



May 9, 2005

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

Comments due on June 8, 2005

Morning Sun

Description: Lyman Properties is proposing development of 348 acres with 428 residential homes comprising 338 single-family and 34 twin homes, and 56 multi-family structures in the community of Lindstrom, Minnesota. This development is located on the southeast shore of Sunrise Lake which is north and east of CSAH 14 (Lincoln Road North). All lots are proposed to have urban services.

RGU: City of Lindstrom

Contact: Lowell Enerson, City Administrator, 13292 Sylvan Avenue, Lindstrom, Minnesota 55045; 651-257-0620, Fax: 651-257-0623.

Coffee Creek Park Development

Description: The Coffee Creek Park Development includes the construction of up to 68 private residential homes, apartment buildings that contain 120 units, and town homes that contain 180 units on approximately 83.68 acres of land

ABOUT THE EQB MONITOR

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located south of Quince Street and north of Trinity Road in the City of Duluth.

The document may be viewed on the City of Duluth Web site at <http://www.ci.duluth.mn.us/city/planning/plncom/index.htm>

Comments: Duluth City Planning Commission, Room 409 City Hall, Duluth, Minnesota 55802; Email to jmohn@ci.duluth.mn.us

The Duluth City Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on this EAW on Wednesday, June 14, 2005, beginning at 5 PM, in the City Council Chambers, Third Floor, City Hall, Duluth, Minnesota.

Smith Lake Wildlife Estates 2nd Addition

Description: This 40-acre site is currently occupied by one resident and is comprised of forested areas with 3 acres of wetlands. It will be subdivided into approximately 13 rural residential lots. Each lot will have a private well and individual sanitary sewer treatment system.

RGU: City of St. Francis

Contact: Steve Bjork, City Planner, 23671 NW St. Francis Blvd., P.O. Box 730, St. Francis, Minnesota 55070; 763-753-2630, Fax: 763-753-9881.

The Oaks Business Center

Description: The Oaks Business Center is a 55 ± acre site bounded by Fourth Street North to the north, Ideal Avenue to the east, Interstate 94 to the south and approximately the future extension of Helmo Avenue to the west. The project proposes development of up to 740,000 ± square feet of office and office/flex space, as well as associated surface parking lots, utility improvements and public roadway on the presently undeveloped site in the City of Oakdale.

RGU: City of Oakdale



Contact: Brent Brommer, Community Development Director, 1584 Hadley Avenue North, Oakdale, Minnesota 55128; 651-730-2720, Fax: 651-730-2818, Email: brent@ci.oakdale.mn.us.

Brush Lake Estates

Description: Brush Lake Estates will consist of constructing a road which will provide access to 12 planned lots. Area is currently not being used and in the past it has been used for agricultural purposes (crop-land and hay-land). The project will be implemented concurrent with federal, state and local regulations and standards.

RGU: Becker Planning and Zoning

Contact: Patty Johnson, 835 Lake Avenue, P.O. Box 787, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota 56502, 218-846-7314, Fax: 218-846-7266.

Buffalo Bituminous, Inc. Gravel Mine

Description: Buffalo Bituminous, Inc. proposes to mine, screen and crush oversized rocks on a 98.3 acre site. The mining depth will be variable, but could reach a maximum of 30 feet and create two permanent ponds. All equipment will be portable. The location of the gravel mine is the SE ¼ of Section 5, Township 120, Range 25, Buffalo Township, Wright County.

RGU: Wright County

Contact: Chuck Davis, Planning and Zoning Office, Wright County Government Center, 10 NW 2nd Street, Buffalo, Minnesota 55313; 763-682-7331.

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.

- 1320 Lagoon Avenue Project, City of Minneapolis
- Canyon Creek Meadows, Crow Wing County

EAW NEED DECISION

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

- Benton County Board of Commissioners, Lake Andrew, Denied
- City of Menahga, Boulder Ridge Estates, Exempt
- City of Hopkins, Wetland Project, 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.

- Hammerlund Partnership Proposed Borrow Area, City of La Prairie, April 25, 2005 (February 28, 2005)
- Liberty Oaks Subdivision, Brooklyn Park City Council, April 18, 2005 (February 28, 2005)
- Cambridge Middle School, Isanti County, April 20, 2005, (February 28, 2005)
- Mill Creek Trout Stream Habitat Restoration/Improvement Project, Department of Natural Resources, April 25, 2005 (February 28, 2005)
- Ripley Dairy, LLP, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Citizens' Board, April 26, 2005, (January 3, 2005)
- Shetek Area Wastewater Collection and Treatment System, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Citizens' Board, April 26, 2005, (September 13, 2004)
- Interstate 94 and Wright County State Aid Highway 18, City of Monticello, Wright County, Minnesota. May 2, 2005 (January 3, 2005).

EIS Need Decision Reconsidered

Izaty's Golf and Yacht Club

This is a notice regarding the status of the environmental review for Izaty's Golf and Yacht Club, 40005 – 85th Avenue, Onamia, Minnesota 56359 located in Sections 11, 12, 13 and 14 of South Harbor Township (T42N R26W), Mille Lacs County, Minnesota.

A positive declaration was made on the mandatory Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the proposed 28 attached unit development during the April 5th, 2005 meeting of the Mille Lacs County Board due to insufficient information on cumulative impacts associated with potential future development on the property.

The County Board has since determined at the April 19th, 2005 public meeting that an AUAR is better suited for the environmental review of said future development due to the indefinite nature of undeveloped areas and associated potential impacts. A motion was then passed by the County Board to rescind the EIS followed by a motion for intent to order the AUAR.

