



## Environmental Assessment Worksheets

*Comments due on January 23, 2002*

### Tiller Corporation-Silver Creek Sand and Gravel Mining Operation

Description: The project involves the continuation of an existing sand and gravel mine that has been permitted by Wright County since 1967. The operation includes stripping, excavation and dredging, crushing, washing, stockpiling, recycling of concrete and asphalt and sale of materials and reclamation following termination of mining.

RGU: Wright County

Contact: Chuck Davis, Environmental Health Officer, Government Center, 10 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NW., Buffalo, MN 55313-1185; 763-682-7872

### Interstates 694/35W Gateway Business Center

Description: The Gateway Business Center is a 26.5- acre commercial development proposed in the City of Arden Hills. The proposed development includes buildings up to eight stories in height, with underground parking and two double-level parking decks. Landscaped buffers will be incorporated throughout the site.

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RGU: City of Arden Hills

Contact: Aaron Parrish, City of Arden Hills, 1245 West Highway 96, Arden Hills, MN 55112-5794; 651-634-5120

### Heid Construction PUD

Description: Heid Construction, has filed a discretionary EAW with the City of Big Lake for a mixed use, residential Planned Unit Development on a 50.2-acre tract of land located approximately ¾ mile southwest from the intersection of U.S. Highway 10 and Trunk Highway No. 25. The development will consist of a mixture of 85 single-family homes, 106 townhome units, about 4,300 linear feet of public roads and 11,400 linear feet of walking trails.

RGU: City of Big Lake

Contact: Bradley DeWolf, P.E., Bolton & Menk, Inc., 316 4<sup>th</sup> St. SW., P.O. Box 895; 320-231-3956; [bradde@bolton-menk.com](mailto:bradde@bolton-menk.com)

### Donnay Acres

Description: The proposed project is part of a master plan that provides for residential and light industrial development on 102 acres of property in Watkins, Minnesota. Approximately 15 acres of the property is proposed to be developed as light industrial use along TH 55. The remainder of the property is proposed as single-family and multi-family residential development. Associated infrastructure improvements including streets, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, storm water detention and water distribution are also proposed to serve the improvements.

RGU: City of Watkins

Contact: Lynn Hokanson, Box 306, Watkins, MN 55389; 320-764-6400

### Anoka County CSAH 9 (Round Lake Boulevard)

Description: Anoka County is proposing to make safety, access and capacity improvements to CSAH 9 (Round Lake Blvd.) from 139<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW to 161<sup>st</sup> Avenue NW in the city of Andover.

Improvements include widening the existing two-lane highway to four-lanes and providing turning lanes and/or other operational improvements at major intersections.

RGU: Anoka County Board of Commissioners

Contact: Doug Fischer, Director of Highways, Anoka County Highway Department, 1440 Bunker Lake Blvd. NW., Andover, MN 55304; 763-862-4200.

Notice of Public Informational Meeting: A public informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 9, 2002 from 4-7 p.m. at the Andover City Hall, 1685 Crosstown Blvd., Andover, MN 55304.

### Golden Eagle Trap Range RV Park

Description: Golden Eagle Trap Range proposes a seasonal recreational vehicle park. The proposed parking area will have 126 slots with electrical and water hook-ups. An RV holding tank dump station is also proposed in conjunction with these sites.

RGU: Douglas County

Contact: Darren Hungness, Technician, 305 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., Alexandria, MN; 320-762-2903

### Moosewalk/Mooserun ATV Trail Designation

Description: The Department of Natural Resources has prepared an EAW for the proposed Moosewalk/Mooserun All-Terrain Vehicle Trail Designation. This document has been prepared as a Mandatory EAW pursuant to Minnesota Rules part 4410.4300, subpart 30.

The project is the proposed designation of two contiguous snowmobile trails and a 6.6 mile portion of the North Shore State Corridor Trail in southern Lake County for All-Terrain Vehicle use. With designation the snowmobile trails will be eligible for grant-in-aid program funding for management, maintenance and repair. These trails have been used by ATVs for many years. The EAW describes the project and the potential environmental effects.

Simultaneous with the EAW review the DNR is receiving comments on a proposed amendment to the Management Plan for the North Shore State Trail to allow ATV use on a 6.6 mile segment which will become part of a designated 35-mile ATV trail system along with the Moosewalk and Mooserun Trails. In July 2001 the DNR issued a public notice for a trail plan amendment for 1.1 miles of this segment of state trail to be designated for ATV use. Subsequent planning has resulted in a proposed extension of the ATV use segment and so an additional public comment opportunity is being offered.

