



Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comments due on May 2, 2001

MN Supreme Feeders

Description: Minnesota Supreme Feeders proposes to expand an existing beef feedlot in Highwater Township, Cottonwood County. The existing facility consists of 975 feeder cattle (975 animal units) housed in: two 114' x 288' partial confinement barns, each with a 60' x 290' open concrete lot, and a shipping/receiving area with a 32' x 98' partial confinement barn and a 90' x 110' open lot adjacent to a 72' x 54' office. The proposed expansion includes covering two open lots, constructing a new 100' x 1,000' total confinement barn and adding 2,525 feeder cattle (2,525 animal units).

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: Denise Leezer, Project Manager, South District, Operations and Planning Section, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155 651-297-8236

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The *EQB Monitor* is a biweekly publication of the Environmental Quality Board that lists descriptions and deadlines for Environmental Assessment Worksheets, Environmental Impact Statements and other notices.

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Tonka Bay Sales (Formerly known as "Schmitt Marina"), Excelsior Bay

Description: Tonka Bay Sales proposes to expand the slip sizes at an 18 Boat Storage Unit (BSU) multiple dock facility on Lake Minnetonka. The proposed expansion project, which would be located in front of 475 feet of continuous shoreline in Excelsior Bay, would expand the size of the existing 18 BSU's to 16.5 feet wide and 58 feet long.

RGU: Lake Minnetonka Conservation District

Contact: Mr. Gregory S. Nybeck, Executive Director, 18338 Minnetonka Blvd., Deephaven, MN 55391. Phone: 952-745-0789, Fax: 952-745-9085, E-mail: lmcd@winternet.com.

Excel Marina (Sites 1 and 2), St. Albans Bay

Description: Bell Waterfront Corp. proposes to increase the number of Boat Storage Units (BSU) at its multiple dock facility in St. Albans Bay, Excel Marina (Site 1 and 2), on 913 feet of non-continuous shoreline on Lake Minnetonka. The proposed expansion project would increase reconfiguring the structure and size of slips at Site 1, and increasing the number of slips at Site 2 from six to 12.

RGU: Lake Minnetonka Conservation District

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South Pines IV Subdivision

Description: A 123 acre project consisting of 119 acres of single family homes and 104 townhomes, and 3 acres of parkland. Existing land use is agricultural. Roads, storm sewers and ponds, water and sewer utilities will be constructed as part of this project. Municipal sewer and water will serve the site.

RGU: City of Hastings

Contact: Matthew Weiland, 101 East 4th Street, Hastings, MN 55033. Phone: 651-437-4127, Fax: 651-437-7082, E-mail: mweiland@ci.hastings.mn.us.

County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 14

Description: Existing CSAH 14 from TH 610 to north of 109th Avenue North (approx. 1.75 miles) will be reconstructed to a divided four-lane roadway. Construction will include excavating, sanitary sewer, watermain, storm sewer, aggregate surfacing, curb and gutter, sidewalk, bituminous trail, pedestrian underpass, medians, signals and landscaping. Construction is scheduled for Spring 2002.

RGU: Hennepin County Transportation Department

Contact: Steve Theis, Project Manager, 1600 Prairie Drive, Medina, MN 55340-5421. Phone: 763-745-7655, Fax: 763-478-4000.

Sauk Rapids-Rice High School

Description: Sauk Rapids-Rice Independent School District #47 proposes construction of a 348,000 sq. ft. high school complex on a 107 acre site in the City of Sauk Rapids, MN. As a connected action, City of Sauk Rapids proposes construction of a 2.5-mile trunk sewer main and 1.4-mile trunk water main extension project that will serve the school site.

RGU: City of Sauk Rapids

Contact: Dennis Miranowski, City Administrator, 115 North 2nd Avenue, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379, Phone: 320-251-1022, Fax: 320-251-0422.

