



May 1, 2000

Environmental Assessment Worksheets Available

Comments due on May 31, 2000

Hood Flexible Packaging, Arden Hills

Description: Hood Flexible Packing proposes to move its facility in Ramsey County from Roseville to Arden Hills. The proposed new location is an existing building in the Lakeside Industrial Center, near the intersection of I-35W and Highway 694. The facility manufactures and prints plastic bags and sheets. Proposed emissions would be 221 tons per year of volatile organic compounds (VOCs). None of the proposed VOCs are classified as Hazardous Air Pollutants.

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

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Contact: Barbara J. Conti, Project Manager, Metro District, Operations and Planning Section, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-6703

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Hillock West

Description: The proposed project is located within the Isanti City Limits north of CSAH 5, west of Whiskey Road and east of the Rum River, and consists of a subdivision of approximately 66 acres into 111 single-family residential lots. The site currently consists of cultivated fields and wooded areas. The project is proposed for two phases and will be served by city sewer and water.

RGU: City of Isanti

Contact: Mark Perry, Planner, P.O. Box 126, Isanti, MN 55050; 612-444-5512

The Quarry at Giants Ridge

Description: A championship golf course is proposed to be constructed on 539 acres of reclaimed quarry land between Pineville and Wynne Lake. The 18-hole course will include parking for 150 vehicles, a clubhouse with pro shop and food service, and a driving range. Access will be from County Road 138.

RGU: Office of the Commissioner of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation, an administrative agency of the State of Minnesota

Contact: John Swift, Commissioner, P.O. Box 441, Eveleth, MN 55734-0441, 218-744-7400

Murphy Farm P.U.D.

Description: The proposed Murphy Farm P.U.D. project consists of a 249-acre residential development. The site will include 653 residential units with densities ranging from 1.4 to 10 dwelling units per acre. The site will also incorporate wetland areas, designated open space and parkland areas. The project site is located approximately one-half mile south of CSAH 64 (195th Street West) adjacent to and east of CSAH 31 (Pilot Knob Road) in the jurisdictional limits of Farmington in Dakota County.

RGU: City of Farmington

Contact: David L. Olson, 325 Oak Street, Farmington, MN 55024-1358; 651-463-1860

Ridgeview Manor

Description: The development is proposed to consist of 350+ single-family residences on 127 acres of cropland and pasture, including the construction of road and stormwater facilities, the installation of utilities and landscaping, and the development of open space and a neighborhood/city park.

RGU: City of Rochester

Contact Person: Brent Svenby, Planner, 2122 Campus Dr. SE, Rochester, MN 55904, 507-285-8232

CSAH 61 from CSAH 10 to South I-94 Ramps

The Hennepin County Transportation Department has completed the preparation of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet for County State Aid Highway 61, also known as Hemlock Lane, from CSAH 10 (Bass Lake Road) to the south Federal Aid Interstate 94 ramps, and has authorized its distribution. The proposed project is the reconstruction, realignment and widening of approximately two miles of an existing two-lane roadway to a four-lane roadway with raised concrete median islands and/or shared left turn lanes. CSAH 61 will be realigned a length of approximately 0.5 miles, from CSAH 10 to north of 62nd Avenue North. This project includes improvements to the existing Hemlock Lane and CSAH 10 intersection; a concrete median will be constructed across this intersection, creating right in/right out movement at Hemlock Lane. Traffic signals are included at 62nd Avenue North, East Fish Lake Road, Eagle Lake Drive, 69th Avenue North and 73rd Avenue North, in Plymouth, a continuous, 10-foot off-road bituminous path with a six-foot boulevard will be constructed on both east and west sides of the road. In Maple Grove, a continuous, six-foot concrete sidewalk with a two-foot boulevard will be provided along the east side of the road. Construction is scheduled to begin April 2001. The objective of the proposed project is to improve roadway and traffic conditions within the described area for the purpose of increased public safety.

