



Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comments due on October 31, 2001

CSAH 5 Extension (TH 13 to I-35W)

Description: The County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 5 Extension Project consists of the construction of 1.2 miles of 4-lane urban section roadway and utilities from the Trunk Highway (TH) 13 North Frontage Road to the Interstate-35W (I-35W)/Cliff Road Interchange. The existing Union Pacific Railroad/Dupont Avenue railroad track crossing will be removed and a new track crossing will be added on CSAH 15, 1,100 feet to the west.

RGU: City of Burnsville

Contact: Paul Oehme, PE, Assistant City Engineer, 100 Civic Center Dr., Burnsville, MN 55337; 952-895-4488

KRII/KBJR Channel 11 Tower Construction

Description: KBJR/KRII, ChisloIm intends to construct a television tower that will serve 125,000 households with no/poor non-satellite T.V. reception. Tower available for Koochiching, St. Louis Co. 911, Forest Service and safety communications. The facilities will involve a 645 foot tower, 840 square foot equipment building located on 80 acres at Mile 226, County Highway

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1, Linden Grove Township, St. Louis County.

RGU: St. Louis County

Contact: Mark Johnson, Planner II, St. Louis County, 227 W. 1st St., #100, Duluth, MN 55802; 218-725-5003

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.

- Rochester Islamic Center, Haverhill Township

EAW Need Decision

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

- Ham Lake City Council, Proposed excavation permit to construct a pond in Section 33, petition granted

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*.

- City of Cambridge, Northeast Industrial Park, September 17, 2001 (August 6, 2001)
- City of Saint Paul, Upper Landing Development, September 10, 2001 (June 25, 2001)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Worthington Peak/Standby Diesel Power Generation, Substation 1, September 10, 2001 (June 25, 2001)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Montrose Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility

Expansion, September 13, 2001 (June 11, 2001)

- City of Minnetrista, Hunters Crest Development, September 17, 2001 (August 6, 2001)

Adoption of Final AUAR

Shenandoah Business Park (United Land, LLC) and Minnesota Valley West (Opus Northwest, LLC)

The city of Shakopee has completed its Alternative Urban Area-wide Review of the Shenandoah Business Park and Minnesota Valley West office/warehouse projects. The Shakopee City Council approved the final AUAR and Mitigation Plan to minimize environmental impacts at its meeting on September 18, 2001.

Hearings to be Held by Public Utilities Commission on the Need for Expansion of Lakehead Pipe Line Company's Pipeline System

Citizens are encouraged to attend public hearings concerning a proposed crude oil pipeline looping project. The time and location of the hearings are listed below:

- October 24, 2001, 7:00 p.m., Crying Wolf Room, Hobson Memorial Union, Bemidji State University, 1500 Birchmont Dr. NE., Bemidji, Minnesota
- October 25, 2001, 10:00 a.m., into the afternoon if necessary, Itasca County Board Room, East Venue, 123 Fourth St. NE., Grand Rapids, Minnesota

Comments and questions from the public will be taken first at both hearings, followed by testimony from the pipe line company, the Department of Commerce and any other parties.

The purpose of these hearings is to determine whether the expansion proposed by Lakehead Pipe Line Company (Lakehead) is needed. The proposed pipeline looping project would start in the State of Minnesota at Lakehead's existing terminal near Clearbrook, Clearwater County, Minnesota. The ending point will be a connection to Lakehead's pipeline in Carlton County, Minnesota near Superior, Wisconsin. The existing pipeline system, through an interconnection with Minnesota Pipe Line at Clearbrook, Minnesota, delivers approximately 75 percent of the crude petroleum refined in the state of Minnesota. The pipeline system which continues eastward from Clearbrook, Minnesota provides transportation

for all crude feedstock for the only refinery in the State of Wisconsin at Superior, Wisconsin. Additionally, the pipeline system provides transportation for approximately 45 percent of the crude petroleum refined in the Chicago, Illinois area. The balance of the petroleum moved by the pipeline system is moved to eastern Canada and other midwestern and eastern U.S. refineries. The company proposes to add to its existing pipeline system in the state of Minnesota approximately 97 miles of 36-inch pipeline to increase the capacity of its system on an annual average by 147,800 barrels per day. The proposed expansion would be constructed in the following counties: Clearwater, Beltrami, Cass, Itasca, St. Louis and Carlton. The pipeline would be constructed parallel and/or adjacent to the same right-of-way as the existing pipeline system