General Mills Headquarters Expansion

Description: Construction of a 6-story, 324,000 square-foot office building, a two-story 138,000 square-foot employee services building, a structured parking facility, and new heating/cooling facilities adjacent to existing building on the Headquarters Campus. This will provide space for approximately 1700 employees. The project also includes the possible future construction of a 270,000 square-foot office building adjacent to the new 6-story building.

RGU: City of Golden Valley

Contact: Ms. Jeannine Clancy, Director of Public Works, 7800 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, MN 55427. Phone: 763-593-8030, Fax: 763-593-3988 or E-mail: jclancy@ci.golden-valley.mn.us

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.

- Bauerly Companies gravel mine in Maine Prairie Township, Stearns County

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*.

- Typo Creek Estates, Town of Linwood, March 23, 2001 (January 22, 2001).
- Reconstruction of Minnesota Trunk Highway 336, MN Department of Transportation March 22, 2001 (July 24, 2000).
- I-94 Additional Lane Construction, MN Department of Transportation, March 22, 2001 (December 25, 2000).
- North Ottawa Impoundment Flood Control Project, MN Department of Natural Resources, March 16, 2001 (January, 22, 2001)
- NRG Processing Solutions LLC, Organic Yard Waste Composting Facility, MN Pollution Control Agency, March 13, 2001 (November 13, 2000)
- Heritage Square Residential Development, City of Shakopee, March 6, 2001 (January 22, 2001)

AUAR Available

Mississippi Jewel Planned Unit Development

Description: The Mississippi Jewel is a mixed-use planned unit development consisting of office, retail, light industrial/warehouse, recreational, and single- and multiple-family residential located on an 848-acre site in Lake City, MN.

RGU: Lake City

Contact: John Shardlow, Planning Consultant, Dahlgren, Shardlow, and Uban, 300 1st Ave. N., #210, Mpls, MN 55401 Phone 612-339-3300 Fax: 612-337-5601 E-mail: jshardlow@dsuplan.com

Notice of Adoption of Final AUAR

Please be advised that the Forest Lake City Council adopted the resolution adopting the Findings of Fact and approving the Addendum and Executive Summary/Mitigation Plan of the Forest Lake Township Airport Area AUAR. The City Council approved the aforementioned items and adopted the resolution at their meeting of March 19, 2001.

The final AUAR consisting of the Addendum and the Mitigation Plan was submitted to all reviewing agencies on February 5, 2001.

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:

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Applicant: Balent, Walnut Creek, CA 94596, Albaugh, Ankeny, IA 50021.

Project Location: Statewide

Project Description: This SLN registration would allow the use of Select and MCPA herbicides for the control of weeds in nyjer seed grown for wild bird seed.

Applicant: DowAgrosciences, Indianapolis, IN.

Project Location: Statewide

Project Description: This SLN registration would allow the use of Treflan herbicide for the control of weeds in nyjer seed grown for wild bird seed.

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 May 2, 2001.

Notice of Public Information Meeting

On Application by Navitas Energy, LLC for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System to be Built in Murray and Pipestone Counties

The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board will hold a public information meeting on a proposal by Navitas Energy, LLC to build a 130.5 Megawatt (MW) Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Murray and Pipestone Counties.

Public Information Meeting: The public meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2001, at the Lake Wilson American Legion. Staff of the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board and representatives of Navitas Energy will be present at the meeting to describe the project and answer questions.

Project Information: The proposed 130.5 MW project will consist of 87 Enron Wind 1.5 MW wind turbine generators mounted on freestanding tubular towers. The height of each tower is 213 feet and hub height is 235 feet. Each turbine blade is 116 feet long. The rotor diameter is approximately 232 feet across. Other components of the project include pad-mounted transformers, class 5 gravel access roads, underground electric energy collection system, and communication cables. An overhead 34.5 kV feeder line will deliver the electric energy to NSP's Chanarambie Substation, in Section 6 of Chanarambie Township in Murray County.

Proposed Location: As shown on the accompanying map, (Navitas Energy - next page) the proposed project is located in townships of Cameron and Chanarambie in Murray County and in the eastern parts of Rock and Burke townships in Pipestone County.

