



Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comments due on May 15, 2002

Fevig Oil Bulk Plant for Petroleum Storage

Description: The project consists of construction of a bulk storage facility for petroleum products with a total capacity of approximately 250,000 gallons. The facility will have up to 10 tanks with individual capacities ranging from 8,000 gallons to 30,000 gallons. Three pumping stations, one each for gasoline, dyed fuel and clear fuel, will be available for the loading of tankwagon trucks for distribution to clients. Incoming semi-trucks would unload into the bulk plant at an approved transfer area with spill containment. All tanks and loading/unloading areas will be placed within approved berthing and be constructed with appropriate spill containment (liners). Construction of the project would commence in early summer and take approximately three weeks to complete.

RGU: Clay County

Contact: Tim Magnusson, Planning Director, 807 North 11th St., Moorhead, MN 56560; 218-299-5002

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Crosslake Wastewater Collection and Treatment Facility

Description: The city of Crosslake proposes to construct a sanitary sewage collection system and wastewater treatment facility to serve residential and commercial development within the city of Crosslake. The wastewater treatment facility would treat an average wet weather flow of 150,000 gallons per day and discharge effluent to the Pine River. 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: Lynne Kolze, Project Manager, Operations and Planning Section, Metro District, 520 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-282-5992

SP 69-716-08 Reconstruction of Saint Louis County State Aid Highway 116

Description: The logical highway section of CSAH 116 under discussion here between CSAH 88 and County Road 644 is functionally classified as a major collector. Current average daily traffic through the project area is 720. The route carries all types of traffic to include general public, commuters, school busses, commercial truckers and mail carriers.

The Saint Louis County Public Works Department will hold a public hearing in Ely, Minnesota in the cafeteria on the second floor of the Government Services Building (JFK School Building), 118 South 4th Ave. E., on Thursday, May 2, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the major design features and the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed reconstruction of part of CSAH 116 (also known as the Echo Trail). The proposed project is located between a point 2.4 miles north of the intersection with CSAH 88 to a point 0.5 miles north of County Road 803 (Passi Road). This will be a follow-up to the informational meeting held on December 5, 2001.

RGU: St. Louis County Engineer

Contact: Richard Hansen, County Engineer, 227 West First St., Suite 555, Duluth, MN 55802; 218-726-2588.

Glendale Heights

Description: An 86 acre project consisting of 54.2 acres of residential development with 44 single-family homes, 78 townhomes, 500 apartment units and 3,000 feet of commercial city street, 12.2 acres are preserved as open space. Existing land use is agricultural and woodland. Municipal sewer and water will serve the site.

RGU: City of Hastings

Contact: John Hinzman, AICP, Planning Director, 101 East 4th St., Hastings, MN 55033; 651-438-3202

Agassiz Valley Water Management Project

Description: The Agassiz Valley Water Management Project is a multi-purpose project which combines flood control and environmental enhancement features in the Snake River sub-basin of the Red River Basin. The project occupies approximately four sections of land (2,600 acres) in Marshall and Polk Counties.

RGU: Middle River Snake River Watershed District

Contact: Ronald Adrian, Engineer, 453 North McKinley St., Warren, MN 56762; 218-745-4741

Prairie Lake Residential Development

Description: Prairie Lake is a residential community consisting of 79 single-family homes, 32 twin homes, 222 townhomes, 80 apartments, an office building and a 10 acre city park on approximately 165.2 acres located along the west side of Highway 35W and the north side of 185th Street in Lakeville, Minnesota.

RGU: City of Lakeville

Contact: Keith Nelson, City Engineer, 20195 Holyoke Ave., Lakeville, MN 55044; 952-985-4400

Construction of a Folded Diamond Interchange at Trunk Highway 169 and County State Aid Highway 6/County Road 64 in Belle Plaine, Scott County.

Description: Mn/DOT proposes to construct a folded diamond interchange to replace the at-grade intersection of TH 169 and CSAH 6/CR 64 in Belle Plaine, Scott County, Minnesota. Trunk Highway 169 will be regraded for about 6900 feet. County State Aid Highway 6 will be regraded for about 2400 feet and County Road 64 for about 3000feet. The two county roads will be widened to four lanes to handle planned growth in the Belle Plaine area.

