



## Environmental Assessment Worksheets

*Comments due on January 24, 2001*

### St. Paul Cogeneration, L.L.C. Wood-fired Combined Heating and Power Generation Facility

Description: St. Paul Cogeneration L.L.C. proposes to construct a combined heat and power plant that will convert wood waste and oat hulls and/or other agricultural wastes into electricity, while simultaneously providing energy for its heating and cooling operation. The proposed plant capacity will provide up to 25 megawatts of electricity to the local utility grid. The project will also convert an existing coal-fired boiler to natural gas.

RGU: Minnesota Environmental Quality Board

Contact: Suzanne Steinhauer, Energy Facilities Planner, EQB, Room 300 Centennial Office Building, 658 Cedar St., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-2878

### Brevik Estates

Description: The project, a proposed planned unit development in Cass County, Minnesota, will consist of twelve total lots over a 6.8-acre parcel on the southeasterly shore of Leech Lake. The project includes eleven single-family residential lots and one commonly owned and maintained

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open space lot.

RGU: Cass County

Contact: Paul Fairbanks, Environmental Services Director, Cass County Courthouse, Walker, MN 56484; 218-547-3300

### US Bank Office Development West Side Flats

Description: The proposed 61-acre development is located south of the Mississippi River, and is adjacent to and immediately west of Robert Street. The project will include two office buildings, with a maximum of 540,000 gross square feet to accommodate a maximum of 2,950 employees. On-site parking facilities will include parking spaces for approximately 2,272 cars. The project will also include an additional 2.4 acres for road construction for the reconstruction of adjacent city streets (1 block of Fillmore Avenue, 1 block of Fairfield Avenue and 3 blocks of Livingston Avenue).

RGU: City of St. Paul

Contact: Lucy Thompson, City Planner, 24 W. Fourth St., St. Paul, MN 55102; 651-266-6578

## Federal Environmental Assessment/EAW

### S.P. 2786-11 (I-94) Additional Lane Construction, Reconstruction and Bridge Replacements on I-94 from Dupont Avenue to Weaver Lake Road Interchange

Additional lane construction for approximately 8.0 km (5.0 miles) from Hemlock Lane to Brooklyn Boulevard. The I-94 pavement will also be constructed from Dupont Avenue to Weaver Lake Road and bridge replacements at County Road 81 and Brooklyn Boulevard.

This EA has been prepared on this project pursuant to rules of the federal government and the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board. Copies of this letter and the EA are being distributed to those agencies on the current MEQB document review list and others. The required state review period will begin upon

Publication of the EA availability notice in the December 25, 2000 *EQB Monitor*. Comments will be accepted through February 9, 2001 and may be directed to Scott Pedersen, I-94 Project Manager, Mn/DOT-Metro Division, 1500 West County Rd. B2, Roseville, MN 55113; 651-582-1304

Comments received will be used by Mn/DOT in determining the adequacy of the Environmental Assessment to support the conclusion that the project will have no significant social, environmental or economic impacts.

To afford an opportunity for all interested persons, agencies and groups to comment on the proposed project, a public hearing will be held on January 18, 2001 at the Brooklyn Center City Hall, 6301 Shingle Creek Parkway, Brooklyn Center, Minnesota. An informational open house will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with no formal presentation. Representatives from Mn/DOT will be present to answer questions and project information will be available.

The Environmental Assessment can be made available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities by calling the project manager at 651-528-1304 or to individuals who are hearing or speech impaired by calling the Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529. Individuals with a disability, who need a reasonable accommodation to participate in the meeting, please call the project manager or the Minnesota Relay Service as soon as possible.

## Petition Filed

The following petition has 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.

- Bellaire Transfer Station, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

## EAW Need Decision

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

- Orono City Council, Brenshell Homes residential development, petition denied

## EIS Need Decisions

The responsible governmental units have determined the following projects do 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*.

