



## Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comments due on September 18, 2002

### Avoca and Iona Wastewater Treatment Facility

Description: The cities of Avoca and Iona are unsewered communities. The project would consist of a complete wastewater collection system in each community and a common wastewater treatment system. The treatment system would be a three-cell stabilization pond with an average wet weather flow of 74,303 gallons per day. 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: Barbara Jean Conti, Project Manager, Operations and Environmental Review Section, MPCA, 520 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-6703

### Byron Towne Square

Description: Byron Towne Square consists of a mixture of municipal, commercial, residential and park development on 255 acres of agricultural land on the east side of the city of Byron. The project includes approximately 190 single-family lots, 380 townhomes, 6 apartment buildings with 340 units, 10 commercial lots, 36 acres of park, and the new

#### ABOUT THE EQB MONITOR

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.

The *EQB Monitor* is also posted on the Environmental Quality Board home page at [www.mnplan.state.mn.us](http://www.mnplan.state.mn.us)

Vol. 26, No. 17

Next issue: September 2, 2002  
Submittal deadline: August 26, 2002

Byron City Hall. The entire site has been or will be annexed into the city of Byron and served by city services.

RGU: City of Byron

Contact: Jerry Henricks, City Administrator, 11 4<sup>th</sup> St. NW., Byron, MN; 507-775-2550

### Shady Oaks Campground Expansion, Osakis Township

Description: Expansion of a commercial planned unit development from 35 to 75 recreational vehicle sites and 8 cabins on Smith Lake (21-16P) which is a 575 acre recreational development lake. Property owners are responsible for wells and septic systems. A new road will require 0.040 acres (1,800 square feet) of wetland to be filled.

RGU: Douglas County Land & Resource Management

Contact: Josh Zimmerman, Technician, 305 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., Alexandria, MN 56308; 320-762-2932

### Departments of Agriculture, Health and Human Services New Office Buildings and Laboratory

Description: The Minnesota Department of Administration is proposing the design and construction of a laboratory facility and to enter into a lease-purchase agreement for the development of an office building and parking facilities to be occupied by the Departments of Agriculture and Health. The total square footage is estimated to be 511,000 gross square feet and have 1,600 parking stalls.

The office and laboratory will be located on two blocks bounded by Constitution Avenue, Robert Street and Central Parking Ramp and the Armory, and 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Parts of Columbus Street, Minnesota Street and East Central Parkway are proposed to be vacated. The parking ramp is proposed to be located within a lot bounded by Cedar Street, Charles Street, Sherburne Avenue, Robert Street, and Capital Heights Boulevard.

In addition, the state of Minnesota is proposing to enter in a lease-purchase agreement for the development of office and parking facilities to be occupied by the Department of Human Services. The total square footage is estimated to be 395,000 gross square feet and have 550 parking stalls.

The office and parking ramp is proposed to be located on a lot bounded by 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Robert Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Cedar Street. Alternate sites for the parking ramp are to the east and south of the proposed Department of Human Services building between 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Streets and Minnesota and Robert Streets.

A copy of the EAW is available at the Minneapolis Public Library and the Legislative Reference Library.

RGU: Department of Administration

Contact: Wayne Waslaski, 309 Administration Building, 50 Sherburne Ave., St. Paul, MN 55155

### **Hundred Acre Woods, Residential Development, Rochester, Minnesota**

Description: This project involves the development of 100 acres of land into a residential subdivision consisting of 181 single family lots and 8 outlets. The land is presently a combination of cropland, wooded land, grassland, and wetlands. It will include the construction of roads, public utilities, homes, parkland and detention pond facilities. The development has been designed to minimize the loss of wooded areas, and preserve almost all wetland areas. Phase I construction will begin Fall 2002 and include 69 lots.

RGU: City of Rochester

Contact: Brent Svenby, Planner, 2122 Campus Dr. SE., Rochester, MN 55904; 507-285-8232

### **Reconstruction of I-35E/I-694 Interchange, Ramsey County, Minnesota**

Description: The I-694/I-35E interchange construction project extends from Little Canada Road to County Road E; and on I-694 extends from Rice Street to Highway 61 in Ramsey County. It will include reconstruction of the I-694 and I-35E interchange to upgrade the condition of the highway, improve its safety, reduce congestion, and increase its capacity to meet the need of the driving public.

