



Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comments due March 22, 2000

West Silent Lake Retreat

Description: The proposed project is a residential subdivision on the west bay (southwest shoreline) of West Silent Lake (56-519). West Silent Lake is a recreational development lake, containing 340 acres of water within its 4.4 miles of shoreline, much of which is developed with residential structures. There are two public accesses and a resort on the lake. Approximately 21.5 acres of agricultural, undeveloped brush and wooded lands is intended to be developed into 14 single-family residential lakeshore lots with an access road. Each lot will have a minimum of 150 feet of lakeshore frontage and a lot size of 40,500 to 133,000 square feet.

RGU: Otter Tail County

Contact: Bill Kalar, 121 W. Junius, Suite 130, Fergus Falls, MN 56537; 218-739-2271

Whisper Ridge

Description: The proposed project is a 114 single-family development on 40.59 acres named Whisper Ridge. It is located in Section 31, west of a Burlington Northern railroad track in the city of Isanti.

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The current land use is cultivated fields. City services will be extended to serve the property.

RGU: City of Isanti

Contact: Mark Perry, P.O. Box 126, Isanti, MN 55092; 612-444-5512

Reiland Farm Confinement Dairy and Waste Storage Facility, Fillmore County

Description: The project would be to construct a new 500 cow (700 animal unit) confined dairy facility approximately 3.5 miles southeast of Spring Valley in Fillmore County. The site is in the karst region with the nearest open sinkhole 1/2-mile to the north and the Fairview Blind Valley approximately one mile from the site to the east-northeast. Manure produced by the dairy operation would be stored in two composite lined manure storage basins with a combined total design capacity of 7.3 million gallons. The composite liner system to be used in the manure basin was selected to meet MPCA guidelines for construction of waste storage for this region. Manure from the basin would be used as fertilizer and applied to area fields up to twice per year at agronomic rates. Copies of the EAW will be posted on the MPCA web site at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>

RGU: MPCA

Contact: Kevin J. Kain, Operations and Planning Section, Metro District, 520 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-7432

Weatherstone

Description: The proposed development consists of 500 to 585 dwelling units on 89 acres in the City of Rochester. Dwellings are proposed to be attached townhome style units and may include some detached single family units. Development will include extending utilities and building new roads, stormwater, pedestrian and park facilities.

RGU: City of Rochester

Contact: Mitzi Baker, 2122 Campus Dr. SE, Rochester, MN 55904; 507-285-8232

EIS Need Decisions

The responsible governmental units noted 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*.

- Shakopee Valley Marketplace Development, City of Shakopee, February 1, 2000 (December 13, 1999)
- Improvements to Minnesota Trunk Highway 14, Department of Transportation, January 13, 2000 (March 22, 1999)
- Lake Country Land Egg Hen Barn Expansion, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, January 25, 2000 (September 20, 1999)
- Royal Meadows, City of St. Michael, November 15, 1999 (January 11, 2000)
- CSAH 14 Bridge project, Wright County Highway Department, February 8, 2000 (December 27, 1999)

EAW Need Decision

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

- Proposed plat of Donaldson Isle, Crow Wing County, petition denied

EAW Withdrawn

The EAW for Victory Trunk Sewer submitted by the city of Mankato (January 24, 2000) has been withdrawn.

EAW and Draft Scoping Decision Documents

Paved Crosswind Runway at Thief River Falls Regional Airport

The combined EAW/Draft Scoping Decision document evaluates the proposed construction of a paved crosswind runway at the Thief River Falls Regional Airport. The proposed project is the airport development plan that best accommodates future aviation needs of this northwest region of Minnesota. The project consists of the needed runway/taxiway system, navigational aids and other support facilities. The proposed paved crosswind runway is to be constructed on nearly the same alignment as the Airport's existing turf runway.

A scoping public meeting to present a summary of the findings contained in the Scoping EAW/Draft Scoping Decision for the proposed project will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the City's Council Chambers room. This room is located in the City Hall at 405 Third Street East, Thief River Falls, MN.

