



Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comments due on January 26, 2000

Crosstown Northwest-Brooklyn Park

Description: The proposed project site consists of approximately 48 acres located on the southeast quadrant of the intersection between TH 169 and CSAH 30 in the city of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota. The project will include three buildings (combined total of 761,634 leased square feet, inclusive of potential expansion beyond initial construction). The project will include a mix of light industrial, warehouse and office functions.

RGU: City of Brooklyn Park

Contact: Will Neumeister, City of Brooklyn Park, 5200 85th Avenue, N., Brooklyn Park, MN 55430-4300; 612-493-8051

Lake Nokomis Water Quality Improvement Project

Description: The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, in partnership with the city of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, is proposing to construct three wet detention basins, a submerged weir structure and five grit chambers in an effort to maintain and improve the water quality of Lake Nokomis.

RGU: Minnehaha Creek Watershed District

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Contact: Eric Evenson, 2500 Shadywood Rd., Excelsior, MN 55331-9578; 612-471-6284

County State Aid Highway 14 Bridge Replacement

Description: The proposed project addresses phase one of a two-phase bridge replacement and highway improvement project in Wright county. Phase 1 includes replacement of bridge number 90689 over the North Fork of the Crow River and approaches within 1,000 feet in each direction.

RGU: Wright County

Contact: Virgil Hawkins, Wright County, 1901 Hwy 25 N., Buffalo, MN 55313

Grey Fox Estates

Description: The proposed project is a 42 lot subdivision on a 230 acre parcel. This single-family residential subdivision has lots ranging in size from 5 to 20 acres. The site is being developed with 7,400 lineal feet of paved streets and five sediment storm water retention ponds.

RGU: Scott County

Contact: Allen Frechette, 200 4th Avenue W., Room A102, Shakopee, MN 55379-1393; 612-496-8177

Autumn Woods

Description: Autumn Woods is a 42 lot single-family residential development on a 138.6 acre parcel in Baldwin Township, Sherburne County. Minimum lot size is 2.5 acres, and will be served with public roads and utilities typical of a rural development including private wells and septic systems.

RGU: Sherburne County Planning and Zoning

Contact: Jim Brown, 13880 Hwy 10, Elk River, MN 55330; 612-241-2900

NRG Energy, Inc., Becker Ash Landfill Expansion

Description: NRG Energy, Inc., proposes expansion of Becker Ash Landfill's final three cells to meet refuse derived fuel ash disposal needs for the duration of a contract through 2009 with five Minnesota counties (Anoka, Benton, Hennepin, Sherburne and Stearns) and Great River Energy in Elk River. The landfill, within the city of Becker, has been used for RDF ash disposal since 1991. Based on current annual ash disposal rates and future projections, the landfill will reach its permitted capacity between 2005 and 2007. The expansion would allow the landfill, presently permitted to accept a maximum of 1,286,316 cubic yards of RDF ash, to accept an additional 315,000 cubic yards of ash. The facilities will include a Type P double-composite liner system, leachate collection and leak detection system, an environmental monitoring system and engineered final covers. A copy of the EAW will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency web site at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Contact: Kevin Molloy, North District, Operations & Planning Section, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-7376

Lime Creek Pork, Inc.

Description: The project proposer is planning to construct a farrowing site in Lime Creek, Murray county, Minnesota. The farrowing site, which would produce piglets for finishing at other farms, would involve the construction of gestation and farrowing barns, and a separate building containing office space. The facility would house a maximum of 789 animal units. A copy of the EAW will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency web site at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Contact: Lynne Kolze, Metro District, Operations & Planning Section, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-282-5992

Northshore Mining District Reduced Iron Project

Description: Northshore Mining Company is proposing to install a direct reduced iron plant at its existing taconite processing facilities in Silver Bay. The DRI production equipment which consists of two rotary hearth furnaces and one submerged arc furnace, will be housed in the existing pelletizer facility and in a 120 by 120 by 100 foot tall addition on the south (lake side) of the existing pelletizer building complex. The proposed project would replace furnace 5, currently idle, which has a production capacity of approximately one million tons per year of standard pellets.