Public Comments: The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board has prepared a draft site permit for the project. A copy of the draft permit will be available for review at the public meeting. A copy is also available on the EQB's web page at: www.mnplan.state.mn.us/eqb/wind

Interested persons may comment on the draft permit at the public meeting, or may submit written comments by May 4, 2001. Comments must be submitted to Larry Hartman, 300 Centennial Bldg., 658 Cedar St., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-5089 or 1-800-657-3794; fax: 651-296-3698; e-mail: larry.hartman@state.mn.us

Public Advisor: The EQB has designated John Hynes as public advisor to assist and advise citizens on how to participate in the site permit process. He can be contacted at 651-296-2871 or e-mail: john.hynes@state.mn.us and at the EQB mailing address.

Navitas Energy: If you have any questions of Navitas Energy about its application, contact Brian Lammers (612-370-1061) or e-mail: blammers@windpower.com

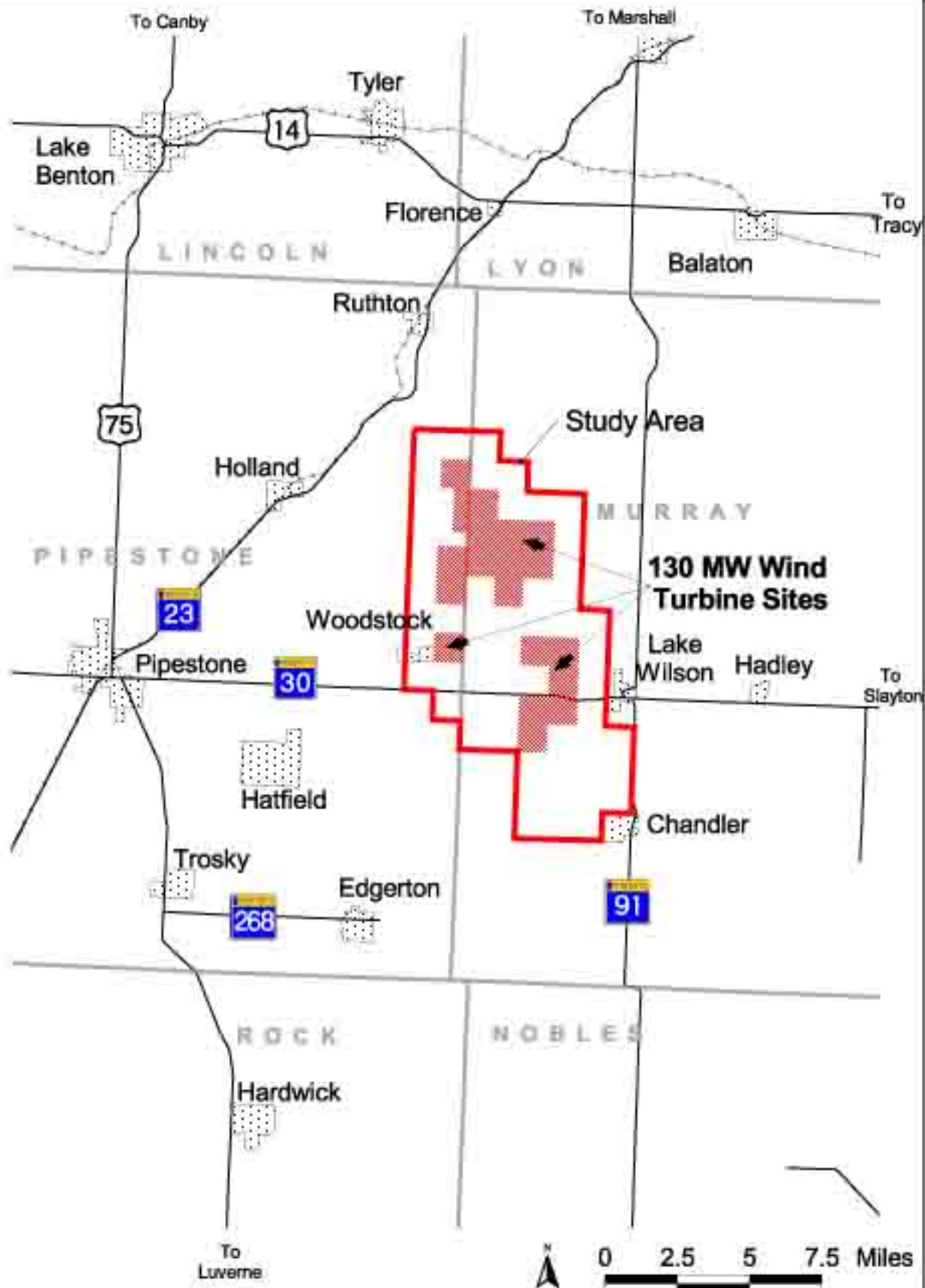
Hearing Request: Any person may request a contested case hearing on site permit application for a large wind energy conversion system project. All contested case hearing requests must be filed with Larry Hartman (address above) in writing by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 4. The person requesting the public hearing must list the issues to be addressed in the hearing and the reasons why a hearing is required to resolve those issues. The chair shall order a contested case hearing if the chair finds that a material issue of fact has been raised and that the holding of the hearing will aid the EQB in making a final decision on the permit application. The chair may refer the request for a contested case hearing to the Board for a determination.