RGU: Minnesota Department of Transportation

Copies of the EA will be available for public review at the Mn/DOT-Metro Office, 1500 W. Co. Rd. B2, Roseville, MN, the Belle Plaine Public Library, and the Environmental Conservation Library in Minneapolis. The EAW can also be view at the public website:
www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/pim/htms/belle_plaine.html

Contact: Gerald Larson, Environmental Services Coordinator, Mn/DOT, 395 John Ireland Blvd., Mail Stop 620, St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-284-3775; fax: 651-284-3754 or email: gerry.larson@dot.state.mn.us

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.

- Clementson turkey farm project, Goodhue 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*.

- Anoka County Board of County Commissioner's, CSAH 9 (Round Lake Boulevard Improvement Project), March 25, 2002 (December 24, 2001)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Citizens' Board, Doug Meyer Hog Feedlot Project, Faribault County, March 26, 2002 (November 12, 2001)
- Sauk Rapids City Council, Celebration of Sauk Rapids PUD, March 11, 2002 (February 4, 2002)

Hutchinson Area Draft Alternative Urban Areawide Review

Description: The Hutchinson Area AUAR is a comprehensive environmental review of potential development and its impacts within the City and its planned growth areas. The potential development scenario is based on Hutchinson's 2002 Comprehensive Plan and the area reviewed encompasses approximately 17,000 acres.

Written comments on the Draft AUAR should be sent to: Ciara Schlichting, Planner, Dahlgren, Shardlow, & Uban, 300 First Avenue North, Suite 210, Minneapolis, MN 55401: 612-339-3300; fax 612-337-5601; email ciaras@dsuplan.com

Draft AUAR and Mitigation Plan Available

Marion Road Trunk Sanitary Sewer Project

This document will be distributed, as required, to entities on the EAW distribution list. Additionally, it will be available at local repositories and posted on the Marion AUAR project website, at ci.rochester.mn.us/publicworks/auar.htm

In December 1998, the city of Rochester initiated a Water Quality Protection Program to extend sanitary sewer and water to homes and businesses with failing and substandard septic systems and wells primarily in areas surrounding the city with near-surface groundwater. Hundreds of homeowners near Rochester's southeastern boundary petitioned for this service.

The Marion Road Trunk Sanitary Sewer Project was developed in response to the City Council's acceptance of petitions for service to homes and businesses in Sewer Service Area 16. The completion of this AUAR was a special condition of the "Revised Permit for the Construction and Operation of a Disposal System" for the Marion Road Trunk Sanitary Sewer Project (No. 23305, April 21, 2000). The project area for this AUAR contains those areas that can be served by these sewer extensions, approximately 4,300.

The specified copy of the draft Marion Road Trunk Sanitary Sewer AUAR and Mitigation Plan includes identification of natural and cultural resource features in the project area, the hypothetical development scenario, analysis of impacts from development, and mitigation measures selected to address unacceptable environmental impacts. All interested persons can comment on the AUAR. The city of Rochester must receive comments by the close of business on May 15, 2002. Comments can be submitted to: Ms. Barbara J. Huberty, Environmental and Regulatory Affairs Coordinator, Rochester Public Works Department, 201 4th Street Southeast, Room 108, Rochester, MN 55904-3740; 507-529-4907; fax: 507-281-6216 or email: bhuberty@ci.rochester.mn.us

Final AUAR Available

Woodbury East

The Woodbury Final AUAR, Mitigation Plan and Monitoring Plan is available for review. If you have questions regarding this document, please contact: Steve Kernik, Planning Department, City of Woodbury, 8301 Valley Creek Rd., Woodbury, MN 55125-2320; 651-714-3533; fax: 651-714-3501 or email: skernik@ci.woodbury.mn.us

EIS Adequacy Decision

Minnesota Interstate Highway 494, Hennepin County

The Final EIS was circulated in November, 2001. The Notice of Availability was published in the EQB Monitor on Monday, November 12, 2001. Comments on the Adequacy of the FEIS were accepted through December 17, 2001.