Copies of the EAW will be available for public review during regular business hours at the following:

- Vadnais Heights City Hall
- Little Canada City Hall

An electronic version will be available for viewing and download at the following:

<http://projects.dot.state.mn.us/urs/035e694>

RGU: Minnesota Department of Transportation

Contact: Gerry Larson, Environmental Coordinator, 395 John Ireland Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-284-3775; fax: 651-284-3754

### **Jasper Heights**

Description: 40 acres of land is being converted from commercial forestry to low-density residential. The proposal includes 14 single-family lots approximately 2 to 4 acres each, to be built on as lots are sold. Approximately 1,500-1,900 feet of public road will have access on Briarwood Lane and Have access to the MDNR 40 acres to the east. 14 feet of dedicated road will be for a future walking and biking trail as per Baxters future Bike Trail Map. Each lot will have private well and on-site sewage system. Private driveways to all lots. If road rather than driveway to the north is to be built approximately 8 feet by 65 feet of fill (520 square feet) will be needed. A 33' buffer of undisturbed area will be maintained from all delineated wetlands.

RGU: City of Baxter

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

### **Crossroads**

Description: Crossroads is a mixed-use development consisting of 142 single-family lots, 317 multi-family units, a church of approximately 88,000 maximum square feet, a senior housing facility of approximately 33,000 square feet and a retail/office area containing approximately 178,000 square feet on 217.10 acres located at the southeast intersection of Dodd Road and Cedar Avenue in the city of Lakeville, Minnesota

RGU: City of Lakeville

Contact: Keith Nelson, City Engineer, 20195 Holyoke Avenue, Lakeville, MN 55044; 952-985-4400; fax: 952-985-4499; email: [knelson@ci.lakeville.mn.us](mailto:knelson@ci.lakeville.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.

- Sylva Corporation project, City of Avon

## EIS Need Decisions

The responsible governmental unit has determined the following project does 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*.

- Sherburne County Board of Commissioners, Nordwall Estates, August 6, 2002 (June 10, 2000)
- Olmsted County Board of Commissioners, Benike Property, July 23, 2002 (June 10, 2002)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Broadway Generation Plant Project, August 6, 2002 (June 24, 2002)
- Maple Grove City Council, Fieldstone Residential Development, August 5, 2002 (June 10, 2002)

## EAW Need Decision

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

- Murray County, Bonnsetter Feedlot Expansion, EAW denied

## Revised AUAR Available

### Valley Green Corporate Center

Description: A Final Alternative Urban Areawide Review was adopted by the city of Shakopee on July 16, 2000 for Valley Green Corporate Center. Subsequently, Ryan Companies US, Inc. has become the master developer of the site and has proposed modifications to the original development plan. This supplement to the FAUAR discusses the changes in potential environmental impacts, alternatives, and mitigative measures, as discussed in the FAUAR, that may be realized with the modified development plan.

The proposed project is still intended to be developed into a business center to stimulate economic development, and community growth, while conserving natural resources. The business park will now contain a mix of office, warehouse, light industrial and residential sites within the original 332 acre site. Some reduction in project area may be observed due

to an updated boundary determination and right-of-way dedications.

Although the general scope of the project has reduced potential impacts from those included in the FAUAR (as accepted in July, 2000), the city and the developer shall follow the formal process to publicize the necessary revisions through the AUAR process in order:

- To offer all interested parties ample opportunity to comment, and
- To meet the requirements of the EQB, which includes a 30 day comment period

RGU: City of Shakopee

Contact: Michael Leek, Community Development Director, 129 S. Holmes St., Shakopee, MN 55379; 952-233-3800; email: Mleek@ci.shakopee.mn.us

## Draft EIS/Federal EA Available

The Metropolitan Airports Commission has prepared the Draft EA/EIS describing proposed improvements at the Anoka County-Blaine Airport. The EA also includes the National Youth Golf Center proposed by the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission.

The EA describes proposed projects included in the seven-year CIP and is intended to provide a comprehensive overview of proposed development at the airport. The projects include extension of Runway 9/27 from 4,000 feet to 5,000 feet, installation of an instrument landing system, construction of additional hangar storage areas and concurrent use of airport land for MASC's construction of the NYGC. The Federal Aviation Administration requires that an EA be developed for a major runway extension at an existing airport as well as for release of airport property. This EA will also serve to meet the State Environmental Assessment Worksheet and EIS requirements.

This Draft EA/EIS is provided for your review and comment for 30 days prior to the Public Hearing scheduled on Monday, September 9, 2002 at the Blaine City Hall. Written comments on this Draft EA/EIS will be accepted until Monday, September 23, 2002. Direct written comments to Ms. Bridget Rief, Airside Project Manager, Metropolitan Airports Commission, 6040 28<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55450.