In accordance with the trail plan amendment process there will be a public information meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 2002 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Finland Recreation Center on County Highway 7, one mile northeast of Finland. The meeting will provide the public with an opportunity to obtain information about the proposed designation and submit comments.

Written comments on the EAW and on the state trail plan amendment must be received by Wednesday, January 23, 2002, and should be sent to Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Office of Management and Budget Services, Donald, Buckhout, 500 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155-4010. Signed comment letters may be sent via fax, but no email comments will be accepted.

RGU: Department of Natural Resources

Contact: Donald Buckhout, Environmental Planner, 500 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155-4010; 651-296-8212

### SP 7102 TH 10

Description: Proposed Trunk Highway 10/Big Lake frontage road construction project located in the city of Big Lake and Big Lake Township in Sherburne County. The proposed 1.2 mile frontage road will be constructed to limit access and accommodate the growing traffic demands on TH 10. Copies of the EAW will be available for public review at the Great River Regional Library, 405 St. Germain, St. Cloud, Mn 56301; and the Mn/DOT, District 3 office, 1991 Industrial Park Road, Baxter, MN 56425

RGU: MnDOT

Contact: Gerald Larson, Environmental Services Coordinator, Mn/DOT, 395 John Ireland Blvd., Mailstop 620, St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-284-3775

## Final EIS Available

### Pine Island Bog Horticultural Peat Development

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (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 Final EIS responds to timely substantive comments on the Draft EIS, provides information and analysis in addition to that contained in the Draft EIS, and corrects errors in the

Draft EIS. Together, the Final EIS and the Draft EIS comprise the complete EIS, which documents the analysis of potential impacts associated with mining horticultural quality peat from the Pine Island Bog on state land in Koochiching County, Minnesota.

The DNR will accept comments on the adequacy of the Final EIS during the public review and comment period which concludes Tuesday, January 8, 2002 at 4:30 PM.

Minnesota Rules Part 4410.2800, Subpart 4 require the EIS to be found adequate if it:

- addresses the potentially significant issues and alternatives raised in scoping so that all significant issues for which information can be reasonably obtained have been analyzed in conformance with part 4410.2300, items G and H;
- provides responses to the substantive comments received during the draft EIS review concerning issues raised in scoping; and
- was prepared in compliance with the procedures of the Minnesota Policy Act and Minnesota Rules parts 4410.0200 to 4410.6500.

Written comments should be submitted to Rebecca Wooden, Environmental Planner, Environmental Planning and Review Section, Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155-4010.

Following the close of the Final EIS comment period, the DNR will determine whether the EIS is adequate and will prepare a record of its decision. If the DNR determines the EIS is inadequate, it shall have 60 days in which to prepare an adequate EIS. A notice of the adequacy decision will be published in the EQB Monitor.

Public review copies of the Final EIS are available at 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 4<sup>th</sup> Street; the Duluth Public Library; 520 W. Superior Street; the Environmental Conservation Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, and the DNR Lands & Minerals Office, 1525 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. E., Hibbing.

Any questions about this matter may be directed to Rebecca Wooden, Environmental Planner, at 651-297-3355.

## Petition Filed

The following petition has been filed with the EQB requesting preparation of an EAW. The EQB has assigned the

indicated units of government to review the petition and decide on the need for an EAW.

- Bly Quarry, Fillmore County

## EAW Need Decisions

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

- Common Council of the City of Waterville, RiverPlace Residential PUD, no need for an EAW
- Ham Lake City Council, Nottingham Forest Development, EAW not required
- City of Circle Pines, Circle Pines Mainstreet Development (i.e. Village at Circle Pines), EAW denied

## 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*.

- I94/CSAH 75 Interchange, Mn/DOT, December 17, 2001 (March 5, 2001)
- Wealthwood Golf Estates, Aitkin County Board of Commissioners, December 11, 2001 (October 17, 2001)
- City of Delavan Sewage Collection and Wastewater Treatment System Improvements Project, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, December 4, 2001 (August 6, 2001)
- CSAH 101 Roadway Reconstruction from TH 55 to CR 47/Hackamore Road, Hennepin County Transportation Department, December 13, 2001 (October 15, 2001)
- 34<sup>th</sup> Street North Extension, City of Moorhead, November 16, 2001 (June 11, 2001)

## EIS Required

**Proposed Mining Operation in Maine Prairie Township,** Stearns County Board of Commissioners, November 20, 2001 (September 3, 2001); The scoping review meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Board Room of the Administration Center located at 705 Courthouse Square, St. Cloud, MN

## Comment Period Extension

### Flying Cloud Airport SDEIS

Written comment period on the Supplement Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS), Draft General Conformity Determination and Ordinance 51 elimination has been extended to January 31, 2002. Comments will be accepted until close of business on January 31, 2002 and should be sent to Mark Ryan, Metropolitan Airports Commission, 6040 28<sup>th</sup> Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN 55450; fax (612) 794-4407; e-mail [mryan@mspmac.org](mailto:mryan@mspmac.org).

