



Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comments due on March 7, 2001

Rosemount Wastewater Treatment Plant Interim Improvements

Description: The current Rosemount Wastewater Treatment Plant, consisting of a three-cell aerated pond system, will reach its design capacity in 2002. To provide treatment under projected growth estimates until a new facility is operational in 2005, interim improvements are necessary to attain a capacity of 1.41 million gallons per day maximum monthly flow. A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency web site, at the following:
<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Contact: Eric Kilberg, Project Manager, Metro District, Operations and Planning Section, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-8643

Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant Solids Processing Improvements

Description: The Metropolitan Wastewater Plant, located in St. Paul on the Mississippi River, is owned and operated by the Metropolitan Council.

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Wastewater solids (sewage sludge) are presently incinerated in six multiple hearth incinerators. The proposed project will replace the multiple hearth incinerators with three fluid bed incinerators and an alkaline stabilization system that will produce biosolids for agricultural utilization. A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency web site, at the following:
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State Project 4013-43, at Junction TH 169 & TH 19, Interchange Construction (reference points 83.8 to 84.8)

Description: The purpose of this project is to install an interchange where Trunk Highway 19 intersects with TH 169 between LeSueur and Belle Plaine. Work will include grading and fill for bridge abutments, ramps, and acceleration/deceleration lanes, bridges, construction and new signs. This will allow better traffic flow on both roadways.

RGU: Mn/DOT

Contact: Gerald Larson, Environmental Coordinator, 395 John Ireland Blvd., Mail Stop 620, St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-284-3775

Brainerd NPC West Development Project

Description: The Brainerd Northern Pacific Center West redevelopment project includes the demolition of the following buildings to accommodate the installation of a public road and utilities to service the usable buildings in the historic district.

Building four (Warehouse) located directly west of Building five (Clock Tower) to allow for the installation of a roadway and utility services

Building ten (Wash house) small brick building located along 13th Street to allow for the

installation of utility services.

Building nine (Acetylene Plant) located east of the Power Plant. The building is in an unsafe condition and beyond repair.

Building two Annex concrete block section attached to the east side of Building two (Machine Shop) the concrete block section is unsafe and beyond repair. This structure detracts from the historical significance of the historic district.

RGU: City of Brainerd

Contact: Daniel Vogt, City Administrator, 501 Laurel St., Brainerd, MN 56401; 218-828-2307

Pope County Ditch No. 29

Description: The proposers are requesting that a drainage ditch (Pope County Ditch No. 29) be constructed to provide modern agricultural drainage of 4.6 square miles of existing farmland in Walden Township in Pope County. The ditch, as proposed, would be 5.7 miles long, have a 6' bottom width and stable side slopes.

RGU: Pope County

Contact: Steve Lawrence, Director of Environmental Services, 130 E. Minnesota Ave., Glenwood, MN 56334; 320-634-5715

Nightingale Knoll

Description: The 113 acre Central Suburban, Inc. development located in Oak Grove, Anoka County, is a 39 lot single-family residential development. The project conforms to existing zoning and has a minimum lot size of two acres. A potential paved walking and biking trail will serve this property and establish a route which can be expanded on in the future.

RGU: City of Oak Grove

Contact: Sam Lucast, City Planner, 19900 Nightingale St. NW., Oak Grove, MN 55011-9204; 763-753-1920

Centre Pointe Business Park

Description: Veritas Software is proposing to construct an additional 121,836 square foot office space at Centre Pointe Business Park in Roseville, Minnesota. Upon development of the additional 121,836 square feet, the completed business park will consist of three hotels, two sit-down restaurants, office buildings, office-showrooms and office-manufacturing buildings totaling 803,500 square feet of floor area and 2,648

parking spaces. The entire site, which was graded in association with two prior development plans, currently provides sewer, water, roads and stormwater ponds required to service the development.

RGU: City of Roseville

Contact: Dennis Welsch, Community Development Director, 2660 Civic Center Dr., Roseville, MN 55113; 651-490-2200

EA Available

Sauk Rapids Bridge Project

Description: The proposed action is the reconstruction of old Trunk Highway 15, including bridge replacement, from CSAH 11 in St. Cloud to new TH 15 in Sauk Rapids. The Sauk Rapids Bridge would be realigned from the intersection of CSAH 1 and 9th Avenue North in St. Cloud to connect with 2nd Street North in Sauk Rapids. The new bridge would include a four-lane divided roadway with 12-foot wide pedestrian/bicycle facilities on both sides. The Benton Drive improvements will include a four-lane divided highway with raised median and turn lanes from 5th Street North through the TH 15 interchange. Other improvements will be made for traffic circulation in downtown Sauk Rapids. A no-build alternative as well as the proposed action are evaluated in the EA.

The document will be available for review at the following places during regular business hours, as well as at the Environmental Conservation Library and the Legislative Reference Library.

- St. Cloud Regional Public Library, 405 St. Germain
- St. Cloud City Hall, 400 2nd St. S.
- Sauk Rapids City Hall, 115 North 2nd Ave.
- Benton County Highway Department, 321 6th Ave., Foley
- Stearns County Highway Department, 455 28th Ave., Waite Park
- St. Cloud Area Planning Organization, 1040 County Road 4

An open house and public hearing to receive comments on the EA will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2001 at the Whitney Center, 1527 Northway Dr., St. Cloud from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Written comments should be submitted to Andrew Sander,

Project Manager, Benton County Highway Department, PO Box 247, Foley, MN 56329; 320-968-5051

The comment period on the Sauk Rapids Bridge EA closes on March 7, 2001.

