



## Environmental Assessment Worksheets

*Comments due on August 22, 2001*

### Han-Mar Swine Breeding Unit

Description: Han-Mar, Inc. proposes to expand the number of sows at its swine breeding-farrowing unit in Nashville Township, Martin County, Minnesota, from 2,497 sows (999 animal units) to 4,879 sows (1,952 animal units). All hogs would be housed in totally enclosed, fan ventilated barns with slatted floors. Manure would be collected and stored in poured concrete pits under slatted floors. Manure would be removed once per year in the fall and applied by injection to area fields as fertilizer. A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be posted on the MPCA web site, at the following:  
<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Contact: Kevin J. Kain, Project Manager, Metro District, Operations and Planning Section, MPCA, 520 Lafayette Rd. N., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-7432

### Mayo Woodlands

Description: Mayo Woodlands is a planned residential development on 473-acres consisting of 80 clustered village homes with Neighborhood

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Open Space, 43 conventional residential lots with open space preservation easements and a 210-acre private nature preserve.

RGU: Rochester Township

Contact: Roger Ihrke, Administrator, 3935 Highway 14 E., P.O. Box 339, Rochester, MN 55903; 507-529-0774

### MS & G Inc. Golf Course and Residential Development

Description: Ninety years after the beginning of mining operations the East Side of Redwood River will see another new beginning. This time it will become one which will last for the next 90 years and beyond. This area will become a recreational, living and working environment that anybody and everybody can come and enjoy the natural beauty of this area either by building a home, office or playing one of the worlds fastest growing sports, golf.

RGU: Lyon County

Contact: Todd Hammer, Zoning Administrator, 607 W. Main St., Marshall, MN 56258; 507-532-6823

### Silver Bay Business Park

Description: The Silver Bay Business Park is a proposed development on a 129.17-acre property, overlooking Lake Superior, on Highway 61, in the city of Silver Bay. The business park will consist of a mixture of uses and may include lodging, light industry, specialty shops, restaurants and an auto stop.

RGU: City of Silver Bay

Contact: Gary Brumberg, City Administrator, City Hall, 7 Davis Dr., Silver Bay, MN 55614; 218-226-4408

### Northcross Partners II

Description: A total 58-acre project consists of five light manufacturing and office buildings with 322,000 square feet of floor area devoted to office (two-story construction) and 355,975 square feet

Associated with light manufacturing (one-story). A total of 2,275 surface parking spaces are planned within the project area.

RGU: City of Brooklyn Park

Contact: Will Neumeister, Senior Planner, 5200 85<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., Brooklyn Park, MN 55443; 763-424-8051.

### Windigo Farm-Freeborn Township Unit A Unit B Unit C

Description: Windigo Farm is proposing to construct and operate three new hog buildings of 950 animal units each on three different locations in Freeborn Township, Freeborn County, Section 2, NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 11, SW 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 20 SE 1/4, NE 1/4. The proposal includes Pit Fan Bio-Filters and Summer Oil Sprinkling to treat ventilation air to mitigate odors. Each proposed building has engineered reinforced concrete pits with a maximum manure storage capacity of 1,185,859 million gallons. The liquid manure would be fall applied by injection on land dedicated to building.

RGU: Freeborn County

Contact: Floran Peters, Feedlot Officer, 411 S. Broadway, P.O. Box 1147, Albert Lea, MN 56007; 507-377-5186

### Back 40 Campground

Description: A 33-acre project, Back 40 Campground, consisting of 66 travel trailer/RV camping sites, group camping, restrooms and a registration office, constructed in three phases. This project is along and abutting to Pickerel Lake, Pickerel Lake Township.

RGU: Freeborn County

Contact: Mike Klukow, Environmental Service Department, 411 S., Broadway, Albert Lea, MN 56007; 507-377-5186

### Sandstone Ridge

Description: Sandstone Ridge is a 89.2-acre housing development on approximately 40-acres of woodland and 49-acres of agricultural land in the city of Cannon Falls. This development will consist of approximately 162 single-family homes and 48 townhouse units when fully completed.

RGU: City of Cannon Falls

Contact: Dallas Larson, City Administrator, 306 W. Mill St., Cannon Falls, MN 55009; 507-263-3954

### Torrey Pines

Description: Torrey Pines is a 173-acre housing development. It will replace an existing motorcycle, snowmobile and ATV testing and development facility with approximately 362 single-family detached dwelling units. It lies between an existing residential development and county park land. There will be public streets and city sewer and water.

