



## Environmental Assessment Worksheets

*Comments due on October 16, 2002*

### Elk River Station

Description: Elk River Station is a proposed 70-acre mixed-use Planned Unit Development entailing 430 attached residential units, including 300 townhomes, 70 cooperative senior housing units, and 60 apartments. The commercial component of the project includes 81,000 square feet of retail, office, sit-down restaurant, daycare and convenience/fuel.

RGU: City of Elk River

Contact: Stephen Rohlf, Building and Zoning Administrator, 13065 Orono Parkway, PO Box 490, Elk River, MN 55330-0490; 763-441-4904

### Bayport West Development

Description: Bayport West is a 245-acre mixed-use development proposed to include approximately 220 single-family homes, 554 townhomes and rental units, and 163,250 square feet of retail, office and warehouse development. The design preserves 50 acres of natural area protected by easements and covenants.

RGU: City of Bayport

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Submittal deadline: September 23, 2002

Contact: Dan Johanneck, City Administrator, 294 North 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Bayport, MN 55003-1027; 651-439-2530

### Marshall Oaks

Description: This project is a residential subdivision plat containing 42 acres and 15 lots. The property is currently undeveloped and is located on the west side of Marshall Lake in Section 19 of Audobon Township, Becker County, Minnesota.

RGU: Becker County

Contact: Patti Johnson, Deputy Zoning Administrator, 835 Lake Avenue, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501; 218-846-7314

### Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and Effluent Outfall

Description: The Metropolitan Council Environmental Services has proposed to expand the existing Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant from its capacity of 12 million gallons per day(mgd) to a capacity of 24 mgd to accommodate growth in the area. The WWTP's effluent will be routed throughout a 12.7 mile pipe and discharged to the Mississippi River. 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: Kelly Garvey, Project Manager, Operations and Environmental Review Section, Regional Environmental Management Division, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-7796

### Waste Management – St. Paul Transfer Facility

Description: Waste Management of St. Paul is proposing to construct a solid waste transfer station located at 195 Minnehaha Avenue East, St. Paul. The new transfer station would be designed to handle 148,850 tons per year or approximately 446,000 cubic yards per year. The MPCA's Draft Solid Waste

Permit for the Waste Management St. Paul Transfer Facility will also be on public notice the week of September 16, 2002. To obtain a copy of the Draft Solid Waste Permit please contact Jess Richards at the MPCA, 651-282-9885. 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: Kevin Kain, Project Manager, Operations and Environmental Review Section, Regional Environmental Management Division, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-7432

### Redwood Falls Public Utilities – South Generating Plant

Description: The city of Redwood Falls proposes to increase air emissions from its South Generating Plant. Electric generating capacity was increased under an existing permit by adding three 2000-kilowatt engine/generator sets in a new power plant building. The engines would burn No. 2 fuel oil to produce an additional 6.00 megawatts of electricity. The generators will typically operate during emergencies or periods of peak electric demand. 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, Regional Environmental Management Division, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-6703

## 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, Richard and Harlin Klimmek 3,100 Head Swine Facility, EAW denied
- Duluth's Planning Commission, Sky Harbor Airport construction project, EAW denied

## 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*.

- Mower County Board of Commissioners, Meadows at Dobbins Creek Plat, September 3, 2002 (July 22, 2002)
- Mower County Board of Commissioners, Cedar River Estates Plat, September 3, 2002 (July 22, 2002)
- Sherburne County Board of Commissioners, Gold Nugget Property, September 3, 2002 (June 24, 2002)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Kiester Swine Finishing Project, August 27, 2002 (May 13, 2002)

## 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.

- Melby/Johnson project, Cook County

## Scoping Document/Scoping Decision Document

### Trunk Highway 8 Scoping Document/Scoping Decision Document

In accordance with Minnesota Rule 4410.2100, this environmental document has been prepared as part of the National Environmental Policy Act.

In compliance with Minnesota Rules, Mn/DOT will distribute the Scoping Document/Draft Scoping Decision Document to all agencies listed on the EQB and Mn/DOT distribution lists, as well as to all interested parties. A press release will be issued to local newspapers along the corridor announcing the availability of the Scoping Document and the public scoping meeting. The public is invited to comment on the scope of the project at these meetings as well as in writing.

A public scoping meeting will be held on the following date: Monday, October 21, 2002, Informational Open house at 6:00 p.m. and Formal Scoping Meeting at 7:00 p.m., Lindstrom City Hall, 13292 Sylvan Avenue, Lindstrom, MN 55045.

The scoping period will remain open until October 31, 2002. Comments may be sent to Lynette Bly, Mn/DOT Metro Division, 1500 W. County Road B-2, Roseville, MN 55113; 651-582-1235; email: lynne.bly@dot.state.mn.us

## Notice of Completion of the Final Environmental Report

On December 28, 2001, Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy (Xcel Energy or the Company) submitted a certificate of need application for approval of transmission improvements in southwestern Minnesota. The filing was required because four of the lines proposed by Xcel Energy are considered large energy facilities under Minn. Stat. § 216B.2421, subd. 2 (2) and (3) (2001 Supplement). The docket number for this proceeding before the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) is E-002/CN-01-1958.

Xcel Energy designated its entire certificate of need application as its “draft environmental report” under the provisions of Minn. Rules, part 7849.0230, subpart 1. Xcel Energy submitted supplementary material and/or corrections on January 24, March 25, and April 2, 2002.

On August 12, 2002, Xcel Energy responded to comments on the draft environmental report received during the comment periods set by the administrative law judge assigned to hear the case.

Under Minn. Rules, part 7849.0230, subpart 3, the draft environmental report, written comments, and the applicant’s written responses to comments comprise the “final environmental report.” On August 15, 2002, Xcel Energy filed a “certification of service” with the Commission, which stated that the Company had distributed the final environmental report as indicated by Minn. Rules, part 4410.7100, subpart 5.

This notice has been prepared for publication in the EQB Monitor, in accordance with Minn. Rules, part 7849.0230, subpart 4.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to Commission staff person David Jacobson at 651-297-4562.



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