



## Environmental Assessment Worksheets

*Comments due on October 18, 2000*

### Steele County Landfill Expansion

Description: Steele County is proposing to expand its current mixed municipal solid waste landfill. The 21-acre proposed expansion will include a composite liner system, leachate collection and leak detection systems, an environmental monitoring system and engineered final covers. Other site modifications include a seven-acre demolition landfill and discretionary site improvements such as a new entrance, office and ticket building, commercial and public drop-off areas and a maintenance facility. Site development for the expansion area is proposed for 2001. The existing landfill is estimated to reach its permitted capacity by 2002. A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet 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, Project Manager, North District, Operations and Planning Section, MPCA, 520 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-7376

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### Lewiston Wastewater Treatment Facility

Description: The city of Lewiston proposes to construct a new mechanical wastewater treatment facility to replace an existing pond wastewater treatment facility. The new facility will be constructed northeast of the existing facility. The existing treatment ponds lack adequate capacity and have experienced sinkhole failure. The existing ponds will be abandoned, the sludge removed, and the site will be regraded to allow for natural infiltration and drainage. A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet 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: Denise Leezer, Project Manager, South District, Operations and Planning Section, MPCA, 520 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-297-8236

### Cedar Park

Description: The proposed project is a summer/seasonal RV park intended for adults 50 years of age and older. The park will have 99 spaces for "park model" (400 square feet maximum) cottages on 27-acres and will include a pavilion, storm shelter, activities area, a headquarters building, community septic system and wells.

RGU: Chisago County

Contact: Marion Heemsbergen, Director of Environmental Services, Chisago County Government Center, Center City, MN 55012; 651-213-0447

### St. Olaf College Property Mixed Use Development

Description: A mixed-use development consisting of a medical campus and off-campus mixed use and density housing is being proposed on a 122.2-acre parcel of land in Dakota County in the northwest corner of the city of Northfield. The city is in the process of annexing this parcel from the township of Greenvale, and has been granted zoning and land use authority over this parcel by the township through an orderly annexation agreement.

RGU: City of Northfield

Contact: Randy Peterson, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, 801 Washington St., Northfield, MN 55057; 507-645-3009

## Federal Environmental Assessment/EAW Available

### St. Cloud Regional Airport Expansion

Description: The St. Cloud Regional Airport is in need of improvement to better and more safely accommodate existing air carrier service and general aviation traffic. The proposed project includes reconstruction of the primary runway and parallel taxiway, and extension from 5,200 feet to 7,000 feet. A Federal Environmental Assessment has been prepared and will be processed via the State discretionary EAW process.

RGU: City of St. Cloud

Contact: Kelly Bettendorf, Environmental Scientist, Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc., 3553 Vadnais Center Dr., St. Paul, MN 55110; 651-490-2146

## Draft AUAR Available

### Forest Lake Township Airport Area

Description: The Forest Lake Township Airport Area AUAR presents the review of the development impacts of two land use scenarios in the west central area of the township. Scenario one includes the review of impacts of land uses found in the town of Forest Lake *Comprehensive Plan* or those that are less intense. Scenario two reviews impacts assuming a higher residential density, airport expansion and the addition of 185 acres for commercial-industrial purposes into the 2020 MUSA.

RGU: Forest Lake Township

Contact: Al Borsheim, Township Administrator, Town of Forest Lake, 21350 Forest Blvd. N., Forest Lake, MN 55025; 651-464-4348

## EAW Need Decision

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

- City of Elk River City Council, OPUS Northwest and ANC Softpac Facility, Petition denied

## EIS Need Decisions

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*.

- Board of Managers of the Middle River Snake River Watershed District, Snake River Public Law 566 Project, August 28, 2000 (July 24, 2000)
- Rochester Town Board, Heritage Hills, August 17, 2000 (June 26, 2000)
- Waite Park City Council, Heritage Point Improvements, August 8, 2000 (June 26, 2000)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Hutchinson Airport Basin Sanitary Interceptor and Pump Station, August 30, 2000 (July 10, 2000)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Hawkins Water Treatment Group Facility, August 30, 2000 (July 10, 2000)
- Stearns County Highway Department, County State Aid Highway 81 (3rd Street North) in the cities of St. Cloud and Waite Park, June 14, 2000 (April 17, 2000). Please note: The Federal Highway Administration has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed CSAH 81 (3rd Street North) improvements. The FONSI concluded that this project would not significantly impact the human environment. Build Alternative 5 was selected, which will widen CSAH 81 to a channelized four-lane roadway.

## Notice

### Public Hearing Postponed and Comment Period Extended

The public hearing has been postponed and the comment period extended for the Environmental Assessment for the Cedar/Riverside Realignment of Hiawatha Light Rail Transit.

The public hearing scheduled to reconvene on September 13, 2000 has been postponed to September 28, 2000. The public hearing has been postponed pending the release of the Realignment Alternative cost component of the design/build contract.

The comment period for the Environmental Assessment for the Cedar Riverside Realignment of Hiawatha Light Rail Transit has been extended to October 6, 2000.

The public hearing will reconvene Thursday, September 28, at Brian Coyle Center, 420 15th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN; 7:00 p.m.

As indicated in the EA, comments on the EA should be submitted to Mike Schadauer, PE, Hiawatha Project Office, Minnesota Department of Transportation, 155 Fifth Ave. S., Suite 300, Minneapolis, MN 55401

## Informational Meeting

An informational meeting for the proposed Minnesota Aggregate Gravel Mine Environmental Impact Statement will be held on September 26, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at the Gnesen Town Hall, St. Louis County, Minnesota.

Proposer: Scott Lucia, President, Minnesota Aggregates, Inc., 4891 Miller Trunk Highway, PO Box 15067, Duluth, MN 55815; 218-727-1529

RGU: Gnesen Town Board, Gnesen Town Hall, 4011 Pioneer Rd., Duluth, MN 55803

## Public Meeting Notice

### Riverview Corridor Major Investment Study Public Meeting Schedule

- Wednesday, September 20, 2000, 7:30 a.m., Capital River Council Board Meeting, Firstar Center Community Room, 101 East 5th Street

- Wednesday, September 20, 2000, 11:30 a.m., East Side Area Business Association, Aries Precision, Williams Hill Industrial Park, 7200 Olive Street
- Friday, September 22, 2000, 8:00 a.m., Saint Paul Planning Commission Public Hearing, 40 City Hall, 15 West Kellogg Boulevard
- Thursday, September 28, 2000, Noon, Saint Paul Chamber-Transportation Committee, Norwest Center, 332 Minnesota Street
- Wednesday, October 11, 2000, 7:00 p.m., West 7th Federation and West End Business and Professional Association combined meeting, West Seventh Community Center, 265 Oneida Street



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