RGU: City of Coon Rapids

Contact: Evelyn Turner, Senior Planner/Zoning Administrator, 11155 Robinson Dr., Coon Rapids, MN 55433; 763-767-6430

## 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.

- Adair Acres, Otter Tail County
- Greenfield Pond Project, Rice Creek Watershed District

## EAW Need Decisions

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

- Waseca County Board of Commissioners, Peter and Paul Zimmerman 2,400 Head Sow Facility , petition denied
- Winona County, Anderson Feedlot Development, Feedlot exempt

## 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*.

- Minnesota Department of Transportation, Improvements to Minnesota Trunk Highway 12 in Hennepin County, July 16, 2001 (November 1, 1999)
- City of St. Paul, Parking ramp for the Great Northern Historic Riverside Lofts, July 13, 2001 (April 30, 2001)

## AUAR Notice of Availability

### United Health Group- Mixed Use Development

Description: The proposed Mixed Use Development consists of 1.14 million square feet of office space, 50,000 square feet of retail space, a restaurant and hotel with 63,000 square feet and approximately 324 apartment/condominiums and townhouses. 6,000 parking spaces are proposed. The 71-acre site is located in the southeast quadrant of TH 62 and Shady Oak Road, in the city of Eden Prairie.

RGU: City of Eden Prairie

Copies of the document will be distributed to the EQB distribution list. Copies of the draft AUAR document will also be available for review, during regular business hours at the following locations:

- Eden Prairie City Offices
- Eden Prairie Public Library
- Hopkins Public Library
- Minnetonka Public Library

Written comments on the Draft AUAR will be accepted through Wednesday, August 22, 2001 and can be addressed to: Scott Kipp, Planner, City of Eden Prairie, City Center, 8080 Mitchell Rd., Eden Prairie, MN 55344-2230; 952-949-8489

### Regional Distribution Center Development

Description: The AUAR examines the development of a 1,700,000 square foot regional, consumer goods distribution center on the northwest perimeter of the city of North Mankato at the intersection of CSAH 6 and CSAH 13 in Nicollet County. Annexation to the city of North Mankato is included in the proposed development.

RGU: Wendell Sande, City Administrator, City of North Mankato, 1000 Belgrade, North Mankato, MN 56003;

Comment deadline is August 22, 2001.

## Draft EIS Available

The Department of Natural Resources has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement, which describes the anticipated environmental and socioeconomic impacts of 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 DNR will accept comments on the Draft EIS during the public review and comment period which concludes Tuesday, September 4, 2001 at 4:30 p.m.

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

Following the close of the Draft EIS comment period, the DNR will prepare a final EIS, which will respond to substantive comments on the draft EIS and include revisions to the Draft EIS as necessary.

A public information meeting will be held on Monday, August 20, 2001 beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the Community Building in the city of Big Falls, Minnesota. Public review copies of the Draft EIS are available at the following locations: DNR library, 500 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul; DNR Regional Headquarters, 1201 E. Hwy 2, Grand Rapids; International Falls Public Library, 750 4<sup>th</sup> St.; Duluth Public Library, 520 W. Superior St.; Environmental Conservation Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis; and the DNR Lands and Minerals Office, 1525 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. E., Hibbing. There are limited copies of the Draft EIS available, however a Draft EIS summary may be requested by calling the DNR at 651-297-3355.

## Exemption Granted

### Willmar-Paynesville 230 kV Transmission Project

At a meeting on June 21, 2001, the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board granted an exemption from the full routing process for the Willmar-Paynesville 230 kV transmission project. The Willmar-Paynesville 230 kV Transmission Project proposed by Xcel Energy, Willmar Municipal Utilities and Great River Energy consists of a 230 kV transmission line, approximately 29.25 miles long, between the Willmar Substation in Kandiyohi County and the Paynesville Transmission Substation in Stearns County. The project also includes expansions and modifications at the Willmar Substation and the Paynesville Transmission Substation. The project is an upgrade of an existing 115 kV transmission line and the majority of the project will be constructed on existing right of way. The project must still comply with any applicable state and local zoning, building and land use rules, regulations and ordinances.

If you have any questions about this project or would like more information, please contact the EQB project leader:

Suzanne Lamb Steinhauer, Room 300, 658 Cedar St., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-2878 or 1-800-657-3794; e-mail: [suzanne.steinhauer@state.mn.us](mailto:suzanne.steinhauer@state.mn.us)

## Environmental Quality Board Agenda

The Environmental Quality Board meeting agenda can be found at <http://www.mnplan.state.mn.us/eqb/agenda.html>

Please check this site for the time and place of the next EQB board meeting.

## Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
01-NO-058	Syngenta	Corn	Herbicide tolerance	Goodhue

For more information contact Mary Hanks, Agriculture, 90 W. Plato Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55107; 651-296-1277.



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