Furnaces 6, 11 and 12 would remain in operation. The project's primary purpose would be to produce metallic iron for sale to steel mills and foundries. It would also produce a slag by-product for potential commercial sale as a ray material for emissions of total particulate matter, particulate matter less than 10 microns, sulfur dioxide, nitrous oxides, volatile organic compounds, carbon monoxide and acid gases. The DRI project will also employ maximum achievable control technology for hazardous air pollutants. NSM has also committed to implement measures that would reduce particulate emissions from the crude ore handling at the existing facility and reduce existing facility fugitive dust emissions from its pellet handling and storage operations. The project would also include utilization of power plant coal ash as a DRI process raw material, and installation of a water treatment system for blowdown from the wet wall electrostatic precipitators at the existing facility, as well as the DRI project. There will be a public meeting in Silver Bay 30 days into the 45 day public comment period. The meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2000. A copy of the EAW will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency web site at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Contact: John Elling, North District, Operations & Planning Section, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-8011

Park Commons East Mixed Use Redevelopment

Description: Park Commons East is a 15 acre mixed-use redevelopment project which includes up to 275,000 square feet of retail/office space and up to 660 residential dwellings. The project will focus on a central town green park. A mix of structured and surface parking spaces will be provided.

RGU: City of St. Louis Park

Contact: Janet Jermiah, 5005 Minnetonka Blvd., St. Louis Park, MN 55416; 612-924-2573

Lake of the Isles Development Plan

Description: The project proposes improvements to Lake of the Isles Regional Park in Minneapolis. Improvements will include shoreline stabilization, wetland restoration and expansion, upland planting restoration, path reconstruction, upgrade of recreation facilities and warming house and gazebo construction.

RGU: Minneapolis Park Board

Contacts: Larry Peterson and Jeff Lee, 200 Grain Exchange Building, 400 S. 4th St., Minneapolis, MN 55101; 612-661-4800 and 612-370-4900

Correction

The Crow Wing County Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Extension originally announced in the November 29, 1999 *EQB Monitor* was inadvertently included in the December 13 *EQB Monitor*. The public review and comment period for this project closes on December 29, 1999.

Scoping EAW/Draft Scoping Decision Document Available

Mall of America Expansion-Met Center Site

Description: The Mall of America Company proposes to expand onto the 54-acre "Met Center" site north of the existing Mall of America in lieu of the expansion site previously approved in the 1986 Mall of America/Fantasyworld EIS identifying a "Phase II" development on a 32-acre parcel east of the existing mall. The proposed 5.6 million square foot development would include a retail/entertainment complex similar to the existing Mall of America as well as hotel, residential condominium and office land uses.

A scoping public meeting regarding this scoping EAW document will be held in the city of Bloomington at the Council Chambers, 2215 West Old Shakopee Road, at 1:30 p.m. on January 20, 2000. Written or verbal comments on the scoping EAW will be accepted until Wednesday, January 26, 2000 and can be sent to the address below.

RGU: City of Bloomington

Contact: Clark Arneson, City of Bloomington, 2215 W. Old Shakopee Rd., Bloomington, MN 55431; 612-948-8921; fax 612-948-8949; e-mail carneson@ci.bloomington.mn.us

EIS Need Decision

The responsible governmental units noted below have determined the following project does not require preparation 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*.

- Richfield Lake Water Quality Project, City of Richfield, December 16, 1999 (September 20, 1999)
- Twin Lakes Outlet, City of Savage, December 6, 1999 (October 18, 1999)
- Lyman Lakes Restoration Project, City of Northfield, December 6, 1999 (November 1, 1999)

Draft EIS Available

CAMAS, Lakeland Sand and Gravel Mine Expansion and Reclamation Plans

Description: This Draft EIS documents the analysis of impacts associated with proposed expansion of the sand and gravel mining operations for CAMAS Minnesota and the land use reclamation plans for the area upon completion of the mining operations. The CAMAS, Lakeland Sand and Gravel Mine is located in the northwest quadrant of the Interstate Highway I-94 and Minnesota State Highway 95 interchange in the city of Lakeland and township of West Lakeland. The issues identified in the scoping EAW include air quality associated with fugitive dust, noise, traffic, surface water issues related to an ephemeral stream and land reclamation and redevelopment issues.