EQB Site Permit Review Process: Navitas Energy filed a site permit application for the 130.5 MW LWECS project on March 16, 2001, which the EQB Chair accepted on March 19. A draft site permit was issued on March 28.

The EQB will review the Navitas Energy Site Permit application for the proposed 130.5 MW project under the Wind Siting Act (Minnesota Statutes, sections 116C.691 - 116C.697) and the EQB's interim site permit procedures for LWECS, adopted by the EQB on December 21, 1995.

Upon completion of the review requirements, the chair will bring the record of this matter to the Board for a final decision.

Project Background Information: Copies of the Navitas Energy site permit application have been distributed to affected landowners, and township, county and state officials. Copies of the application are available for review at the Auditor's Office in Murray and Pipestone, and the city office at Lake Wilson, Woodstock and Chandler. Copies of the Wind Siting Act, the EQB's interim site permit procedures for large wind energy conversion systems and the draft site permit are available for review at the places identified above. All documents will be available on the EQB Web site at: www.mnplan.state.mn.us/eqb/wind.



On Application by enXco, Inc. for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System to be Built in Murray County

The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board will hold a public information meeting on a proposal by enXco, Inc., to build a 79.5 Megawatt (MW) Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Murray County.

Public Information Meeting

The public meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 2001, at the Lake Wilson American Legion. Staff of the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board and representatives of enXco will be present at the meeting to describe the project and answer questions.

Project Information: The proposed 79.5 MW project will consist of 53 Enron Wind 1.5 MW wind turbine generators mounted on freestanding tubular towers. The height of each tower is 213 feet and hub height is 235 feet. Each turbine blade is 116 feet long. The rotor diameter is approximately 232 feet across. Other components of the project include pad-mounted transformers, class 5 gravel access roads, underground electric energy collection system, and communication cables. EnXco is proposing to place their 34.5 kV feeder lines underground. The feeder lines will deliver the electric energy to NSP's Chanarambie Substation, in Section 6 of Chanarambie Township in Murray County.