Public Invited to Comment

The public is invited to testify and present exhibits at the public hearings. It is not necessary to intervene as a party to speak at the public hearings. Any person who wants to intervene as a formal party must file a petition to intervene with the judge at the Minneapolis address below by October 17, 2001. Members of the public are urged to make their presentations in person. If they cannot, they can submit written comments prior to the close of the hearings to : Administrative Law Judge Beverly Jones Heydinger, 100 Washington Square, Suite 1700, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401.

For more information, or a copy of the Notice and Order for Hearings, which contains additional details on the hearing process, contact David Jacobson, Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place E., Suite 350, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147; telephone 651-297-4562; toll free 1-800-657-3782. You may also call 651-297-1200 (TTY) or 1-800-627-3529 (TTY relay service).

Joint Federal/State Supplement Draft EIS Available-Extension

Expansion of Flying Cloud Airport

The comment period for this project has been extended to **November 5, 2001**. The rest of the August 20, 2001 notice remains the same.

Notice of Application for Partial Exemption from Pipeline Route Selection Procedures and Public Information Meetings

Minnesota Environmental Quality Board

Application of Lakehead Pipe Line Company for a Pipeline Routing Permit Pursuant to Partial Exemption from Pipeline Route Selection Procedures

Lakehead Pipe Line Company is proposing to install five separate segments of 36-inch outside diameter pipeline to Lakehead's existing pipeline facilities. The new segments will total approximately 97 miles in length and will be constructed within and/or adjacent to existing multiple line rights easements through the following Minnesota counties: Clearwater, Beltrami, Cass, Itasca, St. Louis, and Carlton.

The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) will hold a public information meeting in each county to provide information on the proposed project and to receive information to assist the EQB in determining whether to grant or deny the partial exemption application. The six county information meetings are scheduled for the times and places listed. Representatives from other governmental agencies may be present to discuss their oversight of the project. A more detailed explanation of the proposed project is contained in the application for partial exemption from pipeline route selection procedures filed with the EQB. Copies of Lakehead's application, pipeline routing rules and the pipeline routing act will be available at the information meetings.

In deciding whether to grant or deny the partial exemption, the EQB shall consider comments that are filed with the EQB, the record of the public information meetings, and the information contained in the application relevant to the criteria for partial exemption. Any person may file comments with the EQB stating reasons why the EQB should grant or deny the partial exemption. All comments should be submitted to the EQB by November 23, 2001. If the EQB grants the partial exemption application it must issue a pipeline routing permit. If the partial exemption is denied the applicant may request that the EQB continue processing its application under full pipeline route selection procedures.

Minnesota Rules, Chapter 4415 regulates the review procedures for the routing of pipelines in Minnesota.

Lakehead is contemplating construction primarily during the summer of 2002; however, for the benefit of the environment,

Lakehead is considering some preconstruction activities during the 2001/2002 winter.

Additional information may be obtained from and comments should be submitted to: Larry B. Hartman, Environmental Quality Board, 300 Centennial Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155; 651-296-5089, or 1-800-657-3794, fax 651-296-3698, e-mail larry.hartman@state.mn.us

Map shows location of proposed pipeline route:



Information Meeting Schedule

- Clearwater County, October 16, 2001 at 1:30 p.m., American Legion Auditorium, 112 North Main, Bagley, Minnesota
- Beltrami County, October 16, 2001 at 6:00 p.m., Northern Inn-Aspen Room, 3600 Moberg Drive NW, Bemidji, Minnesota
- Cass County, October 17, 2001 at 1:30 p.m., Cass Lake Municipal Center, 330 2nd Street, Cass Lake, Minnesota
- Itasca County, October 17, 2001 at 6:30 p.m., Blackberry Town Hall, 25349 Dove Lane, Blackberry, Minnesota
- St. Louis County, October 18, 2001 at 1:30 p.m., Arrowhead Town Hall, Highway 2 west of Brandon Road, Brookston, Minnesota
- Carlton County, October 18, 2001 at 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall, 1216 Cloquet Ave., Cloquet, Minnesota



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