RGU: Washington County Planning

Contact: Dennis O'Donnell, Washington County Government Center, 14949 62nd Street N., P.O. Box 6, Stillwater, MN 55082; 651-430-6690

Draft AUAR Available

City of Rosemount Kelley Trust Property

Description: The proposed Kelley Trust Property residential development is located on approximately 535 acres in the city of Rosemount and 50 acres in the city of Apple Valley, both in Dakota County, Minnesota. The development plan includes 1209 multi- and single-family units, predominately within Rosemount, along the park land and open space.

RGU: City of Rosemount

Contact: Richard Peterson, City Planner, 2875 145th Street W., Rosemount, MN 55058-4997; 651-423-4411

Final EIS Adequacy Decision

The Minnesota Department of Transportation issues this determination of adequacy pursuant to Minnesota Rules 4410.2800, completing the environmental review performed to evaluate potential impacts of the construction and operation of Minnesota Interstate Highway 35E, in St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota. The project consists of improvements to Interstate 35E, and improvements to the city of St. Paul street system. The Minnesota Department of Transportation is the Responsible Governmental Unit for the part of the project under its jurisdiction and control, and the city of St. Paul is the RGU for project elements under its jurisdiction and control. The city has made an independent adequacy determination. Mn/DOT has determined that the

final environmental impact statement issued in October 1999 for the project satisfies the requirements set forth in Minnesota Rules 4410 for evaluating the potential impacts of the project, and hereby determines the Final EIS adequate.

A notice of availability of the FEIS was published in the *EQB Monitor* on October 4, 1999. The comment period on the FEIS ended November 1, 1999. The preferred alternative includes reconstruction of I-35E between I-94 and Maryland Avenue, and replacement of the Pennsylvania Avenue interchange with a new interchange at Cayuga Street. The Phalen Boulevard preferred alternative will be a four-lane section between I-35E and Arcade Street and a two lane facility between Arcade Street and Johnson Parkway.

The Mn/DOT, as the responsible governmental unit for all work on the Minnesota Trunk Highway system, has determined that the FEIS is adequate.

Reclamation Project Planned for Heron Lake-DNR Section of Wildlife

The DNR Section of Wildlife is planning to use a combination of dewatering and the application of rotenone, a federal and state registered pesticide, to remove undesirable fish from Heron Lake in Jackson County and its primary tributary, Okabena Creek, Jackson and Nobles counties. Endangered or threatened species are not present in these waters. Dewatering will be used as the primary treatment for Heron Lake. Rotenone will be applied with a drip station at the headwaters of Okabena Creek to remove fish that would infest Heron Lake following the treatment. Restocking of game fish in Heron Lake will occur following the successful treatment. Comments on this project should be sent to Randy Markl, Area Wildlife Manager, Route 2, Box 245, Windom, MN 56101 or Ray Norrgard, Wildlife Lake Specialist, 5463 C West Broadway, Forest Lake, MN 55025.

EQB Monitor Publication Calendar for 2000

Deadline for Submission	Publication Date	EAW Comment Deadline
December 6	December 13	January 12
December 20	December 27	January 26
January 3	January 10	February 9
January 14 (Friday)	January 24	February 23
January 31	February 7	March 8
February 14	February 21	March 22
February 28	March 6	April 5
March 13	March 20	April 19
March 27	April 3	May 3
April 10	April 17	May 17
April 24	May 1	May 31
May 8	May 15	June 14
May 22	May 29	June 28
June 5	June 12	July 12
June 19	June 26	July 26
July 3	July 10	August 9
July 17	July 24	August 23
July 31	August 7	September 6
August 14	August 21	September 20
August 28	September 4	October 4
September 11	September 18	October 18
September 25	October 2	November 1
October 9	October 16	November 15
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November 6	November 13	December 13
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