13065 Orono Parkway, Elk River, Minnesota, on Tuesday, November 15, 2005, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Timely comments on the Draft EIS will be responded to in a written response document that will, along with any needed revisions, be incorporated into the Final EIS. The Final EIS will be publicly distributed, and then brought to the MPCA Citizens' Board (Board) for a decision on the adequacy of the EIS. All persons on the project mailing list will be notified in advance of the Board adequacy decision meeting.

A copy of the Draft EIS will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency website at:
<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, 520 Lafayette Road N, St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-8420

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AVAILABLE

**In the Matter of an Xcel Energy Application for a Route Permit for the Eastwood 115kV/115kV Transmission Line Project in the Blue Earth County.
PUC Docket No. E002/TR-05-1192; EQB Docket No. 05-95-TR-Eastwood**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Environmental Assessment (EA) required for the above project has been completed. The EA addresses the potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed high voltage transmission line (HVTL) project.

Project Description. Xcel Energy has proposed to construct a double-circuit 115 kV HTVL about 3.5 miles long in Lime and Mankato Townships in Blue Earth County. The line taps into the Loon Lake-Summit 115 kV transmission line just south of Mankato Airport and terminates on its south end at the Eastwood Substation. The project is part of a series of transmission projects that will allow the electrical system to support the interconnection of the Mankato Energy Center into the Wilmarth Substation.

Regulatory Framework. The Minnesota Legislature transferred the authority to permit high voltage transmission lines from the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) on July 1, 2005. EQB Energy Facility Permitting staff was transferred to the Minnesota Department of Commerce (DOC), where they continue to coordinate the routing process through the PUC final decision.

The DOC released the EA on October 17, 2005. Copies of the permit application and the EA are available for public review at the Mankato City Center. The EA and other project-related documents may also be found on the web at:
<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=17001>

More Information. Questions about the EA or the permitting process can be directed to David Birkholz at the Department of Commerce, 85 7th Place East, St. Paul, MN 55101, phone 651.296.2878, e-mail at David.Birkholz@state.mn.us or to the public advisor, George Johnson, at the same address, phone 651.296.2888, e-mail at George.Johnson@state.mn.us. Any person may add his or her name to a mailing list maintained for mailings regarding this project. Names can be added to the list by contacting Mr. Birkholz or Mr. Johnson or by visiting the webpage cited above.

Public Hearing. A Public Hearing will be held on this matter in November. A separate notice will be sent out to the mailing list when the time and place for the Hearing have been established.

NOTICES

Metropolitan Airports Commission/Assessment of Environmental Effects of the 2006-2012 Capital Improvement Program for MSP

Minnesota Statutes 1988, Chapter 664, requires the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) to prepare an Assessment of Environmental Effects (AOEE) for projects in the Commission's seven-year Capital Improvement Program (2006-2012) for airports included in its system.

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1988, Chapter 664, one project scheduled for 2006 at Minneapolis - St. Paul International Airport (MSP) requires the preparation of an EAW and a public hearing — Phase 1 of the 2020 Development Program, which includes expansion of the Humphrey Terminal and extension of some taxiways. Minnesota Rules, Chapter 4410.1300, allow a Federal environmental assessment (EA) to substitute for an EAW. A 2015 Terminal Expansion Project EA that included Phases 1 and 2 of the 2020 Development Program was prepared and circulated for comment on July 1, 2005. All other projects in the MSP 2006-2012 CIP that require an EAW under Chapter 664 have been assessed for their environmental effects as part of the 2010 Long Term Comprehensive Program in the Final EIS for the Dual Track Airport Planning Process completed in 1998.

An AOEE relating to construction projects at MSP has been prepared. Assessment for St. Paul Downtown, Flying Cloud, Crystal, Anoka County-Blaine, Lake Elmo and Airlake airports did not need to be prepared since the Capital Improvement Program and Plan has not changed from the previous year or the changes have been addressed in approved EAW/EA/EIS documents or have minimal environmental effects.

A copy of the AOEE for MSP and the 2015 Terminal Expansion EA can be obtained by contacting Robert Vorpahl, Metropolitan Airports Commission, 6040 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55450; 612-726-8127. Comments concerning the AOEE for MSP and the 2015 Terminal Expansion EA can be given at a Public Hearing to be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in room 3040, Mezzanine level, Lindbergh Terminal, Minneapolis -St. Paul International Airport, or in writing to Robert Vorpahl at 6040 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55450. Comments on the AOEE and EA must be received by the close of business on Wednesday, November 23, 2005. Persons planning to attend the public hearing should call Robert Vorpahl at 612-726-8127 for security checkpoint information.



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