



Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comments due on October 4, 2000

Rogers Industrial Park

Description: Rogers Industrial Park, Inc. proposes to construct a 550,000 square foot office and warehouse facility on 77 acres within the city of Rogers. Additional project activities include the construction of on-site storm water treatment ponds, parking areas, internal roadways and installation of all utility services.

RGU: City of Rogers

Contact: Gary Eitel, City Administrator, 12913 Main St., Rogers, MN 55373; 763-428-2253

Pig's Eye Landfill Project

Description: A remediation plan for the 250 acre former Pig's Eye Dump requires realigning and stabilizing Battle Creek, filling abandoned creek bed, filling two wetlands, removing exposed waste above and below water level adjacent to creek bed or Pig's Eye Lake and dredging a preferential ditch path to Pig's Eye Lake.

RGU: City of St. Paul

Contact: Peter White, 140 City Hall, St. Paul, MN

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55102; 651-266-8853

Haugrud Pit

Description: This proposed project is for mining, crushing, screening and stockpiling of aggregate from approximately 60 acres of land in Clay County, Minnesota. Asplin Incorporated's intentions are to process a marketable gravel product. This process will not require a washing facility and no asphalt products will be produced at the site.

RGU: Clay County

Contact: Tim Magnusson, Planning Director, 807 11th St. N., Moorhead, MN 56560; 218-299-5002

Arboretum Village

Description: This project would involve the construction of 385 residential units consisting of 77 multi unit structures on approximately 107 acres with the site improvements needed to support these units. All of these units will be one to two stores and sold as townhomes or condominiums. Included in the 107 acres is an undeveloped three-acre parcel (at this time) that will be used as commercial property.

RGU: City of Chanhassen

Contact: Kathryn R. Aanenson, Community Development Director, 690 City Center Dr., PO Box 147, Chanhassen, MN 55317-0147; 952-937-1900 ext. 118

Gleason Property Residential Development

Description: Centex Homes and Arcon Development jointly propose construction of 397 townhomes and 259 single-family residential lots on 190 acres of agricultural land with some wetlands and woodland in southwestern Maple Grove near CSAH 10 and CSAH 101. The project includes wetland impact and replacement, tree removal and preservation and land dedication for a park.

RGU: City of Maple Grove

Contact: Dick Edwards, Assistant City Planner, City of Maple Grove, PO Box 1180, Maple Grove, MN

55311-6180; 763-494-6045

Andover High School

Description: The Anoka-Hennepin School District proposes construction of a new high school, stadium and athletic field complex on 95 acres in the city of Andover. The project includes up to 276,200 square feet of building floor space to accommodate up to 1,800 students. It entails wetland fill and replacement, and woodland removal and preservation.

RGU: City of Andover

Contact: David Carlberg, Community Development Director, City of Andover, 1685 Crosstown Blvd. NW., Andover, MN 55304-2612; 763-755-5100

Comment Periods Extended

Cedar/Riverside Realignment of Hiawatha Light Rail Transit

The comment period for the Environmental Assessment for the Cedar/Riverside Realignment of Hiawatha Light Rail Transit has been extended to September 22, 2000.

The original comment period from July 24 through August 23, 2000 has been extended to allow consideration of the Realignment Alternative cost component of the design and build contract, which is to be released during the first week of September.

A public hearing was held on August 16, 2000 to seek input on the EA. At the meeting, it was announced that the public hearing would reconvene to provide an opportunity to comment given the release of the Realignment Alternative cost component of the design and build contract.

The public hearing will reconvene as follows: Wednesday, September 13, 2000, 7:00 p.m., Brian Coyle Center, 420 15th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN

Because time limits at the August 16, 2000 hearing prevented going through the full roster of people who had requested to speak, the comment portion of the hearing will resume with the next person on the roster. Each person who had requested to speak, but had not spoken yet, will be called in the order the speaking requests were received August 16. Again, residents of the area and representatives of groups, which include or cover the area will be given priority over non-residents.

As indicated in the EA, comments on the EA should be submitted to Mike Schadauer, P.E., Hiawatha Project Office,

Minnesota Department of Transportation, 155 Fifth Ave. S., Suite 300, Minneapolis, MN 55401. Comment period closes September 22, 2000.

Benton County Culvert Construction and Channel Realignment (S.A.P. 05-599-18)

This was first noticed August 7, 2000. Due to distribution problems the public comment period for this project has been extended to October 4, 2000.

Description: S.A.P. 05-599-18 consists of the replacement and removal of Bridge L0066 in Alberta Township of Benton County with three lines of 12'X5' Concrete Box Culverts. As part of this project, 900' of Township Road 50 and 200' of the Elk River will be realigned to improve a substandard roadway alignment and improve sight lines.

