



Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comments due on August 7, 2002

Rochester Public Utilities-SLP Steam Sale Project

Description: Rochester Public Utilities is proposing to modify its Silver Lake Plant to allow for the sale of high-pressure steam to Mayo Foundation's Prospect Plant. The steam would be used for heating of Mayo's new Gonda Building and future growth as well as for the Mayo's internal co-generation. Underground pipelines owned by Mayo would transport the steam from Silver Lake Plant to Mayo via 6th Street and 2nd Avenue Northwest. A copy of the EAW 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: Denise M. Leezer, Project Manager, Operations and Environmental Review Section, Regional Environmental Management Division, MPCA, 520 Lafayette Rd. N., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-297-8236

Emerald Gardens/Harvester Place Residential Development

Description: Redevelopment of two blocks of mixed industrial/commercial and residential land

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uses (6.5 acres total) in the city of St. Paul bounded by Franklin Avenue to the south, Ellis Avenue to the north, Emerald Street to the west and Curfew Street to the east is proposed. The proposed redevelopment will consists of 216 town homes and condominiums and 270 apartments. Construction is anticipated to begin in September 2002.

RGU: City of Saint Paul

Contact: Donna Drummond, City of St. Paul, 25 W. Fourth St., St. Paul, MN 55102; 651-266-6655

Baxter Middle School

Description: The proposer is planning to construct a middle school in the city of Baxter. The school will be located entirely within the city of Baxter and will have a footprint of roughly 200,000 square feet. The proposed construction site consists of approximately 181 acres, with cleared areas of approximately 90 acres.

RGU: City of Baxter

Contact: Todd Holman, City Planner, PO Box 2626, Baxter, MN 56425; 218-855-5100

Lakes Broadcasting Company Broadcast Tower

Description: Lakes Broadcasting, Inc. proposes to construct a 780 foot guyed communications tower on a 40 acre site in the Agriculture zoning district to be used for microwave communication with its Forest Lake, Minnesota radio station.

RGU: Rice County

Contact: Trent McCorkell, Planning and Zoning, 320 3rd St. NW., Suite 9, Faribault, MN 55021-6145; 507-332-6113



Petitions Filed

The following petitions have 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.

- Pine Haven at Inglewood, Crow Wing County
- Hennem Motorsports Park project, City of Sandstone
- Philipp feedlot expansion, Martin County
- Bonstetter hog feedlot project, Murray County

EAW Need Decisions

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

- Cloquet City Council, Wal-Mart Addition, Petition denied
- Brainerd City Council, Rezoning of Baumgartner Property, EAW ordered
- EQB, Allan Deml hog confinement project, petition denied
- EQB, Kevin Deml hog confinement project, petition denied

EIS Need Decisions

The responsible governmental unit has 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*.

- Shakopee City Council, Riverplace of Shakopee, June 18, 2002 (May 13, 2002)
- City of Zimmerman, South Side Villas, June 24, 2002 (May 13, 2002)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Cross;ale Wastewater Collection and Treatment Facility, June 18, 2002 (April 15, 2002)

Draft AUAR Available

Cedar Grove Redevelopment Area

Description: The city of Eagan is proposing to redevelop an area known as Cedar Grove, located along Trunk Highway 13, east of Cedar Avenue (TH 77) and west of Seneca Road. The project includes nine redevelopment sites within a 258-acre study area. Proposed redevelopment includes office, retail and residential uses.

RGU: City of Eagan

Contact: Jamie Verbrugge, Assistant City Administrator, City of Eagan, 3830 Pilot Knob Road, Eagan, MN 55122-1897; 651-681-4603

The Draft AUAR is available for review at the Eagan City Hall, the Legislative Reference Library and the Wescott Branch-Dakota County Library.

Final AUAR Adopted

Marion Road Trunk Sanitary Sewer

Whereas, in 1999, the City of Rochester established a Water Quality Protection Program to extend public water and sewer to homes with failing wells and septic systems in areas with near-surface ground water, including portions of Marion Township, southeast of the City of Rochester; and

Whereas, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency included the completion of an Alternative Urban Areawide Review as a condition of the Marion Road Trunk Sanitary Sewer construction permit; and

Whereas, the Final Marion AUAR and Mitigation Plan was distributed as required by Minnesota Rules 4410.3610 subpart 5D on June 3, 2002; and

Whereas, no objections to the Final Marion AUAR and Mitigation Plan were received by the Environmental Quality Board within the allowable timeframe; and

Now, therefore be it resolved by the Rochester Common Council that the Final Marion AUAR and Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted.

Be it further resolved that residential, commercial, warehousing and light industrial projects and associated infrastructure within the project area that are consistent with the assumptions of the document and that comply with the Mitigation Plan are exempt from further environmental

review under Minnesota Rules, parts 4410.1100 to 4410.1700 and 4410.2100 to 4410.2800.

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the city of Rochester, Minnesota on June 17, 2002.

Environmental Quality Board Decision

Route Permit issued for Otter Tail Power Company Transmission Lines

On June 20, 2002, the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board adopted Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Order issuing a Route Permit to Otter Tail Power Company for its proposed 115 kilovolt transmission lines in Beltrami County.

Otter Tail Power Company will construct and operate two parallel 115 kilovolt electric transmission lines to connect the company's new 44 megawatt generating plant in Lammers Township to the nearby existing 115 kV transmission line. The length of each transmission line is about 1,200 feet. OTP will construct the lines using wood pole structures. The average length between structures will be 180 feet and the height of the structures will be 60 feet.



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