As the Responsible Governmental Unit for the project, the Minnesota Department of Transportation has determined that the FEIS is adequate and considered the following factors:

- During the project development process, and within both the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements, Mn/DOT considered all the issues associated with this project which were raised during the scoping process. All issues for which information could reasonably be obtained have been analyzed/
- The FEIS provided responses to all substantive comments which were received during the Draft EIS review and public comment period.
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- The FEIS was prepared in compliance with the procedures of Minnesota Statute 116D, and Minnesota Rules, Chapter 4410

This determination of adequacy concludes the Minnesota State Environmental Review Process

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Comments regarding the EAW and the project will be accepted through May 15, 2002 and may be directed to: Gerald Larson, Environmental Services Coordinator, Mn/DOT, 395 John Ireland Blvd., Mail Stop 620, St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-284-3775; fax: 651-284-3754 or email: gerry.larson@dot.state.mn.us

Draft EIS Available

Trunk Highway 53, S.P. 6920-44

Description: Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation documenting the positive and negative impacts of the proposed action for the Trunk Highway (TH) 53 corridor segment from 3/4 miles south of County Road 307 to south city limits of Cook in St. Louis County, Minnesota. The proposed improvements include upgrading the highway from two lanes to four lanes.

Copies of this letter 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 draft EIS availability notice in the April 15, 2002 EQB Monitor. Comments will be accepted through June 3, 2002 and be will considered for inclusion in the final EIS. Comments may be directed to: Brian Larson, P.E., Project Manager, Mn/DOT District 1, 1123 Mesaba Ave., Duluth, MN 55811; 218-723-4960, ext. 3322; email: brian.larson@dot.state.mn.us

To afford an opportunity for all interested parties, agencies and groups to comment on the draft EIS and the proposed action, a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2002 at the Mesabi Range Community and Technical College, Virginia Campus Theater (Room F100), 1001 West Chestnut Street, Virginia, Minnesota from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. using an informal open house format. Representatives from Mn/DOT and the consultant firm of Edwards and Kelcey will be present to answer questions during the open house. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation along with maps, drawings and supporting documents will be available for public viewing.

The DEIS document is available for review at the following locations:

- Cook Public Library, 126 S River St., Cook, MN 55723; 218-666-2210
- Virginia Public Library, 215 S 5th Ave., Virginia, MN 55792; 218-748-7525
- Duluth Public Library, 520 W Superior St., Duluth, MN 55802; 218-723-3800
- MN Department of Transportation, 1123 Mesaba Ave., Duluth, MN 55811; 218-723-4870
- MN Department of Transportation, 101 N. Hoover Road, Virginia, MN 55792; 218-749-7793

Notice of Application for Partial Exemption from Pipeline Route Selection Procedures and Public Meetings

Application of Hutchinson Utilities Commission for a Pipeline Routing Permit Pursuant to Partial Exemption from Pipeline Route Selection Procedures

Hutchinson Utilities Commission, a municipal utility, proposes to construct an 89 mile natural gas pipeline between Trimont, Minnesota (in Martin County) and Hutchinson, Minnesota (in McLeod County). The pipeline will connect with the Northern Border Pipeline Company pipeline near Trimont, Minnesota. Approximately 34 miles of the pipeline from Trimont to south of New Ulm will consist of 16-inch outside diameter pipe, and the remaining 55 miles of the pipeline from south of New Ulm to Hutchinson will consist of 12.75-inch outside diameter pipe. The pipeline will be buried underground within easements secured in the following Minnesota counties: Martin, Watonwan, Brown, Nicollet, Sibley and McLeod.

The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) will hold a public information meeting in each county to provide information on the proposed project and to receive information to assist the EQB in determining whether to grant or deny the partial exemption application. The county information meetings are scheduled for the times and places listed. Representatives from other governmental agencies may be present to discuss their oversight of the project. A more detailed explanation of the proposed project is contained in the application for partial exemption from pipeline route selection procedures filed with the EQB. Copies of Hutchinson's application, pipeline routing rules and

the pipeline routing act will be available at the information meetings.