## Draft AUAR Available

### Ferche 600

Description: Ferche Development, LLC is proposing a mixed-use development on approximately 636 acres of predominantly agricultural land situated in southwestern Sartell within Stearns County. Development scenarios include from 922,862 to 2,788,319 square feet of commercial floor space and from 1,482 to 1,901 residential units. All scenarios are consistent with the approved comprehensive plan.

RGU: City of Sartell

Contact: Patti Gartland, City Administrator, 125 Pine Cone Rd. N., Sartell, MN 56377; 320-253-2171

### Oxbow Commons/Muir Park Village/97<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Description: The site is proposed for two developments, Oxbow Commons and Muir Park Village, and a new roadway, 97<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The area consists of 199 acres located in the north ½ of Section 9, Township 119, Range 2. It is bounded by Zane Avenue on the west, 101<sup>st</sup> Avenue North on the north, Regent Avenue on the east and the ½ section line on the south. The property to be developed lies both north and south of the future 97<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Oxbow Commons, 171.3 acres, is a mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly development with compact commercial uses and a wide variety of housing types. It will include retail and office uses to the west, along Zane Avenue. Residential areas are adjacent to the commercial and continue to the east. There are several distinct housing types, including townhomes, apartments, condominiums, single-family homes and senior housing. Oxbow Commons is designed to have the residential uses positioned as neighborhood pods, relating to the entire development as a whole.

Muir Park Village consists of 27.7 acres located south of 97<sup>th</sup> Avenue along Zane Avenue. It is proposed to include a mix of large and small retail uses including shops, restaurants, grocery and a large discount store. Small shops are located adjacent to Zane with the larger uses to the east side of the site.

A new east/west major collector street, 97<sup>th</sup> Avenue, will be constructed through the site. It will be built as a four-lane roadway with turning lanes, and will serve the development as well as provide a continuation of 97<sup>th</sup> Avenue, which exists to the east of the site. (This AUAR serves as an update to the Noble Avenue/97<sup>th</sup> Avenue EAW, dated January 31, 1996.) A network of local, internal roads and utilities will be built to serve the new development.

Oxbow Lake is a 9.6 acre man-made lake located slightly east of the center of the property and is designed both as a focal point of the development and to receive all of the stormwater from the developments. A 2.4-acre park/public commons on the west side of the lake will provide a public gathering place on the lake.

The property is currently vacant land that contains some windows, brush vegetation, one farmstead with six buildings, the created Oxbow Lake, and a golf driving range. Surrounding land uses include: to the north are existing rural single-family homes and open boat storage area; to the east are new single-family homes, the city's North Fire Station, and St. Gerard's Parish; to the west is active farm lands and a farmstead; to the south is cultivated fields.

RGU: City of Brooklyn Park

Contact: Howard Blin, Planning Director, 5200 85<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., Brooklyn Park, MN 55443; 763-493-8055

## Order Scheduling Prehearing Conference

### Application of Rapids Power LLC for a Certificate of Need for its Grand Rapids Cogeneration Project

On November 19, 2002, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission issued its Order Accepting Filing as substantially complete and notice and order for hearing. The commission ordered that a prehearing conference be held as soon as practical after January 1, 2002.

A prehearing conference in this matter will be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2002, at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission's small hearing room. Persons unable to attend in person will be accommodated by telephone. However,

there are only a limited number of persons who can be accommodated by telephone, so like-minded groups of citizens or others should agree on one or two persons as their representatives to participate in the conference. These representatives may obtain instructions for participating in the conference by telephoning the Administrative Law Judge at 612-341-7609 anytime prior to January 16.

The purpose of the prehearing conference will be to discuss scheduling, discovery procedures, prefiled testimony, and similar planning matters.

So far, the only formal parties to the case are Rapids Power and the Department of Commerce. Persons need not be formal parties in order to participate in the prehearing conference. However, concerned individuals should begin aligning themselves with like-minded persons and consider petitioning to intervene together as a formal party. So far, there is no deadline for petitioning to intervene. But one of the topics for discussion at the prehearing conference will be establishing a deadline for intervention petitions.

A prehearing conference in this matter will commence at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 16, 2002, in the Commission's small hearing room. The Commission's offices are located at 121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101. Persons unable to attend the prehearing conference in person should contact the Administrative Law Judge for instruction on telephonic participation.

## Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
02-NO-001	Monsanto	Corn	Insect Resistance	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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