A subcommittee will meet to determine the boundaries, nature, and intensity of the development and develop scenarios for the ordering of the AUAR in the near future.

FINAL AUAR AND MITIGATION PLAN ADOPTED

Bridges of St. Paul

The City of St. Paul has adopted the Bridges of St Paul Alternative Urban Areawide Review (which comprises the draft AUAR, responses to comments, the final mitigation plan as amended, and the alternative comparative analysis). The City of St. Paul finds that the Bridges of St. Paul AUAR (including the amended mitigation plan for the full-build-out project) is complete and accurate, and adequately identifies the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project.

In St. Paul, the Mayor has delegated the responsibility for adopting the AUAR to the Director of the Department of Planning and Economic Development, and we use our Planning Commission to advise the PED Director.

Contact: Lucy Thompson, City of St. Paul, Department of Planning and Economic Development, 25 West Fourth Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102; 651-266-6565, Fax: 651-228-3267.

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Burnsville Sanitary Landfill Expansion

Description: Waste Management, Inc. owns and operates the Burnsville Sanitary Landfill (Landfill) under Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Permit No. SW-56 and Dakota County Solid Waste License No. 3378385. The Landfill presently is developed over 145 acres on a 360-acre parcel owned by Burnsville Sanitary Landfill, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Waste Management, Inc.

The Landfill receives mixed municipal solid waste and construction and demolition waste from the Twin Cities Metro Area. The proposed project is to expand the Landfill both horizontally and vertically. The horizontal expansion

includes 42.2 acres, of which 37.8 acres will be used for waste disposal. The vertical expansion consists of increasing the height of the fill by 6.5 feet over the permitted 80.6-acre disposal area. The proposed expansion will provide 6.2 million cubic yards of additional airspace.

This Draft Environmental Impact Statement addresses impacts associated with the proposed expansion in regard to groundwater, air quality, alternatives, and economic and social impacts. Mitigation measures are recommended for unavoidable environmental impacts.

A copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement 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: Kelly Garvey, Project Manager, Environmental Review and Operations Section, Regional Division, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, 651-296-7796.

NOTICE

Notice Of Public Hearing: High Bridge Repowering Project

Tuesday, May 24, 2005, 7:00 p.m., Lady Slipper Room, Centennial Office Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota,

EQB Docket No. 05-92-PPS-Xcel High Bridge

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) will hold a Public Hearing on an application by Xcel Energy to construct and operate a natural gas-fuel, combined-cycle electric generating facility capable of producing 480 to 665 megawatts (MW).

The proposal consists of replacing the existing 270 MW coal fueled plant (i.e., the High Bridge Plant) with a new, natural gas-fired, combined cycle plant. The conversion of the High Bridge Plant is exempted from the Certificate of Need requirements of Minnesota Statutes § 216B.243.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 24, 2005, in the Lady Slipper room of the Centennial Office Building, 658 Cedar Street in St. Paul, Minnesota. The hearing will convene at 7:00 pm., Administrative Law Judge Bruce H. Johnson will preside at the hearing. Judge Johnson's address is Office of Administrative Hearings, 100 Washington Square, Suite 1700, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401 2138, 612-341-7607.

Environmental Assessment The EQB has prepared an Environmental Assessment on the proposed project. The EA addresses the potential impacts of the proposed project. Copies of the environmental assessment, permit application and other materials can be obtained at the EQB web site:

<http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=15966>,

or by contacting the project manager, Bill Storm (bill.storm@state.mn.us) 300 Centennial Building., 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, 651-296-9535, Fax: 651-296-3698 (TTY relay service 800-627-3529).

Conduct of Hearing. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Power Plant Siting Act, Minn. Stat. §§ 116C.51 to 116C.69, and the rules of the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board, Minn. Rules parts 4400.2000 to 4400.2950, for projects of the size and type proposed here.

The EQB staff will be present at the hearing and make a brief presentation about the project and introduce into the record a number of documents relating to the project, including the application, the Environmental Assessment, and certain procedural documents. Representatives of the applicant will be present to offer evidence and to answer questions. Members of the public will have an opportunity to ask questions of EQB staff and Xcel Energy representatives, to make statements, and to offer written comments and material into the record. Members of the public are not required to file any papers in advance of the hearing in order to participate.

The record will remain open for at least ten days after the close of the hearing for interested persons to submit written comments to the Administrative Law Judge. Judge Johnson will determine at the hearing a date for the comment period to end. Comments must be submitted directly to Judge Johnson at the address above.

Purpose of Hearing. The purpose of the public hearing is to compile the record for the EQB to consider in making a final decision on the permit requested. Upon closure of the public comment period, Judge Johnson will write a report and make a recommendation to the EQB on the granting of the site permit and on any appropriate permit conditions. It is anticipated that the application will come before the EQB for a final decision on the permit at its July 21, 2005, Board meeting.

Public Utilities Commission Proceeding. This project is part of Xcel Energy's Metropolitan Emission Reduction Proposal, which was reviewed and approved by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in Docket E002/M-02-633. The conversion of the High Bridge Plant is exempt from the Certificate of Need requirements of Minnesota Statutes § 216B.243.

Additional Information. Questions about the EQB process can be directed to Bill Storm of the EQB staff at 658 Cedar Street, 300 Centennial Building, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, 651-296-9535, Email at bill.storm@state.mn.us.

Mailing List. Any person may add his or her name to a mailing list maintained by the EQB for future mailings regarding this project. If you would like to receive notice of the EQB's final decision in this matter, you may put your name on this mailing list. Names can be added to the list by contacting Mr. Storm or electronically by visiting the EQB website:

<http://www.mnplan.state.mn.us/maillinglist.html>



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