In deciding whether to grant or deny the partial exemption, the EQB shall consider comments that are filed with the EQB, the record of the public information meetings, and the information contained in the application relevant to the criteria for partial exemption. Any person may file comments with the EQB stating reasons why the EQB should grant or deny the partial exemption. All comments should be submitted to the EQB by May 29, 2002. If the EQB grants the partial exemption application it must issue a pipeline routing permit. If the partial exemption is denied the applicant may request that the EQB continue processing its application under full pipeline route selection procedures.

Minnesota Rules, Chapter 4415 regulates the review procedures for the routing of pipelines in Minnesota.

Hutchinson Utilities Commission is contemplating construction primarily during the summer of 2003.

Additional information may be obtained from and comments should be submitted to: Larry B. Hartman, Environmental Quality Board, 300 Centennial Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155.

Tel: (651) 296-5089, or 1-800-657-3794, fax (651) 296-3698, e-mail larry.hartman@state.mn.us

Information Meeting Schedule

Martin County
April 24, 2002 at 1:30 p.m.
Triumph Hall
546 Main Street E.
Trimont, MN 56176

Watonwan County
April 24, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.
St. James Community Building
505 First Avenue
St. James, MN 56081

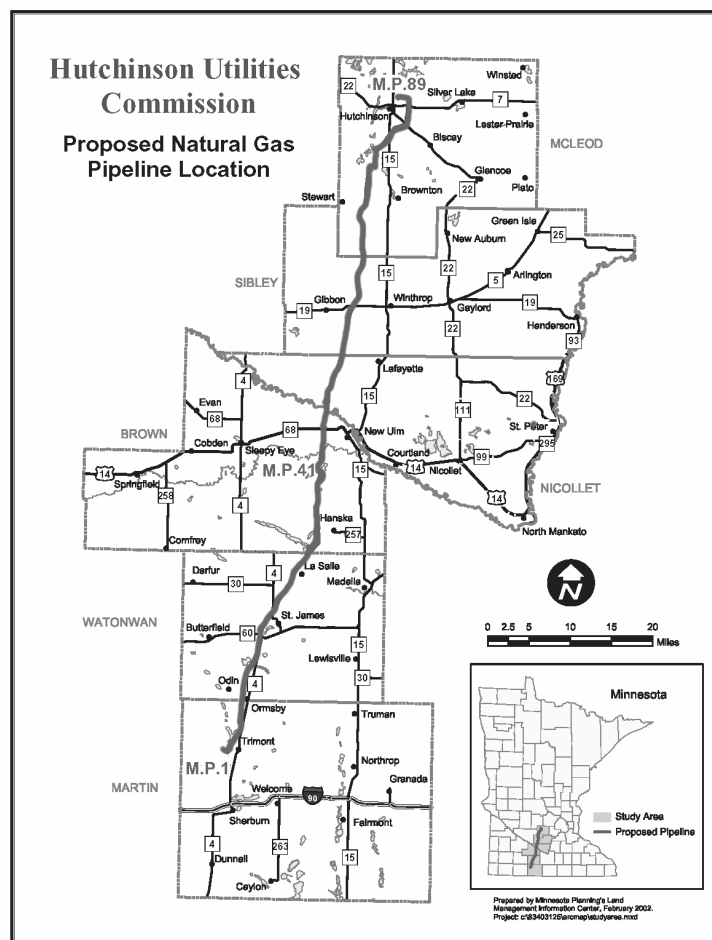
Nicollet County
April 25, 2002 at 1:30 p.m.
Lafayette Community Center
540 Seventh Street
Lafayette, MN 56054

Brown County
April 25, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.
Law Enforcement Center, Lower Level
15 South Washington
New Ulm, MN 56073

Sibley County
May 1, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.
Winthrop City Hall
305 North Main Street
Winthrop, MN 55396

McLeod County
May 2, 2002 at 1:30 p.m.
Brownton Community Center
310 Second Street North
Brownton, MN 55312

McLeod County
May 2, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.
Hutchinson City Hall
111 Hassan Street S.E.
Hutchinson, MN 55350



