



Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comments due on April 18, 2001

Briarwood

Description: This 90 acre project consists of 35 acres of single family residential development, 16 acres of town home development, 8 acres of apartment development, 5 acres of condominium development and 14 acres of parkland. Residential development consists of 93 single-family homes, 72 single town homes, 150 apartment units, and 50 condominium units. Unit density of the development is 4.1 units per acre. Development will occur in 12 phases. Construction of streets and homes will involve minimal tree removal and will temporarily disturb the soil. City sewer and water service will serve the lots. Streets will have curb and gutter and storm water will discharge into one detention basin prior to leaving the site. A 90 acre project consisting of 64 acres of residential development consisting of 93 single family homes, 72 town homes, 50 condominium units, 150 apartment units and 14 acres of parkland. Existing land use is agricultural. Municipal sewer and water will serve the site.

RGU: City of Red Wing

Contact: Brian C. Peterson, AICP Community Development Director, 419 Bush Street, Red Wing, MN 55066, 651-385-3617.

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Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Campus-Minneapolis

Description: This voluntary EAW is for the redevelopment of the Wells Fargo campus (formerly the Honeywell property) in the Phillips and Whittier neighborhoods of Minneapolis. The proposed development would add 150,000 square feet of office space to the existing 980,000 square feet of office space, structure parking (3,622 stalls), and surface parking (162 stalls). The site is bounded by 26th Street East, I-35, 29th Street East and 5th Avenue South. The project requires no public resources.

The City will convene a Public Comment Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on 04/10/01 at the Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota, 2414 Park Avenue. Contact the following contact person prior to the close of the public comment period (which will end at 4:30 p.m. on 04/18/01) to submit comments or to request a copy of the environmental review.

RGU: City of Minneapolis

Contact: Kimberly Tollefson, City Planner, 350 South Fifth Street, Room 210, Minneapolis, MN 55415-1385. Phone: 612-673-2998, Fax: 612-673-2526, TDD: 612-673-2157, E-mail: kimberly.tollefson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

Prior Lake High School

Description: This EAW studies the site of a new high school in the City of Savage for the Prior Lake – Savage Area Schools that will have 355,000 gross square feet of building space. The site will contain associated parking, athletic facilities, and a roadway from 150th Street to 154th Street.

RGU: City of Savage

Contact: Barry Stock, Deputy City Administrator, 6000 McColl Drive, Savage, MN 55378-2464. Phone: 952-882-2660, Fax: 952-882-2656, E-mail: bstock@ci.savage.mn.us.

Quarry Woods

Description: Quarry Woods Mixed Residential Development Project will be located on a 149.5 acre parcel of land adjacent to 33rd Street South and County Road 136 and will consist of 407 – 596 dwelling units (189 single family homes with 26 also eligible for duplex development, 8 duplex units, and 218 townhouse or apartment units). While providing a diverse range of housing opportunities accommodating a diverse economic and social range of families, this development incorporates remnant quarry mining piles into an extensive open space system that will be owned in common by neighborhood association. A public conservation area and natural resource management exist as part of the proposed zoning for the subject site to protect wetland and a documented rare species – the tubercled rein orchid.

Anyone interested may view this EAW document at the following locations: St. Cloud Planning Office, 400 South 2nd Street, St. Cloud, MN 56301 or St. Cloud Public Library, 405 West St. Germain Street, St. Cloud, MN 56301. The EAW document is also available for purchase from the St. Cloud Planning Office for \$5.00 each. Comment concerning the scope and accuracy of the EAW should be addressed to the RGU at City of St. Cloud Planning Office. The review of and comment on this document will close on April 18, 2001.

RGU: City of St. Cloud Planning Office

Contact: Patti Gartland, Planning Director, 400 South 2nd Street, St. Cloud, MN 56301. 320-255-7218

W9 Water Quality Basin

Description: The project sponsors propose building an earthen dam on Okabena Creek about 1.5 miles northwest of Worthington. The resulting basin will remove approximately 33 percent of the total phosphorus and 66 percent of the inorganic suspended solids from the water before it reaches Lake Okabena.

RGU: Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District

Contact: Dan Livdahl, Nobles SWCD Administrator, 1567 McMillan Street, Suite 3, Worthington, MN 56187. 507-376-9150 extension 112.

