



September 26, 2005



ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

Comments due on October 26, 2005

Regional Medical Arts Campus Two

Description: The proposed Regional Medical Arts Campus will include 19-21 medical and general office lots on 40 acres of current agricultural land in Sartell, Minnesota.

RGU: City of Sartell

Contact: Anita Rasmussen, AICP Planning and Community Development Director, 125 Pine Cone Road North, PO Box 140, Sartell, Minnesota 56377; 320-258-7306; fax: 320-253-3337; email: anita@sartellmn.com

Pleasure Acres Residential Development

Description: Mr. Tom Van Lith is proposing to construct a 29-lot single family residential development on a 20-acre site in Rockville, MN.

RGU: City of Rockville

Contact: Rena Weber, City Administrator/Clerk, 209 Broadway Street East, Rockville, MN 56369-0093; 320-251-5836; fax: 320-240-9620

Kerkhoff Cattle Company Expansion

Description: Mr. Kerkhoff's current feedlot consists of one open lot containing three sub-lots and one barn. Two of the sub-lots house 400 cattle each (800 animal units total) and the remaining sub-lot houses 199 cattle (199 animal units). In addition, Mr. Kerkhoff is currently constructing an open lot runoff containment system, with a settling basin, and a total confinement barn to house 751 cattle (751 animal units) under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit issued on June 30, 2005. Mr. Kerkhoff is now proposing to construct a second barn to house an additional 750 head of cattle (750 animal units) and increase the density on the open lots by 250 animal units. After all construction is completed, the total number of cattle raised at this feedlot will be 2750 feeder cattle (2750 animal units). Manure solids from the settling basin, the open lots, and barns will be periodically removed and land applied. Liquid runoff, which has passed through the settling basin, will be stored in an earthen storage basin and will be irrigated onto adjacent cropland. All manure and liquid runoff will be applied according to the manure nutrient management plan approved by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

ABOUT THE EQB MONITOR

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Submittal deadline: October 3, 2005

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: Randy Hukriede, Project Manager, Environmental Review and Operations Section, Regional Division, 7678 College Road, Suite 105, Baxter, MN 56425; 218-828-6076

Shepherd's Path

Description: The proposed Shepherd's Path development (71.2 acres) is located on the north side of Co. Highway 42 and west of Co. Highway 21 in Prior Lake. The proposed project expands on the existing Church to develop a faith-based community with senior housing, aquatic/fitness and youth centers, clinic/retail space, and approximately 26 acres of open space for trails, ponds, and wetlands.

RGU: City of Prior Lake

Contact: Jane Kansier, Planning Director, 17073 Adelmann Street, Prior Lake, MN 55372; 952-447-9812; fax: 952-440-9678; email: jkansier@cityofpriorlake.com

John Donovan Sandpit

Description: Mr. John Donovan proposed to extract mineral sand and gravel from 144-acres of property in the SE ¼ of Section 24, Salem Township, Olmsted County, excluding a 16-acre farm site exception, and stockpiling these materials for commercial sale.

RGU: Salem Township

Contact: Roger Ihrke, Zoning Administrator, Township Cooperative Planning Association, 3935 Hwy 14 E, PO Box 339, Rochester, MN 55903; 507-529-0774; fax: 507-288-9438

Loring Park Development

Description: Willow Street Associates proposes a redevelopment located on the blocks east and west of Spruce Place between Grant Street and 14th Street on the eastern edge of Loring Park. The 25.1 acre site includes the entire block presently occupied by Eitel Hospital west of Spruce Place, and the southern edge of the block east of Spruce Place. A 275 unit, 38 floor, condominium building with 4800 sf of retail space served by 337 parking spaces is proposed for the parcel east of Spruce Place. West of Spruce Place the construction of two new, linked, 6 floor apartment buildings and the renovation of the former Eitel Hospital will provide 204 housing units and 2000 sf of retail space served by 242 parking spaces.

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

The City posts all of its environmental documents at: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/planning>

Wal-Mart SuperCenter, #3760-01 New Ulm, Minnesota

Description: Development of a 33.68-acre site as an approximately 205,604-square foot retail center to include garden center, limited automotive service center, and liquor store, with associated parking, entrance and frontage roads. Gas station and restaurants may be developed later. The Project also involves installation of sewer and water lines, widening Highway 14 and installing a traffic signal.

RGU: City of New Ulm

Contact: Steven P. Koehler, P.E., City Engineer, 100 North Broadway, New Ulm, MN 56073-0636; 507-359-8245; fax: 507-359-9752; email: steve.koehler@ci.new-ulm.mn.us

The Minnesota Urban Ballpark

Description: The Minnesota Twins propose to build a new 42,000-seat, open-air baseball park at a site one block northwest of the Target Center between 5th Street North and 7th Street North on the edge of Downtown Minneapolis.