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Application of the City of Duluth Public Works & Utilities (City of Duluth) for a Pipeline Routing Permit Pursuant to Partial Exemption from Pipeline Route Selection Procedures

The City of Duluth proposes to construct a 4.7 mile long, 10-inch outside diameter natural gas transmission pipeline between St. Louis County, Minnesota and Douglas County, Wisconsin. The pipeline will connect with the Great Lakes Gas Transmission Pipeline in Douglas County, Wisconsin. The pipeline will cross approximately 1,500 feet in Minnesota before reaching the St. Louis River. The pipeline will be buried underground and will cross the St. Louis River using horizontal directional drilling techniques.

The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) will hold a public information meeting in St. Louis County to provide information on the proposed project and to receive information to assist the EQB in determining whether to grant or deny the partial exemption application. The St. Louis County informational meeting is scheduled for the time and place as listed. Representatives from other governmental agencies may be present to discuss their oversight of the project. A more detailed explanation of the proposed project is contained in the application for partial exemption from pipeline route selection procedures filed with the EQB. Copies of the City of Duluth's application, pipeline routing rules and the pipeline routing act will be available at the informational meeting.

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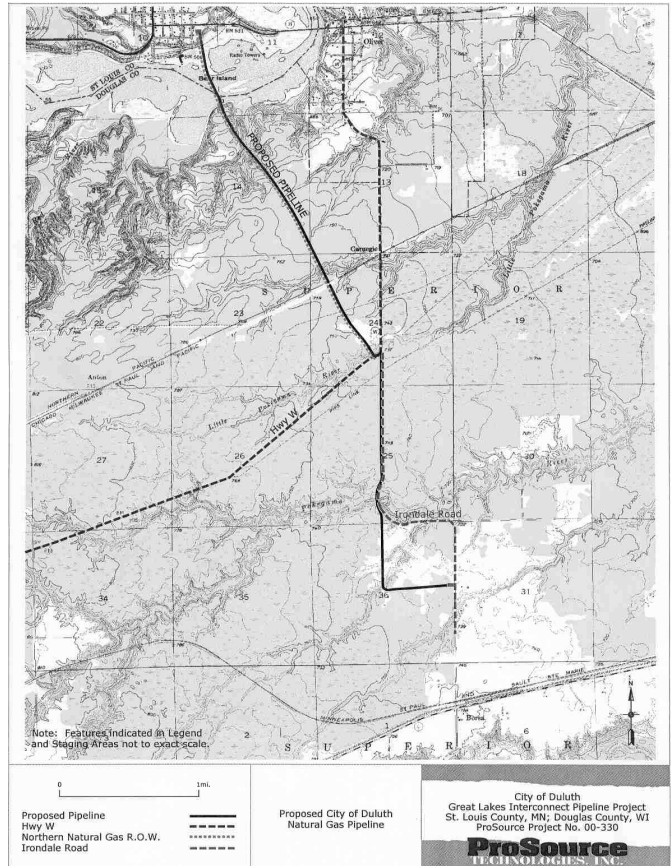
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The City of Duluth is planning construction for the summer of 2002.

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Information Meeting:

April 29, 2002 at 7:30 p.m., Duluth City Hall Building, Room 106A City Hall, 411 W. First Street, Duluth, Minnesota



Notifications of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
02-NO-042	ProdiGene	Corn	Novel protein production in seed	LeSueur
02-NO-043	Syngenta	Wheat	Disease resistance	Goodhue, Dakota (2)
02-NO-044	Syngenta	Barley	Disease resistance	Dakota
02-NO-045	Stine Biotechnology	Soybean	Disease resistance	Renville (2)
02-NO-046	Stine Biotechnology	Soybean	Disease resistance	Renville (2)
02-NO-047	Stine Biotechnology	Soybean	Disease resistance	Renville (2)
02-NO-048	Stine Biotechnology	Soybean	Disease resistance	Renville (2)
02-NO-049	Stine Biotechnology	Soybean	Disease resistance	Renville (2)
02-NO-050	Stine Biotechnology	Soybean	Disease resistance	Renville (2)

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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