Cenex Harvest States Cooperatives Oilseed Processing and Refining Facility - Fairmont

Description: Cenex Harvest States Cooperatives proposes to construct a soybean oil extraction facility. It would be on the western edge of Fairmont, Minnesota. A soybean oil refinery is likely to be added in the near future. The total facility would be similar in size to the Cenex facility in Mankato. Air

emissions would include particulate matter (dust), volatile organic compounds and hexane, a hazardous air pollutant. Air dispersion modeling indicated that the concentration of hexane in the air met Minnesota Department of Health guidelines. Increased truck traffic on nearby roads would also result from the proposed project. NOTE: The facility's draft air emission permit will also be open for public comment; the permit contact person is Bruce Braaten 507-281-7762.

A copy of the EAW 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: Barbara J. Conti, Project Manager, Metro District, Operations and Planning Section, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road, North, St. Paul, MN 55155. 651-296-6703 or Fax: 651-296-7782.

Loggers Trail Golf Course

Description: The City of Grant has prepared an EAW for the Loggers Trail Golf Course project which proposes to construct a championship 18-hole golf course, practice range, clubhouse, parking lot, and maintenance facility on 172 acres. Currently, the site consists of woods, farmland and wetlands.

RGU: City of Grant

Contact: Jay Kennedy, City Engineer, 4150 Olson Memorial Highway, Suite 300, Minneapolis, MN 55422, 763-287-7192, Fax: 763-541-1700. E-mail: jkennedy@wsbeng.com.

Rogers Retail Centre

Description: Ryan Companies US, Inc. proposes to construct a retail development on 33 acres of farmland at the northwest quadrant of the Intersection of Highway 101 and Interstate 94 in the City of Rogers, Minnesota. The project will involve the construction of approximately 335,000 square feet of retail buildings with associated parking (1,720 stalls), access driveways, and installation of all utility services.

RGU: City of Rogers

Contact: Gary Eitel, City Administrator, 12913 Main Street, Rogers, MN 55373. 763-428-2253, Fax: 763-428-4470.

Rogers Industrial Park Distribution Center

Description: Rogers Industrial Park, Inc. proposes to construct two warehouse/distribution facilities totaling 449,194 square feet of building space on 57.5 acres of farmland in the City of Rogers, Minnesota. Additional project

activities will include the construction of on-site storm water treatment ponds, parking areas, truck docks, and access driveways, and installation of all utility services.

RGU: City of Rogers

Contact: Gary Eitel, City Administrator, 12913 Main Street, Rogers, MN 55373. 763-428-2253, Fax: 763-428-4470.

S.P. 5509-62 et al (TH 63) From Jct. TH 52 to Approx. 700m (2297 ft.) S. of 48th St. South

Description: The Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed construction of interchanges on Trunk Highway (TH) 63 at 40th and at 48th Streets South and improvements to adjacent roadways is available. The proposed project is located in the City of Rochester, Olmsted County, Minnesota.

The proposed project will convert T.H. 63 from an expressway to a controlled access freeway from south of 48th Street South to the T.H. 63/52 interchange. Grade-separated interchanges will be constructed at the T.H. 63 intersections with 40th and 48th Streets South. Auxiliary (extra) lanes on T.H. 63 will be constructed between T.H. 52 and 40th Street South, and between 40th Street South and 48th Street South. The project will require substantial modifications to adjacent city streets and county highways (St. Bridget Road, Commercial Drive SW, Woodlake Drive SE, County Road 101, County Road 147, 40th Street South and 48th Street South) to maintain continuity and property access.

This EA has been prepared for this project pursuant to the rules of the federal government and the MEQB. Copies of this letter and the EA are being distributed to those agencies on the current MEQB document review list and others. The required State review period will begin upon publication of the EA availability notice in the March 19, 2001 EQB Monitor. Comments will be accepted through April 23, 2001 and may be directed to: Robert Mayhew, Project Manager, Mn/DOT District 6, PO Box 6177, 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester, MN 55901. 507-285-7394.