Final EIS and Section 4 (f) Evaluation Available

Trunk Highway 23

Description: The proposed project begins 747 meters (2,450 feet) west of TH 22 in Richmond, and extends approximately 21.61 km (13.43 miles) east, to the existing four-lane section of TH 23 near I-94. The construction length, based on the SE3-Mod. Alternative, is 23.25 km (14.45 miles). For the most part the project follows the existing corridor. The alignment shifts to an abandoned railroad corridor for 1.72 km (1.07 miles) east of Richmond and bypasses south and east for 7.19 km (4.47 miles) around the city of Rockville.

Comments should be sent to Chad Hausmann, Project Manager, Mn/DOT District 3B, 3725 12th St. N., St. Cloud, MN 56303; 320-654-5446

Supplemental DEIS Information Available

Northstar Corridor

Description: The Northstar Corridor DEIS, October 2000, was prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S. C. 4332 (2) (c)) and Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 116D. It was prepared to inform the public, agencies and decision-makers about the environmental consequences of the No-Action, Transportation Systems Management and Commuter Rail Alternatives within the Northstar Corridor. The DEIS Notice of Availability was published in the November 13, 2000 *EQB Monitor*. The comment period for the DEIS ran from November 13, 2000 to January 12, 2001. Three public hearings were held on the DEIS on December 12, 13 and 14 in St. Cloud, Elk River and Fridley, respectively.

Since the publication of the Northstar Corridor DEIS document in November, 2000; the city of Minneapolis passed a resolution on December 29, 2000 in support of a proposed Northeast Minneapolis station at 7th Street Northeast. Copies of the supplemental DEIS will be submitted to all

persons/agencies who received copies of the Northstar Corridor DEIS dated October 2000.

The Northstar Corridor DEIS (Volumes 1 and 2) dated October 2000 and the supplemental environmental information are both available for public review at the Minnesota Department of Transportation, the Anoka County Courthouse, the Legislative Reference Library and local libraries throughout the Northstar Corridor.

Comments on the supplemental environmental information should be sent directly to Mr. Mukhtar Thakur, PE, Director, Office of Passenger Rail Transit, Mn/DOT, 395 John Ireland Blvd., MS 475, St. Paul, MN 55155

An open house/public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2001 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Webster Elementary School, 425 NE 5th St., Minneapolis, MN 55413.

All comments on the Northstar Corridor DEIS dated October 2000 or supplemental environmental information must be received by March 7, 2001. Comments received during the 30-day review and comment period (February 5 to March 7, 2001) will be equally considered with those received from November 13, 2000 to January 12, 2001.

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.

- Proposed lease to remove sunken logs from Lake Plantagenet, Department of Natural Resources

EAW Need Decision

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

- City of Mound, MetroPlains Development project, Mound, Minnesota, Petition denied

EIS Need Decisions

The responsible governmental units noted below 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*.

- Anoka County, Anoka County State Aid Highway 52 Reconstruction, January 23, 2001 (November 13, 2000)
- City of Blaine, Club West, January 18, 2001 (November 27, 2000)
- Douglas County, Trisco's Cove First Addition, January 24, 2001 (December 11, 2000)
- Douglas County, Pristine Bay, January 24, 2001 (November 2000)

Wetland Conservation Act Application

The city of Bloomington, Local Governmental Unit for the Wetland Conservation Act 1991, hereby provides notice that the following application for a Wetland Conservation Act Replacement Plan has been submitted. A copy of the complete application can be viewed at the city of Bloomington Public Works Building, 9750 James Avenue South, Bloomington. Comments must be received by the LGU's office by February 27, 2001 in order to be considered by the LGU when it makes its decision regarding the replacement plan.

Applicant Name: Ryan Companies

Description: The proposed project will fill 0.18 acres of type five wetland and 0.08 acres of type one wetland. The wetland replacement consists of 0.52 acres of new wetland in Greenfield, Minnesota. The proposed mitigation is a 2:1 ratio.

Project Location: Township 27 N, Range 24 W, NE 1/4, 4700 West 78th St.

County: Hennepin

Watershed Name: Nine-Mile Creek

LGU official and address: Jim B. Gates, Deputy Director of Public Works, City of Bloomington, 2215 W. Old Shakopee Rd., Bloomington, MN 55431; 952-563-8730

Notifications of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
01-NO-001	Monsanto	Alfalfa	Herbicide tolerance	Wilkin
01-NO-002	Monsanto	Corn	Insect Resistance	Renville, Steele
01-NO-003	Monsanto	Corn	Insect Resistance	Renville, Steele
01-NO-004	ProdiGene	Corn	Novel Protein in Seed	Nobles
01-NO-005	ProdiGene	Corn	Novel Protein in Seed	Nobles
01-NO-006	Monsanto	Corn	Insect Resistance	Renville, Steele
01-NO-007	Monsanto	Corn	Herbicide tolerance	Goodhue
01-NO-008	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.

EQB Monitor Publication Calendar for 2001

Deadline for Submission	Publication Date	EAW Comment Deadline
January 29	February 5	March 7
February 12	February 19	March 21
February 26	March 5	April 4
March 12	March 19	April 18
March 26	April 2	May 2
April 9	April 16	May 16
April 23	April 30	May 30
May 7	May 14	June 13
May 21	May 28	June 27
June 4	June 11	July 11
June 18	June 25	July 25
July 2	July 9	August 8
July 16	July 23	August 22
July 30	August 6	September 5
August 13	August 20	September 19
August 27	September 3	October 3
September 10	September 17	October 17
September 24	October 1	October 31
October 8	October 15	November 14
October 22	October 29	November 28
November 5	November 12	December 12
November 19	November 26	December 26
December 3	December 10	January 9
December 17	December 24	January 23



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