RGU: Hennepin County Transportation Department

Contact: Brent Lindgren, Project Engineer, 1600 Prairie Drive, Medina, Minnesota 55340-5421; 763-745-7654

Sell Commercial/Industrial Park

Description: Shimm-Cor Properties is proposing construction of 20 commercial/industrial lots on 35.5 acres of farmland located in the city of Mayer, Minnesota. Development will include approximately 201,308 square feet warehouse and 125,760 square feet commercial/retail space supported by 739 parking stalls and 46 loading docks.

RGU: City of Mayer

Contact: Ms. Lois Maetzold, 413 Bluejay Avenue, P.O. Box 102, Mayer, MN 55360-0102; 952-657-1502

Woodbury House Property Located at 1632 South Ferry Street in the City of Anoka

MN/DOT will relocate part of a stone wall on the west side of the property, close two existing driveway entrances on to Ferry Street, construct a new driveway and entrance to the Woodbury property from a new frontage road, and add 10 meters (32.8 feet) of wall at the south end of the new entrance. This work will be included in the Trunk Highway 169 (Ferry Street) reconstruction project from the Anoka-Champlin Bridge to TH 10 in the city of Anoka, Anoka County, Minnesota.

RGU: Environmental Services Coordinator

Contact: Gerald Larson, 395 John Ireland Boulevard, Transportation Building, St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-284-3775

Scoping EAW/Draft Scoping Decision Document

The Department of Natural Resources is scoping an EIS for the proposal by Berger Horticultural Products, Ltd. To develop a horticultural peat mine and processing facility at the Pine Island Bog, with associated storage and shipping facilities near Big Falls, both in Koochiching County, Minnesota.

The DNR has prepared a Scoping EAW and Draft Scoping Decision Document to identify issues and analyses to be contained in the EIS. The Draft Scoping Decision Document is a preliminary document based on information currently available. It is subject to revision based on the entire record of the scoping process.

The DNR will accept comments on the proposed EIS scope during a 30-day period concluding Wednesday, May 31, 2000, at 4:30 PM. All comments should be addressed to Rebecca Wooden, Environmental Planner, Environmental Planning and Review Section, Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4010.

A public scoping meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2000 beginning at 6:30 PM, in the Community Building in the city of Big Falls,

Minnesota. Public review copies of the Scoping EAW and Draft Scoping Decision Document have been placed in the following locations: the DNR Library, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul; the DNR Regional Headquarters, 1201 E. Highway 2, Grand Rapids; the International Falls Public Library, 750 Fourth St.; the Duluth Public Library; 520 W. Superior St.; the Environmental Conservation Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, and the DNR Lands & Minerals Office, 1525 Third Ave. E, Hibbing. Copies of the document may be requested by calling the DNR at 651-297-3355.

Mississippi Jewel Planned Unit Development

Description: The Mississippi Jewel is a mixed-use development consisting of office, retail, light industrial/warehouse, recreational and single- and multi-family residential located on an 832-acre site in Lake City, Minnesota.

RGU: City of Lake City

Contact: John Shardlow, Dahlgren, Shardlow, and Uban, 300 First Avenue N., #210, Minneapolis, MN 55401; 612-339-3300

Correction

The Pheasant Ridge Village Shopping Center originally announced in the April 3, 2000 *EQB Monitor* was inadvertently included in the April 17, 2000 *EQB Monitor*. The public review and comment period closes on May 3, 2000.

Petition Filed

The following petition has been filed with the EQB requesting preparation of an EQW. The EQB has assigned the indicated unit of government to review the petition and decide on the need for an EAW.

- Whisperwood Residential Development, Beltrami County

EAW Need Decision

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

- Crane Creek Construction in Forest Township, Rice County Board of County Commissioners, EAW not required.

EIS Need Decision

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*.