## Notice

### Shooting Range Development and Rehab Funding

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' Division of Enforcement, is holding open a sign up period, for the purpose of providing matching grant funding to outdoor shooting ranges open to the public throughout Minnesota. Funding has been provided by the legislature to groups meeting specific criteria, which are then invited to participate in a Legislative Commission on Minnesota's Resources - funded range improvement project. Each participating group will be required to provide an equal amount of matching funds to develop or renovate their facilities, with the focus on addressing public safety, access, and environmental concerns such as sound abatement and lead contamination.

Applications are available and questions answered regarding these project by the Minnesota DNR's Division of Enforcement. Electronic copies of all forms and information may be obtained on-line at [www.dnr.state.mn.us/omb/financialassistance/shooting.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/omb/financialassistance/shooting.html). Queries about the LCMR project or this message may be directed to: Chuck Niska, Shooting Range Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Division of Enforcement, 500 Lafayette Rd., Box 47, St. Paul, MN 55155-4047; 651-297-2449

## Notice

### Comment Period for Range Grant Project Sites

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' Division of Enforcement, is holding open a sign up period, for the purpose of providing matching grant funding to outdoor shooting ranges open to the public throughout Minnesota. Funding has been provided by the legislature to groups meeting specific criteria, which are then invited to participate in a Legislative Commission on Minnesota's Resources - funded range improvement project. Each participating group will be required to provide an equal amount of matching funds to develop or renovate their facilities, with the focus on addressing public safety, access, and environmental concerns such as sound abatement and lead contamination.

The public is being provided the opportunity to comment on the list of projects and project sites currently recommended for funding by a shooting range advisory group, consisting of representatives from various shooting sports interests around the state. In addition to public comments, all sites have been checked by the State Historical Preservation Office and

Natural Heritage Program, regarding their significance from either a cultural/historical or biological perspective. Current funding is available to participant groups through June 30, 2003. Queries about the LCMR project or this message may be directed to: Chuck Niska, Shooting Range Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Division of Enforcement, 500 Lafayette Rd., Box 47, St. Paul, MN 55155-4047; 651-297-2449

## Notice of Hearing

### Proposed Amendments to Rules Governing the Siting of Large Electric Power Generating Plants and High Voltage Transmission Lines, Minnesota Rules chapter 4400.

**Public Hearing.** The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) intends to adopt rule amendments after a public hearing following the procedures set forth in the rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, parts 1400.2200 to 1400.2240, and the Administrative Procedure Act, Minnesota Statutes, sections 14.131 to 14.20. The agency will hold a public hearing on the above-entitled rule amendments in Room 302 of the Centennial Office Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, starting at 10:00 a.m. on September 18, 2002, and in Alexandria, Minnesota, at the Douglas County Library, 720 Fillmore, on September 25, 2002, starting at 10:30 am, and continuing until the hearing is completed. Additional days of hearing will be scheduled if necessary. All interested or affected persons will have an opportunity to participate by submitting either oral or written data, statements, or arguments. Written statements may be submitted without appearing at the hearing.

**Administrative Law Judge.** The hearing will be conducted by Judge Kathleen A. Sheehy, Office of Administrative Hearings, 100 Washington Square Suite 1700, 100 Washington Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401-2138; phone (612) 341-7602, fax (612)349-2665. The rule hearing procedure is governed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 14.131 to 14.20, and by the rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, Minnesota Rules, parts 1400.2000 to 1400.2240. Questions concerning the rule hearing procedure should be directed to the Administrative Law Judge.

**Subject of Rules.** Minnesota Rules chapter 4400 relates to the permitting of sites for Large Electric Power Generating Plants and routes for High Voltage Transmission Lines. The rules implement the requirements of the Power Plant Siting Act, Minnesota Statutes sections 116C.51 to 116C.69. In the 2001 legislative session, the Minnesota Legislature significantly changed the Power Plant Siting Act; these changes went into effect on August 1, 2001. The

amendments to chapter 4400 that are being proposed are intended to carry out the statutory changes that were made.