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EnXco: If you have any questions of enXco about its application, contact Mercay Romero (toll free at: 1-866-264-0831) or e-mail: mercayr@enxco.com

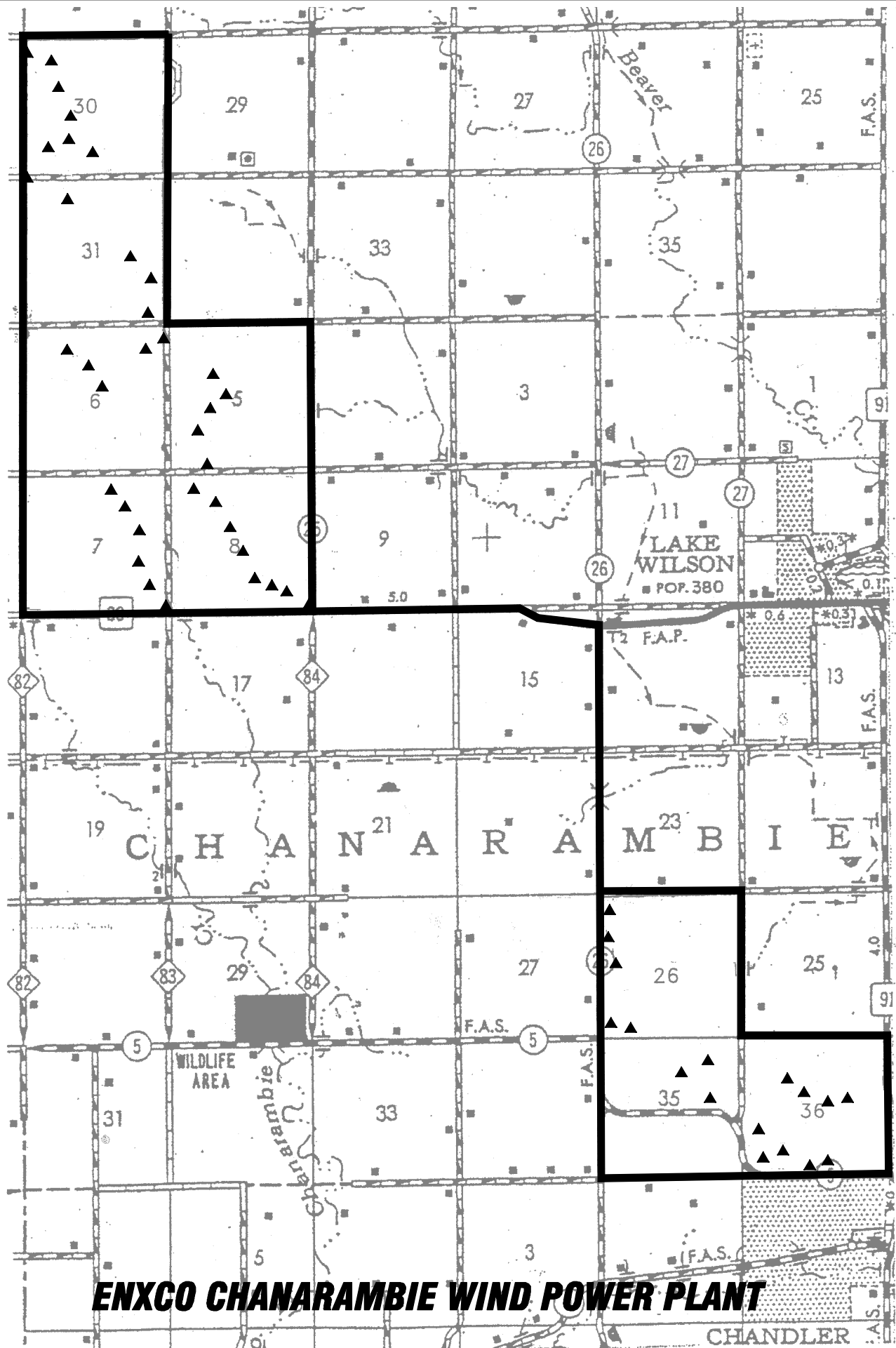
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ENXCO CHANARAMBIE WIND POWER PLANT

▲ PROPOSED TURBINE LOCATIONS WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR RELOCATION



Notifications of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
01-NO-036	Monsanto	Wheat	Herbicide tolerance	Ramsey
01-NO-037	AgReliant Genetics	Corn	Male sterility and 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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