RGU: Hennepin County

Contact: Charles Ballentine, Department Director, Housing, Community Works & Transit, 417 North 5th Street, Suite 332, Minneapolis, MN 55401-1362; 612-348-4216; fax: 612-348-9710; email: chuck.ballentine@co.hennepin.mn.us

River Hills Park

Description: The River Hills Park will be a recreational vehicle park constructed at the current River Hills Golf Course located on the Pelican River in Detroit Lakes. When the River Hills Park project is completed, the River Hills Golf Course will still be open to the public.

RGU: City of Detroit Lakes

Contact: Lawrence Remmen, Community Development Director, P.O. Box 647, Detroit Lakes, MN 56502; 218-847-5658; fax: 218-847-8969; email: lremmen@lakesnet.net

PETITION 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.

- Harbor project on Leech Lake, Cass County

EAW NEED DECISIONS

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

- Hubbard County Board of Commissioners, Rapid River Estates, 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.

- Steele County Board, Steele County West Beltline, September 13, 2005 (July 18, 2005)
- Wabasha County Board of Commissioners, Restoration of Tributary #1 to Miller Creek, September 6, 2005 (August 1, 2005)
- Sherburne County Board of Commissioners, Oak Savannah Plat 2, September 6, 2005 (July 4, 2005)

- Alexandria Township/City of Alexandria Joint Planning Board, Burgen Sunrise subdivision, September 6, 2005 (August 1, 2005)
- City of Delano, Wright County, Trunk Highway 12 Reconstruction, September 13, 2005 (March 1, 2004)

DRAFT AUAR AVAILABLE

Rice County AUAR

Description: Rice County is proposing a 1,080-acre master land use plan for commercial/industrial/service/retail and distribution end-users. The site may generate up to 11.5 million square feet of building/structure within the study area. The study area is generally adjacent to Interstate 35 (I-35) between County State Aid Highway 1 (CSAH 1) and State Truck Highway 19 (TH 19) in Rice County, Minnesota.

RGU: Rice County

Contact: Arlyn Grussing, Director, Planning and Zoning; 507-332-6173; email: agrussing@co.rice.mn.us or John Dietrich, Principal Landscape Architect; 952-933-0972; email: jdietrich@rlk-kuusisto.com

FINAL AUAR ADOPTED

Northeast Industrial Service Area, Mankato

The City of Mankato has adopted the Northeast Industrial Service Area Alternative Urban Areawide Reivew (AUAR) and Final Mitigation Plan in accordance with MN Rules 4410.3610, Subd. 5. The City of Mankato finds the Northeast Industrial Service Area AUAR and Mitigation Plan is complete and accurate, and adequately identifies the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project.

If you have any questions, please contact Doug Losee at 507-387-6651 or by email: dlosee@is-ea.com

SCOPING DECISION

Proposed Scope for Environmental Impact Statement for Blue Heron Bay Development

Otter Tail County Resolution No. 2005-53

Commissioner Nelson offered the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2002, R. Murray Partnership submitted to Otter Tail County an application for a Conditional Use Permit for a project known as the Blue Heron Bay project (the "project"); and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2003, the Board of Commissioners declared that an Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") was not required for the project; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2003, the Board of Commissioners granted a Conditional Use Permit for the project; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2005, the Minnesota Court of Appeals reversed the decision not to require an Environmental Impact Statement for the project and remanded the issue to Otter Tail County for Preparation of an EIS; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to initiate the process to prepare an EIS by establishing a proposed scope for the EIS based on the decision of the Court of Appeals and documents that were submitted to the court stating the grounds for the appeal of the Board of Commissioners decision; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners will issue its final decision on the scope of the EIS upon completion of the EIS Scoping Process provided in Minnesota Rules Chapter 4410.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it is proposed that the EIS shall address the following alternatives:

1. Cluster development for which Otter Tail County issued a Conditional Use Permit containing 138 units and 116 docking slips. The project includes no-wake zones and ingress/egress channels as required in the Conditional Use Permit.
2. Conventional subdivision plat.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the potentially significant issues relevant to the proposed project but not be exclusive to the following:

1. The environmental effects of increased boating activities on Dead Lake, including effects on fish, wildlife and ecologically sensitive resources (Environmental Assessment Worksheet Item 11) and water surface use effects (EAW Item 15);
2. The environmental effects of wastewater treatment from the project, including any effects from nitrogen discharges to Dead Lake (EAW Item 18).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution will be submitted to the Environmental Quality Board staff for publication in the Environmental Quality Board Monitor, which notice shall also include notice of the date, time and place of a public meeting to review the scope of the EIS.