RGU: Benton County Highway Department

Contact: Andrew Sander, PE, Benton County Highway Engineer, 321 Sixth Ave., PO Box 247, Foley, MN 56329; 320-968-5051

EAW Withdrawn

Savannah Oaks

An Environmental Assessment Worksheet has been prepared for a proposed forty-eight lot residential subdivision entitled Savannah Oaks, located in Munch Township, Pine County. The proposed subdivision covered ninety-nine acres with lot sizes ranging from 1.5 to 4.75 acres, to be served by individual septic systems and wells. During the EAW process several potential land use and environmental issues relating to residential density were raised. Based on the potential for environmental impact resulting from individual septic systems and individual water wells, the project developer offered a revised subdivision consisting of twelve lots ranging in size from seven to fourteen acres.

With this modification to the project, the Pine County Board of Commissioners found that there was no reasonable potential for environmental effect and requested the Pine County Planning Commission to begin review of the twelve-lot subdivision proposal under the county's subdivision and platting ordinance.

Petitions Filed

The following petitions have 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.

- Juice packaging facility, Country Crossing Business Center, City of Elk River
- Bauerly Co. gravel mine and asphalt plant, Meeker County

EAW Need Decisions

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

- Proposed dewatering associated with construction projects, Metropolitan Airports Commission, petition denied
- Pike Bay Condominium project, St. Louis County Planning Commission, petition denied
- Paul Guttum proposed feedlot expansion, Brown County Planning & Zoning, petition denied
- Rivers Pointe Development, City of Anoka, 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*.

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, City of Remer Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion, August 11, 2000 (May 29, 2000)
- City of Mayer, Coldwater Creek Residential Subdivision, August 14, 2000 (June 26, 2000)
- Goodhue County Board of Commissioners, CSAH 1 (Bench Street) Featherstone Road, August 17, 2000 (May 29, 2000)
- Greenfield City Council, Centennial Golf Club and Residential Community, August 15, 2000 (June 26, 2000)
- City of Stewartville, Georgetown Meadows, August 8, 2000 (June 26, 2000)

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Albertville Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion, August 14, 2000 (February 7, 2000)
- Hennepin County, CSAH 110 Roadway Reconstruction in Minnetrista and Independence, August 28, 2000 (July 24, 2000)

Notice of Sale of State Metallic Minerals Leases

Notice is hereby given that a sale of leases to explore for, mine and remove metallic minerals in 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, is scheduled to be held on October 16, 2000 at 3:00 p.m. The sale will take place in the French River Room, Duluth Entertainment Convention Center, 350 Harbor Dr., Duluth, Minnesota.

The Commissioner of Natural Resources, c/o Division of Lands and Minerals, 500 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4045; will receive sealed bids and applications for leases covering minerals in state lands, in accordance with Minnesota Rules, parts 6125.0100 through 6125-0700, the metallic minerals rules, issued under the authority of Minnesota Statutes, sections 93.08 through 93.12 and 93.25.

Each bid must be submitted on a form obtained from the Commissioner. Each bid form 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 bid upon; and b) rental for one full calendar year for each mining unit bid upon. All bids must be received by the Commissioner at the office of the Division of Lands and Minerals, Fourth Floor, DNR Building, 500 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4045, before 4:30 p.m. on October 13, 2000.

On October 16, 2000, at the time specified, the Commissioner or his representative will publicly open the bids and announce the amount of each bid separately. At a subsequent time leases will be awarded by the Commissioner, with the approval of the State Executive Council, to the highest bidder for the respective mining units, but no bids will be accepted that do not equal or exceed the base royalty rates set forth in the rules or that do not comply with all provisions of the rules. The right is reserved to the state, through the Executive Council, to reject any or all bids.

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. No land or water areas within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness or Voyageurs National Park are included in this or any state mineral lease sale.

After the conclusion of the sale, the Commissioner shall request each high bidder to provide evidence the bidder is qualified to hold state mineral leases pursuant to Minnesota Rules, part 6125.0410. The rules state that a lease will only be issued to an applicant qualified to do business in Minnesota and qualified to conduct exploratory borings in Minnesota. In addition, 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 bids from the high bidder will be rejected.

Upon the award of a lease, the application fee submitted with the bid will be deposited with the State Treasurer as a fee for the lease. All bids not accepted will become void, and the application fee and rental payment accompanying such bids will be returned to the respective bidders; provided, however, the application fee and rental payment accompanying a bid shall not be returned if the bidder was the high bidder and subsequently withdrew the bid prior to the awarding of a lease.

