



Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comments due on February 20, 2002

Bituminous Roadways Inc., Proposed Sand and Gravel Mining Inver Grove Heights, MN

Description: The project involves mining sand and gravel from 80 acres of land within the city of Inver Grove Heights. The operation will include excavation, processing and stockpiling of natural aggregates, recycling of concrete and rock materials, and sale of materials from the site.

RGU: City of Inver Grove Heights

Contact: Tim Link, Director of Community Development, 8150 Barbara Ave. E., Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077; 651-450-2500

Michael Juergens Swine Feedlot

Description: Michael Juergens is proposing to construct two new finishing swine barns that would house a total of 4,000 finishing hogs on approximately 80 acres of land located in the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 31, Sterling Township, Blue Earth County. The manure will be stored in eight-foot deep poured concrete pits beneath the barns. The accumulation of manure at the site would be removed on an annual basis and transported to fields for land application by enclosed tankers and injected into the soil and

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used as fertilizer. A copy of the EAW will be posted on the MPCA web site, at the following:
<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/index.html>

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Contact: Kevin Kain, Project Manager, Operations and Environmental Review Section, Regional Environmental Management Division, MPCA, 520 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-7432

Chippewa Valley Ethanol Company Plant Expansion

Description: Chippewa Valley Ethanol Company proposes to expand its existing production facility and add a thermal oxidizer to control emissions. The proposed project would increase undenatured ethanol production from a 22.4 million gallons per year to 49.5 million gallons per year. Production of distillers dried grain with solubles which is used as animal feed, would increase from 67,615 tons per year to 149,417 tons per year. A copy of the EAW will be posted on the MPCA web site, at the following:
<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/index.html>

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Contact: Barbara Jean Conti, Project Manager, Project Manager, Operations and Environmental Review Section, Regional Environmental Management Division, MPCA, 520 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-6703

Grand View Estates

Description: This development consists of 38 condominium units on 74.8 acres with wood construction, slab on grade and asphalt shingles. They will be built in stage to minimize the impact to the environment. The first stage would include a four-plex in spring of 2002 and completed in approximately 5 years. We are using one contractor and he will build one or two four-plexes at a time. The use of silt fence and other necessary Best Management Practices will be used to prevent erosion and sedimentation. Septic systems will be installed according to state regulations. Temporary toilet facilities will be used during construction to eliminate waste and will be maintained by licensed septic pumpers.

RGU: Becker County Planning and Zoning

Contact: Patty Johnson, Assistant Administrator, 829 Lake Ave., PO Box 787, Detroit Lakes, MN 56502-0787; 218-846-7314

Industrial Road Reconstruction (County Road 885)

Description: A portion of the Industrial Road will be raised two feet and widened. Kehtle Creek, a designated trout stream presently runs down the road ditch for about 400'. With the permission of the DNR and the Corps of Engineers, St. Louis County proposes to relocate this portion of the channelized trout system away from the road to improve and better protect the fisheries habitat of Kehtle Creek.

RGU: St. Louis County Public Works Department

Contact: Richard H. Hansen, P.E., Public Works Director, 227 W. 1st St., Suite 555, Missabe Building, Duluth, MN 55802; 218-726-2588

Indian Hills Country Club

Description: The city of Grant has prepared an EAW for the proposed Indian Hills Country Club expansion which involves the construction of a private 18-hole regulation length golf course and the development of 29 rural residential lots on 297 acres. The site currently contains farmland with forested areas, wetlands and old field. Approximately 0.06 acres of wetland will be filled and 24 acres of wooded area will be removed.

RGU: City of Grant

Contact: Jay Kennedy, City Engineer, 4150 Olson Memorial Highway, Suite 300, Minneapolis, MN 55422; 763-287-7192

Interstates 694/35W Gateway Business Center(Reissued from 12/24/01 Monitor)

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.

RGU: City of Arden Hills

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

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.

- Fox Ridge Estates, Crow Wing County

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 Pollution Control Agency, Audubon Wastewater Treatment Facility, January 7, 2002 (November 12, 2001)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Brake Farms, December 18, 2001 (May 28, 2001)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Benton Utilities, LLC Wastewater Treatment Plant, January 9, 2002 (May 14, 2001)
- Ramsey County, Highway 49 from Bridge Street to Birch Lane North, January 3, 2002 (August 6, 2001)
- Rochester Common Council, Grandville at Cascade Lake, January 7, 2002 (November 12, 2001)
- Minnesota Department of Transportation, Interchange Construction at Interstate 94 and County State Aid Highway 75, St. Cloud, Stearns County, December 17, 2001 (March 5, 2001)

EIS Adequacy Decision

Berger Horticultural Products, Inc.

The Department of Natural Resources prepared an Environmental Impact Statement for the proposal by Berger Horticultural Products, Inc. to develop a horticultural peat mine at the Pine Island Bog in Koochiching County, Minnesota.

The DNR prepared a Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet and a draft Scoping Decision to identify the issues and alternatives that would be addressed in the EIS. A notice of availability of the scoping documents was published in the *EQB Monitor* on May 1, 2000. The DNR held a public

scoping meeting in Big Falls, Minnesota on May 23, 2000, and issued a final Scoping Decision in September, 2000.

The EIS preparation notice was published in the EQB *Monitor* on October 2, 2000. The DNR prepared a Draft EIS addressing all issues and alternatives raised in scoping and identifying reasonable mitigation measures for identified adverse effects.

The Draft EIS notice of availability was published in the EQB *Monitor* on July 23, 2001. The DNR held a public information meeting on August 20, 2001, and accepted comments on the Draft EIS through September 21, 2001.

The DNR prepared a Final EIS, which included responses to all comments received during the Draft EIS review period. The Final EIS notice of availability was published in the EQB *Monitor* on December 24, 2001. The DNR accepted comments on the adequacy of the Final EIS through 4:30 PM on January 8, 2002. The DNR received no comments during the Final EIS review period. The DNR will forward comments received after the review period to permitting entities for their consideration.

On January 14, 2002, pursuant to the criteria prescribed by Minnesota Rules part 4410.2800, subpart 4, the DNR determined the EIS is adequate. The DNR prepared a record of its decision and distributed it to all parties receiving copies of the Final EIS. The finding of adequacy concludes environmental review for the proposed project.

The contact person at the DNR is: Rebecca Wooden, Office of Management & Budget Services, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-4010; 651-297-3355.

Draft AUAR Available

Woodbury East AUAR

Description: The Woodbury East AUAR encompasses 1,832 acres in eastern Woodbury adjacent to the current Metropolitan Urban Services Area boundary. This area was designated as a first stage for MUSA expansion in the recently updated comprehensive plan. The AUAR study area consists of mainly residential development.

RGU: City of Woodbury

Contact: Steve Kernik, Planning Department, City of Woodbury, 8301 Valley Creek Rd., Woodbury, MN 55125-2320; 651-714-3536

Notifications of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
02-NO-002	Monsanto	Corn	Insect Resistance	Steele Renville
02-NO-003	Monsanto	Corn	Insect Resistance	Steele Renville

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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