To afford an opportunity for all interested persons and agencies to comment on the EA and the proposed project, an open house and public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2001 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Golden Hill School Gymnasium, 2220 Third Avenue SE, Rochester, Minnesota. The hearing will have an open house format. Mn/DOT, City of Rochester and Olmsted County representatives along with representation from Yaggy Colby Associates, who conducted the study, will be present to answer questions. Layouts, the EA, and other documents developed for the project will be available for public review. Oral (by a recorder) or written comments on the EA may be submitted at the hearing and will become part of the official public hearing record.

The EA can be made available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities by calling the project manager at 507-285-7394 or to individuals who are hearing or speech impaired by calling the Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529. Individuals with a disability, who need a reasonable accommodation to participate in the meeting, please call the project manager or the Minnesota Relay Service as soon as possible.

Petitions Filed

The following petitions have been filed with the EQB requesting preparation of an EAW. The EQB has assigned the indicated unit of governments to review these petitions and decide on the need for an EAW.

- Bellaire Transfer Station, MN Pollution Control Agency
- Upland Farm marina development, City of Minnetrista

EAW Need Decision

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

- Sunken Log Recovery Project on Lake Plantagenet, DNR

EIS Need Decision

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*.

- Plateau Estates, Rochester Common Council, March 5, 2001 (January 22, 2001).
- Ryan Contracting proposal, February 20, 2001 (November 27, 2000).
- US Bank Office Development, City of St. Paul, February 27, 2001 (December 25, 2000).

AUAR Available

Pirates Cove

Description: This project involves development of 120 units of housing, 295,000 square feet of commercial and an 18-hole golf course on 363 acres, locate in Sections 26, 27 and 34, Watab Township, Benton County east of the Mississippi River, west of US Highway 10, south of Watab Road and north of Frost Road.

RGU: Benton County

Contact: Robert Raupp, County Attorney, 615 Highway 23, P.O. Box 189, Foley, MN 56329. 320-968-5175 Fax: 320-968-5346 E-mail: rraupp@co.benton.mn.us

Notice of Decision

Arrowhead Transmission Line

On March 15, 2001, the EQB granted an exemption from state permitting requirements to Minnesota Power Company for a high voltage transmission line to be constructed in St. Louis County. The company has proposed to construct a 345,000 volt transmission line from the Arrowhead substation near Duluth, Minnesota, to a substation near Wausau, Wisconsin. The proposed line would be approximately 250 miles long, but only 12 miles of the line would be located in Minnesota. The Board's action means that no state route permit will be required, but the company must still obtain any necessary permits from local authorities, including St. Louis County and the City of Duluth. Wisconsin officials must also approve the Wisconsin portion of the line.

Notice of EIS Adequacy

Final State Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Notice Regarding Determination of Adequacy

Project Title: Paved Crosswind Runway & Taxiway System and Associated Development at the Thief River Falls Regional Airport

Project Description: The City of Thief River Falls proposes to construct a paved crosswind runway and full-length parallel taxiway along with associated development at the Thief River Falls Regional Airport.

Details of Decision: The City of Thief River Falls served as the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) for this project. At its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 27,

2001, the City Council determined that the state EIS was adequate relative to MEQB rules and regulations.

Notice of Application for Special Local Need Registration

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 18B.27 and Parts 1505.0880 – 1505.0930, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is certified to issue Special Local Need (SLN) registrations.

The MDA has received an SLN application for the following:

Applicant: Phelps Dodge, El Paso, Texas and Chem One, Houston, Texas.

Project Location: Statewide

Project Description: This SLN registration would allow the use of copper sulfate for the control of swimmer's itch in lakes, ponds, and reservoirs.

This notice is being published by the MDA. The department is not considering holding public hearings on this proposed SLN registration. Comments can be submitted to and additional information obtained from: John C. Sierk, Pesticide Regulatory Consultant, MDA, Agronomy and Plant Protection Division, 90 West Plato Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55107-2094. Comment deadline is April 48, 2001.

Request for a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) to Conduct an Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR)

The Rochester Public Works Department is seeking SOQs from firms interested in completing an AUAR that identifies potential impacts from future urban development in a portion of Marion Township in south central Olmsted County.