Bid forms, instructions on how bids are to be submitted, copies of the rules (Minnesota Rules, parts 6125.0100 through 6125.0700) and copies of the Mining Unit Book, listing the land areas designated by the Commissioner as mining units, may be obtained from the Transactions Section, Division of Lands and Minerals, DNR Building, 500 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4045; email inquiries can be sent out to kathy.lewis@dnr.state.mn.us

The Mining Unit Book will be available at least thirty days prior to October 16, 2000. Application for each copy of the Mining Unit Book must be accompanied by a check or money order, payable to the Department of Natural Resources in the sum of \$19.50, as a fee for such Mining Unit Book, plus \$1.27 State of Minnesota Sales Tax. Unit books will also be available for inspection at the Hibbing and Saint Paul offices of the Division of Lands and Minerals. The Mining Unit

Book will also be available for viewing on the internet through the DNR website at www.dnr.state.mn.us

Notice of Special Local Need Registration

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 18B.27 and parts 1505.0880-1505.0930, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture issued on August 24, 2000, a Special Local Need registration for Assure II herbicide, manufactured by DuPont, Wilmington, DE 19880. This registration allows the use of Assure II in short rotation woody crop (hybrid poplar) production. A federal or state agency, a local unit of government, or any person or groups of persons filing with the commissioner a petition that contains the signatures and addresses of 500 or more individuals of legal voting age, shall have 30 days from publication of notice in the State Register to file written objections with the commissioner regarding the issuance of the special local need registration. Objections may be submitted to John C. Sierk, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Agronomy and Plant Protection Division, 90 W. Plato Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55107. Comment deadline is October 4, 2000.

Notice of Application for Exemption from the Provisions of the Power Plant Siting Act for the New Ulm Public Utilities – Municipal Power Oil-Fired 26.5 MW Electrical Generation Project

New Ulm Public Utilities – Municipal Power has filed an application with the Environmental Quality Board for exemption from the siting requirements of the Power Plant Siting Act, Minnesota Statutes 116C.51 - .69, for its proposed electrical generation peaking plant. New Ulm Public Utilities proposes to add an oil-fired gas turbine-driven generator unit rated at 26.7 MW to its existing 49.5 MW site. The unit is proposed to be operated as a peaking unit to meet the growing demand for electricity.

The project qualifies under Minnesota Statute to be considered for an exemption from the full siting requirements of the Power Plant Siting Act, if the Board determines that the “proposed site will not have a significant human and environmental impact”. (Minn. Stat. 116C.57, Subd. 5a as amended by 2000 Session Law Chapter # 289.) If the Board determines that the project will not have a significant human or environmental impact, the Board may grant the exemption

with “any appropriate conditions” (Minn. Stat. 116C.57, Subd. 5a, Minn. R. 4400.3910 subp. 7). If the exemption is granted, NSP must comply with all other applicable state and local regulations.

This application will be reviewed under Minn. Stat. 116C.57, Subd. 5a and Minn. R. 4400.3910. Copies of the application can be reviewed at the city offices of New Ulm and at the

New Ulm Public Utilities. The application can also be reviewed at the Minneapolis Public Library and at the EQB offices. Please send any comments to John P. Hynes, MEQB, 300 Centennial, 658 Cedar St., St. Paul, MN 55155 by October 9, 2000.

Walleye Rearing Pond Reclamations

Fifteen ponds are proposed to be treated in the fall or winter for the purpose of removing existing bullhead or other unwanted fish populations. This will improve the ponds for raising walleye fingerlings for stocking in local fishing lakes. The target concentration is 150 ppb. The following ponds have been selected. Comments or questions on this project should be addressed to Mike Halverson, Fisheries Habitat and Development Coordinator, Box 12, 500 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155.

Lake Name	County	Township	Range	Section
Zander	Brown	109N	31; 32W	18; 13, 14
Juni	Brown	109N	31W	26, 27
Bachelor	Brown	109N	32W	11, 14
Frank	Swift	121; 122N	37W	5, 6; 31
Clear	Murray	108N	40; 41W	Various
Section 33	Lyon	108; 109N	43W	5; 32;33
Mud	Washington	31N	20W	18
Long	Washington	23N	20W	27
La	Washington	28N	21W	30
Unnamed	Washington	30N	20W	8
Unnamed	Washington	31N	20W	20
Unnamed	Washington	31N	20W	29, 32
Unnamed	Washington	30N	21W	16
Unnamed	Washington	30N	21W	20
Unnamed	Dakota	27N	22, 23W	6; 1

Notifications

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
00-NO-058	Monsanto	Corn	Insect resistance	Goodhue
00-NO-059	Monsanto	Corn	Herbicide tolerance	Goodhue

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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