Minnesota Rules chapter 4400 applies to all phases of the permitting of Large Electric Power Generating Plants and High Voltage Transmission Lines. A LEPGP is a power plant over 50 megawatts in size. A HVTL is a transmission line with a capacity of greater than 100 kilovolts. The rules establish the requirements for submitting permit applications to the EQB and procedures to apply in reviewing and acting upon the applications. The rules establish environmental review requirements and opportunities for public participation. Based on the statutory changes, the proposed amendments establish two processes for review of permit applications, depending on the size and type of the facility being proposed. Also, the proposed amendments recognize that project proposers may elect to seek authorization from local units of government for certain smaller projects. The proposed amendments contain a provision creating an exemption for certain existing facilities. The EQB is also proposing to repeal a number of the existing rules that are no longer applicable under the changed statutes.

A free copy of the proposed rule amendments is available upon request from the agency contact person. The proposed rule amendments are also available on the Internet at <http://www.mnplan.state.mn.us/eqb/index.html> .

**Statutory Authority.** The proposed rule amendments are authorized by Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.66.

**Agency Contact Person .** The agency contact person is: Andrea Dick, Minnesota Environmental Quality Board, 300 Centennial Office Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155; 651-297-1257

**Statement of Need and Reasonableness.** A Statement of Need and Reasonableness is now available for review at the EQB offices in St. Paul and at the Office of Administrative Hearings. This statement contains a summary of the justification for the proposed rule amendments, including a description of who will be affected by the proposed rule and an estimate of the probable cost of the proposed rule amendments. The statement may be reviewed and copies obtained at the cost of reproduction from the agency. It is also available on the Internet at the Web site given above.

**Public Comment.** All interested or affected persons, including representatives of associations and other interested groups, will have an opportunity to participate. You may present your views either orally at the hearing or in writing at any time before the close of the hearing record. All evidence presented should relate to the proposed rule amendments. You may also submit written material to the Administrative Law Judge to be recorded in the hearing record for five

working days after the public hearing ends. This five-day comment period may be extended for a longer period not to exceed 20 calendar days if ordered by the Administrative Law Judge at the hearing. Following the comment period, there is a five-working-day rebuttal period during which the agency and any interested person may respond in writing to any new information submitted. No additional evidence may be submitted during the five-day rebuttal period. All comments and responses submitted to the Administrative Law Judge must be received at the Office of Administrative Hearings no later than 4:30 p.m. on the due date. All comments or responses received will be available for review at the Office of Administrative Hearings.

The EQB requests that any person submitting written views or data to the Administrative Law Judge prior to the hearing or during the comment or rebuttal period also submit a copy of the written views or data to the agency contact person at the address stated above.

**Alternative Format/Accommodation.** Upon request, this Notice, the proposed rule amendments, and the statement of need and reasonableness can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, Braille, or cassette tape. To make such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above. If you need an accommodation to have access to any hearing room facilities, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above in advance of the hearing.

**Modifications.** The proposed rule amendments may be modified as a result of the rule hearing process. Modifications must be supported by data and views presented during the rule hearing process, and the adopted rule may not be substantially different than this proposed rule unless the procedure under part 1400.2110 has been followed. If the proposed rule amendments affect you in any way, you are encouraged to participate.

**Adoption Procedure After Hearing.** After the close of the hearing record, the Administrative Law Judge will issue a report on the proposed rule amendments. You may ask to be notified of the date when the judge's report will become available, and can make this request at the hearing or in writing to the Administrative Law Judge. You may also ask to be notified of the date on which the agency adopts the rule amendments and the date on which the rules are filed with the Secretary of State, or ask to register with the agency to receive notice of future rule proceedings, and you can make this request at the hearing or in writing to the agency contact person stated above.

**Lobbyist Registration.** Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10A, requires each lobbyist to register with the Campaign Finance

and Public Disclosure Board. Questions regarding this requirement may be directed to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board at 190 Centennial Office Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, phone 651-296-5148, website <http://www.cfboard.state.mn.us/> .

**Order.** I order that the rulemaking hearing be held at the date, time, and location listed above.

**Signed.** Chair Hugoson, July 31, 2002.



First Class  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
Permit No. 171  
St. Paul, MN

---

Vol. 26 No. 17

Upon request, the *EQB Monitor* will be made available in an alternative format, such as Braille, large print or audio tape. For TTY, contact Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529 and ask for Minnesota Planning. For information or additional copies of the *EQB Monitor*, contact:

Minnesota Environmental Quality Board  
300 Centennial, 658 Cedar St.  
St. Paul, MN 55155-1388

**Phone:** 800-657-3794 or 651-296-2603

**Fax:** 651-296-3698

**E-mail:** [eqbmonitor@mnplan.state.mn.us](mailto:eqbmonitor@mnplan.state.mn.us)

---