- Minnesota Department of Transportation, S.P. 3413-22 and 3408-14 TH 23 near New London, December 8, 2000 (April 17, 2000)
- Benton County Highway Department, S.A.P. 05-599-18 Benton County Culvert Construction and Channel Realignment Old Bridge L0066 replacement, December 1, 2000 (August 7, 2000)

## EIS Adequacy Decision

### Best Buy Campus

Best Buy Company intends to build a new corporate headquarters in the city of Richfield in Hennepin County. The proposed site is located in the northeast quadrant of Interstate Highway 494 and Penn Avenue interchange and is bounded by I-494 on the south, Penn Avenue on the west, 76th Street on the north and Knox Avenue on the east. The project site contains 42.850 acres and is currently fully developed with a mixture of business and residential uses.

On December 11, 2000 the City Council of the City of Richfield determined that the Environmental Impact Statement prepared for the Best Buy Campus project was adequate.

## Notice

### Intent to Add Areas to State Metallic Minerals Preference Rights Lease Availability List

Notice is hereby given of the intent to add areas to the preference rights lease availability list on February 1, 2001. Leases to explore for, mine and remove metallic minerals may be obtained by application for all lands included on the preference rights lease availability list. Included in the areas to be added to the list may be trust fund lands, lands and minerals forfeited for non-payment of taxes, lands and minerals otherwise acquired, and other state-owned land under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Natural

Resources, and located in portions of Carlton, Cook, Lake and Saint Louis Counties. No land or water areas within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness or Voyageurs National Park are included in the areas to be added to the preference rights lease availability list.

The preference rights leasing system is in addition to the public lease sale process. All lands to be added to the preference rights availability list have been offered at a public lease sale within the last two years.

The preference rights availability list will be maintained in the office of the Division of Lands and Minerals, Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Rd., Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155-4045. The list will be available for inspection by the public and interested parties during regular business hours. Those interested in obtaining a copy of the preference rights availability list may obtain one by submitting a request to the Commissioner. The Commissioner shall charge a fee for each copy of the list based on copying and mailing costs.

Information on procedures and applications for a preference rights lease may be obtained from the Commissioner of Natural Resources, c/o Division of Lands and Minerals, 500 Lafayette Rd., Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155-4045; 612-296-4807. Each application must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or bank money order, payable to the Department of Natural Resources in the sum of the following amounts: a) an application fee of \$100.00 for each mining unit for which a preference rights lease is requested; and b) rental for one full calendar year for each mining unit for which a preference rights lease is requested.

Applications may be submitted in person or by mail to the office of the Division of Lands and Minerals, Fourth Floor, DNR Building, 500 Lafayette Rd., Saint Paul, MN 55155-4045. Applications will only be accepted during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on regularly scheduled business days. Applications received at any other time will not be officially accepted until the next regularly scheduled business day, and the Commissioner assumes no responsibility for applications submitted in person at any time other than the time specified.

Evidence of qualification to hold a state mineral lease, as specified in Minnesota Rules, part 6125-0410, must be submitted with the application. The rules state that a lease will only be issued to an application qualified to do business in Minnesota and qualified to conduct exploratory borings in Minnesota. Within ten days after receipt of an application, the Commissioner will send written acknowledgement that the application was received. The Commissioner may request evidence that the lease applicant is technically and financially capable of performing under the terms of a state mineral lease. The requested evidence must be provided within 45

days of the request from the Commissioner or the application will be rejected.

A lease shall be awarded by the Commissioner, with the approval of the State Executive Council, to the first qualified applicant who files an application that is not rejected. The right is reserved to the State, through the Executive Council, to reject any and all applications for preference rights leases. Preference rights leases shall be in the form set out in Minnesota Rules, part 6125.0700. The rental and royalty rates shall not be less than prescribed in Minnesota Rules, part 6125.0700. Upon the award of a lease, the application fee submitted with the application will be deposited with the State Treasurer as a fee for the lease. If the application for a preference rights lease is rejected, the rental payment accompanying the application will be returned to the applicant. The application fee will not be refunded under any circumstances.

The purpose of Minnesota's metallic minerals rules is to promote and regulate the prospecting for, mining and removal of metallic minerals on state-owned and state-administered lands. These rules, and the leases issued under the rules, authorize exploration and development of these minerals and impose certain requirements on the lessee. The requirements include: the payment of minimum rentals which 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 submission of exploration plans. In addition the state lessee must comply with all applicable regulatory laws.



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