- Rochester Common Council, Badger Ridge Development, April 17, 2000 (February 21, 2000)
- Isanti City Council, Whisper Ridge, April 18, 2000 (February 21, 2000)
- MPCA, Northern States Power /NRG Becker Ash Disposal Facility, April 14, 2000 (December 27, 1999)
- Winona City Planning Commission, Winona Retail Center for Development, April 10, 2000 (February 7, 2000)
- MPCA, Cannon Falls Wastewater Treatment Facility, April 4, 2000 (January 10, 2000)
- City of Edina, Fairview Southdale Medical Campus Expansion, April 4, 2000 (February 7, 2000)
- Perpich Center for Arts Education, Perpich Center for Arts Education, March 22, 2000 (September 6, 1999)
- Lime Township Board of Supervisors, Loeffler Mine, April 11, 2000 (November 1, 1999)
- Hennepin County CSAH 101 Roadway Reconstruction, April 14, 2000 (January 10, 2000)
- The Federal Aviation Administration, Proposed Runway 4-22 Extension, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, April 14, 2000 (September 20, 1999)

Notifications

Notice of Application for Special Local Need Registration

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 18B.27 Parts 1505.0880 – 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, P.O. Box 18300, Greensboro, NC 27419

Project location: Conservation Reserve Program land in Minnesota.

Project Description: This SLN registration would allow the use of Aatrex herbicide for the establishment or renovation of certain grass species on CRP acres.

Applicant: Bayer Corporation, 8400 Hawthorn Road, Kansas City, MO 64120

Project location: Any area of Minnesota where field corn is grown.

Project Description: This SLN registration would allow the early postemergence application of Axiom herbicide for weed control in corn.

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 Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55107-2094. Comment deadline is May 31, 2000.

Great River Energy Files Application for Exemption from Power Plant Siting Act

Great River Energy has applied to the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board for an exemption from the full siting requirements of the Power Plant Siting Act. St. Bonifacius Station is currently limited to less than 50 megawatts of generation capacity by unit load control. Great River Energy proposes to make software changes to the unit load control settings that will allow St. Bonifacius Station to generate between approximately 53-61 MW in the summer and up to 74 MW in the winter. St. Bonifacius Station is located in the southwest corner of the intersection of Minnesota Highway 7 and County Road 10 in Carver County. The MEQB may exempt the proposed project from the full siting requirements of the Power Plant Siting

Act if it determines that the project will not create significant human or environmental effects. To review the application please contact Suzanne Steinhauer at 651-296-2878; e-mail: suzanne.steinhauer@mnplan.state.mn.us Comments should be submitted by Monday, June 5, 2000 to Suzanne Steinhauer; Minnesota Environmental Quality Board; 658 Cedar Street, Room 300; St. Paul, MN 55155.

Decisions on Great River Energy Pleasant Valley Station Project

At a meeting on April 20, 2000, the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board determined that that the Environmental Assessment for the Great River Energy Pleasant Valley Station Project was adequate. The board also designated a site and issued a Certificate of Site Compatibility for the proposed 434-megawatt natural gas peaking plant. The final action taken by the board in this matter was the designation of a route for the proposed 345-kilovolt high voltage transmission line that will deliver power from the proposed Pleasant Valley Station to the existing Bryon-Adams 345 kV transmission line. Both the site and route will be in the northwest one-quarter of Section 19, in Pleasant Valley Township in Mower County, Minnesota. If you have any questions about this project or would like more information, please contact the MEQB project leader: Larry B. Hartman, Room 300, 658 Cedar St., St. Paul, MN 55155. 651-296-5089 or 1-800-657-3794; e-mail: larry.hartman@state.mn.us

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
Additional sites: 00-NO-006	Novartis	Corn	Multiple phenotypes and combinations of: Insect resistance, herbicide tolerance	Dakota, Mower, Faribault, Dodge
00-NO-050	Monsanto	Sugarbeet	Herbicide tolerance	Wilkin, Clay
00-NO-051	Novartis	Corn	Herbicide tolerance	Goodhue
00-NO-052	Confidential	Corn	Modified oil content	Ramsey

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



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