Anticipated development addressed by this AUAR includes only residential, commercial, warehousing, light industrial development and its associated infrastructure. Qualified firms interested in submitting an SOQ to the City must complete a questionnaire that may be requested from Barb Huberty, Environmental and Regulatory Affairs Coordinator, at the following e-mail address: huberty@ci.rochester.mn.us. Questions may be directed to Barb J. Huberty, Environmental and Regulatory Affairs Coordinator, Rochester Public Works

Department, 201 4th Street SE, Room 108, Rochester, MN 55904, (phone) 507/529-4907 (fax) 507/281-6216

Notice of Intent to Hold State Metallic Minerals Lease Sale

The DNR announces that plans are being developed to hold the state's twenty-fifty sale of metallic minerals exploration and mining leases. The sale is tentatively scheduled for July 2001. The lease sale plans are being announced at this time in order to give mining companies, public interest groups and all other interested parties additional time to review the areas under consideration.

The purpose of Minnesota's metallic minerals rules (Minnesota Rules, parts 6125.0100 - .0700) is to promote and regulate the exploration for mining and removal of metallic minerals on state-owned and state-administered lands. These rules, and the leases issued under these rules, authorize exploration and development of these minerals and impose certain requirements on the lessee. The requirements include: the payment of rentals that 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 addressing of environmental considerations. In addition, the state lessee must comply with all applicable regulatory laws.

The areas under consideration for the lease sale cover portions of Aitkin, Lake and Saint Louis Counties. Some of the lands being considered have been offered in previous metallic minerals lease sales, but based upon the interest shown by industry, new geologic data, and exploration techniques developed during the past few years, it is felt that within these lands there is significant potential for the discovery of mineral resources. Certain new lands of interest are also being considered for the lease sale.

The exact time and place of the lease sale will be announced by legal notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the sale. Mining unit books, listing the state lands to be offered at the lease sale, will be available for inspection or purchase at that time.

A map showing the general areas under consideration may be obtained from the Division of Lands and Minerals, Box 45, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-4045. 651-296-4807.

Notifications of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
01-NO-018	Syngenta	Corn	Herbicide tolerance	Goodhue
01-NO-019	Syngenta	Wheat	Disease resistance	Ramsey
01-NO-020	Monsanto	Wheat	Herbicide tolerance	Polk
01-NO-021	Monsanto	Wheat	Herbicide tolerance	Wilkin
01-NO-022	Monsanto	Wheat	Herbicide tolerance	Wilkin
01-NO-023	Pioneer	Sunflower	Multiple phenotypes and combinations: disease and insect resistance and food quality improvement	Wilkin, Freeborn, Clay
01-NO-024	Aventis	Corn	Multiple phenotypes and combinations: disease and insect resistance, herbicide tolerance and altered carbohydrate metabolism	Mower, Redwood
01-NO-025	Monsanto	Corn	Insect resistance	Brown

01-NO-026	Syngenta	Corn	Herbicide tolerance	Goodhue
01-NO-027	Monsanto	Corn	Insect resistance	Goodhue
01-NO-028	Monsanto	Corn	Insect resistance	Lyon, Stearns
01-NO-029	Monsanto	Corn	Insect resistance	Meeker (2), Dakota, Brown (2), Goodhue (2), Jackson, Redwood
01-NO-030	Aventis	Corn	Disease resistance and herbicide tolerance	Mower
01-NO-031	Syngenta	Corn	Multiple phenotypes and combinations: disease and insect resistance, and herbicide tolerance	Goodhue, Rice, Mower, Dakota, Faribault, Dodge, Meeker, Redwood (3), Steele, Freeborn, Isanti
01-NO-032	Monsanto	Corn	Insect resistance	Freeborn
01-NO-033	Monsanto	Wheat	Herbicide tolerance	Polk, Dakota, Stevens
01-NO-034	Pioneer	Corn	Multiple phenotypes and combinations: disease and insect resistance, herbicide tolerance, altered stalk strength, fertility and maturity, increased yield, production of industrial products and novel proteins, improved food and feed quality, fungal toxin degradation	Clay, Blue Earth, Murray, Kandiyohi, Freeborn, Wilkin, Dakota, Redwood
01-NO-035	Pioneer	Corn	Same as 01-NO-034	Same as 01- NO-034

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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