Written comments on the Scoping EAW and Draft Scoping Decision are due by Friday, March 24, 2000. Please direct all comments to Mr. Ron Lindberg, Director of Public Works, City of Thief River Falls, 405 Third Street East, Thief River Falls, MN 56701, 218-681-8506, fax: 218-681-8507.

The combined Scoping EAW/Draft Scoping Decision document is available for review at the City Hall. Copies of the document are also available upon written request.

Norman Pointe Office Development

The Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet and Draft Scoping Document is for the proposed Norman Pointe Office Development in the city of Bloomington at 5501, 5503 and 5701 Green Valley Drive. The Bloomington City Council approved the document for publication at their meeting on Monday, February 7, 2000.

A scoping public meeting regarding this scoping EAW document will be held at the city of Bloomington in the Council Chambers, 2215 West Old Shakopee Road, at 1:30 p.m. on March 9, 2000. Written or verbal comments on the Scoping EAW will be accepted until Wednesday, March 22, 2000 and can be addressed to: Bob Hawbaker, Senior Planner, city of Bloomington, 2215 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431; 612-948-8921; fax: 612-948-8949 or email bhawbaker@ci.bloomington.mn.us

EIS Supplement Adequacy Decision

The Department of Natural Resources prepared an EIS Supplement for Ispat Inland Mining Company's proposal to deposit taconite tailings into the depleted Minorca pit taconite mine, near Virginia, Minnesota.

The EIS Supplement, including a Health Risk Assessment conducted by the Minnesota Department of Health, was prepared pursuant to Laws of Minnesota 1996, Chapter 407, Section 56, which authorizes the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to permit deposition of fine tailings from taconite processing facilities into taconite mine pits provided, "*the proposer demonstrates through an environmental impact statement and risk assessment that the deposition will not pose an unreasonable risk of pollution or degradation of groundwater.*"

The EIS Supplement preparation notice was published in the *EQB Monitor* on October 6, 1997.

The DNR prepared a Draft EIS Supplement addressing all issues and alternatives raised in scoping and identifying reasonable mitigation measures for identified adverse effects. The Minnesota Department of Health completed a Health Risk Assessment, which the DNR incorporated into the Draft EIS Supplement. The Draft EIS Supplement notice of availability was published in the *EQB Monitor* on November 15, 1999. The DNR held a public information meeting on December 1, 1999 and accepted comments on the Draft Supplement through December 15, 1999.

The DNR prepared a Final EIS Supplement, which included responses to all comments received during the Draft EIS Supplement review period. The Final EIS Supplement notice of availability was published in the *EQB Monitor* on January 10, 2000. The DNR accepted comments on the adequacy of the EIS Supplement through January 24, 2000.

On February 4, 2000, pursuant to the criteria prescribed by Minnesota Rules part 4410-2800, subpart 4, the DNR determined the EIS Supplement is adequate. The DNR has prepared a record of its decision and has responded to comments received during the Final EIS Supplement review period. The finding of adequacy concludes environmental review for the proposed project, which may proceed to permitting.

The contact person at the DNR is: Rebecca Wooden, Environmental Planner, Office of Management and Budget Services, 500 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155-4010; 651-297-3355.

Notice of Application for Special Local Need Registration

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 18B.27 and Part 1505.0930, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture is certified to issue Special Local Need registrations.

The MDA has received an SLN application for the following:

Applicant: Novartis Crop Protection, Inc., P.O. Box 18300, Greensboro, NC 27419

Project Location: Any area in Minnesota where onions are grown commercially.

Project Description: This SLN registration would allow the use of Dual herbicide for weed control in onions.

This notice is being published by the MDA. The department is not considering holding public hearings on these proposed SLN registrations.

Comments can be submitted to and additional information obtained from John C. Sierk, Pesticide Regulatory Consultant, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Agronomy and Plant Protection Division, 90 West Plato Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55107-2094.

Comment deadline is March 22, 2000.

Notifications

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
00-NO-001	Monsanto	Corn	Insect resistance	Olmsted, McLeod, Dakota
00-NO-002	Monsanto	Corn	Insect resistance	Olmsted, McLeod, Dakota

For more information contact Mary Hanks, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 90 W. Plato Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55107, 651-296-1277.



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