Commissioner Mosher seconded the motion, and upon being put to a vote, was unanimously carried.

Adopted at Fergus Falls, Minnesota, the 23rd day of August, 2005.

This resolution also indicated that this process would begin with a public EIS Scoping Meeting conducted by the County Board of Commissioners. Please be advised that this public EIS Scoping meeting had been scheduled for 1:30 PM on Tuesday, October 11, 2005 in the County Board Room of the Government Services Center, 540 West Fir Ave, Fergus Falls, MN 56537

If you have any questions or if you need any additional information regarding this matter, please contact Bill Kalar at 218-998-8095.

FINAL EIS AVAILABLE

U.S. Steel – Minntac Water Inventory Reduction Project

Description: Notice is hereby given that the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) packet on the U.S. Steel – Minntac Water Inventory Reduction Project (Project), for which the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is the Responsible Government Unit (RGU), is available for public review. Pursuant to Minn. R. 4410.2800, subp. 2, publication of this notice begins a ten-day public review period during which any person may submit comments on the adequacy of the Final EIS packet to the MPCA. This comment period will expire at the end of the day on October 7, 2005.

In addition, a press release is being made available to media in the area of the Project pursuant to Minn. R. 4410.2700, subp. 4-6.

The Final EIS packet includes the comment response document which contains the MPCA's responses to the timely substantive comments submitted to the MPCA on the Draft EIS on the Project, as required by Minn. R. 4410.2700, subp. 1. Copies of any/all timely comment letters received by the MPCA can be obtained by contacting the MPCA at the address below.

The comment response document, the Draft EIS that was mailed on April 11, 2005, to interested parties, and the errata sheet identifying corrections made on April 27, 2005, to the Draft EIS together comprise the Final EIS packet on the Project, as provided in Minn. R. 4410.2700, subp. 2. The comment response document is being distributed pursuant to Minn. R. 4410.2700, subp. 3. Any person who does not have the Draft EIS may obtain a copy by contacting the MPCA at the address below.

The Final EIS packet will be presented to the MPCA Citizens' Board (Board) for a determination of adequacy on or about November 22, 2005. Any person may appear at this meeting and address the Board on the subject of the adequacy of the Final EIS packet. All parties on the mailing list for this Project and any other interested parties who so request will be notified of the exact date, time, and location of this public meeting, and will also be mailed the Board memo and proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order that will be presented to the Board at that meeting for its consideration.

A copy of the Final EIS packet will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Web site, at the following address: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Comments on the adequacy of the Final EIS packet as well as any questions about the remainder of the EIS process should be submitted to:

Contact: John Elling, Project Manager, Environmental Review and Operations Section, Regional Division, 520 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-282-9885

NOTICES

Notifications of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
06-NO-001	Syngenta	Corn	Improved Feed Quality	Goodhue
06-NO-002	Syngenta	Corn	Insect Resistance	Goodhue

For more information contact Mary Hanks, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 90 W. Plato Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55107, 651/296-1277, mary.hanks@state.mn.us.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO HOLD STATE METALLIC MINERALS LEASE SALE

State Lands to be Offered for Metallic Minerals Exploration

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources announces that plans are being developed to hold the state's twenty-eighth sale of metallic minerals exploration and mining leases. The sale is tentatively scheduled for January 2006. The lease sale plans are being announced at this time in order to give mining companies, public interest groups and all other interested parties additional time to review the areas under consideration.

The purpose of Minnesota's metallic minerals rules (Minnesota Rules, parts 6125.0100 - .0700) is to promote and regulate the exploration for, mining and removal of metallic minerals on state-owned and state-administered lands. These rules, and the leases issued under these rules, authorize exploration and development of these minerals and impose certain requirements on the lessee. The requirements include: the payment of rentals that increase with the passage of time, the payment of royalty for all ore mined and removed, the submission of data and other reports, and the addressing environmental considerations. In addition, the state lessee must comply with all applicable regulatory laws.

The areas under consideration for the lease sale cover portions of Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, Lake of the Woods and Saint Louis Counties. Some of the lands being considered have been offered in previous metallic minerals lease sales, but based upon the interest shown by industry, new geologic data, and exploration techniques developed during the past few years, it is felt that within these lands there is significant potential for the discovery of mineral resources. Certain new lands of interest are also being considered for the lease sale.

The exact time and place of the lease sale will be announced by legal notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the sale. Mining unit books, listing the state lands to be offered at the lease sale, will be available for inspection or purchase at that time.

A map showing the general areas under consideration may be obtained from the Division of Lands and Minerals, Box 45, 500 Lafayette Road, Saint Paul, MN 55155-4045, telephone 651-296-4807, or by visiting the DNR website at www.dnr.state.mn.us



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