



Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comments due on October 30, 2002

Otsego West Wastewater Treatment Facility

Description: The city of Otsego is proposing to construct a new wastewater collection system and treatment facility to serve commercial, residential, and industrial development in the southwestern region of the city and to protect water quality in Otsego Creek. The initial capacity of the facility is to be 600,000 gallons per day of average flow. Discharge of treated effluent will be to Otsego Creek. 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: Erick Kilberg, Project Manager, Operations and Environmental Review Section, Regional Environmental Management Division, MPCA, 520 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-8643

Little Floyd Lake Estates

Description: The proposed project is a single-family residential subdivision on the northerly shore of Little Floyd Lake. Little Floyd Lake is a general development lake, which contains approximately 205 acres of water. There is a DNR

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public access, a farm, numerous residences and some resorts on the lake. Approximately 77 acres of agricultural farmland is intended to be developed into 25 single-family residential lots with a public road and two outlots. Lot sizes range from .80 to 7.37 acres.

RGU: Becker County Board of Commissioners

Contact: Patty L. Johnson, Zoning Administrator, 835 Lake Ave., PO Box 787, Detroit Lakes, MN 56502; 218-846-7314

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.

- Stenberg residential development (Country Haven), Cass County
- Lantern Bay Ridge development on Woman Lake, Cass County
- Hillcrest Resort, Big Sandy Lake, Aitkin County
- Evans and Outlook Avenues street project, City of South Saint Paul

EAW Need Decisions

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

- Beltrami County Board of Commissioners, Mystic Shore, EAW denied
- Hubbard County Board of Commissioners, Trout Acres, 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*.

- Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Jim and Joan's Country Campground, September 11, 2002 (August 5, 2002)
- City of Big Lake, Landsdown, September 11, 2002 (May 13, 2002)
- Environmental Quality Board, 46 MW Waterville Power Plant, September 19, 2002 (July 22, 2002)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, West Concord Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade, September 20, 2002 (August 5, 2002)

Scoping Document/Draft Scoping Decision Document and Notice of Scoping Meeting

The Federal Highway Administration and the Minnesota Department of Transportation, in cooperation with Chisago County, are intending to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the US/Trunk Highway 8 Corridor Project. As part of the review process, a Public Scoping Meeting will be held to provide an opportunity to explain the EIS process, present the public involvement program and solicit ideas and comments regarding the project.

The focus of this project is a section of TH 8 that extends from the Chisago/Washington County border in Minnesota beyond the St. Croix river crossing in Taylors Falls, Minnesota, to the western intersection of US 8 and Wisconsin 35.

This corridor draws many visitors to its lakes and recreation areas, and also provides regional access between the Twin Cities metropolitan area and communities, businesses, and points of recreational interest in both Minnesota and Wisconsin. As the corridor grows in population and demand for recreation continues, it is anticipated that future traffic congestion will also increase, causing safety concerns and delays in travel time.

As a means to relieve traffic congestion on TH 8, three Build Alternatives and a Wisconsin Connection have been proposed. Two of the Build Alternatives include east-west alignments with accompanying north-south connectors. A

Wisconsin Connection, that would provide transportation improvements through Osceola, Wisconsin, and extend east and north to the westerly intersection of Wisconsin 35 and US 8, would complement these two alternatives. The third Build Alternative consists of 4-lane upgrades along sections of existing TH 8, and both north/south and east/west connections on parallel and intersecting roadways.

For a complete description of the project and the alternatives, please refer to the TH 8 Scoping Document and Draft Scoping Decision Document.

The scoping meeting will provide an early opportunity to identify issues and concerns for consideration in the EIS. The public will have the opportunity to discuss the project with Mn/DOT and Chisago County staff, as well as members of the TH 8 Task Force and TH 8 Scoping Study Technical Advisory Committee.

Information and displays will be available at the site listed below to facilitate public review of the project. A formal presentation will be given at the scoping meeting, followed by opportunity for public comments, which will be included in the public record.

The scoping meeting is scheduled for: Monday, October, 21, 2002, 6:00 p.m., Informal Open House, 7:00 p.m. Formal Scoping Meeting, Lindstrom City Hall, 13292 Sylvan Avenue, Lindstrom, MN 55045

In addition, written comments may be submitted for inclusion in the official public record. Written comments on the scope of the alternatives and impacts may be submitted to the following address by October 31, 2002:

- Lynne Bly, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Metro Division, 1500 W. County Road B-2, Roseville, MN 55113; 651-582-1235; lynne.bly@dot.state.mn.us

To ensure that the scope and objectives of the environmental review process appropriately reflect public interests and concerns, we urge you to attend the upcoming scoping meeting or submit your comments in writing.

Final AUAR Adopted

Blue Cross Blue Shield Final AUAR

The Eagan City council at its September 17, 2002 meeting, adopted the Blue Cross Blue Shield Final AUAR and Mitigation Plan. The resolution includes an exhibit of a minor revision to the Final AUAR that was distributed to the EQB distribution list. Questions may be directed to Michael Ridley, Senior Planner, 651-681-4689.

Comment Period Extended

Heartland Energy and Recycling, LLC

Description: The written comment period on the Heartland Energy and Recycling facility has been extended to October 23, 2002. Comments will be accepted until close of business on October 23, 2002 and should be sent to Kevin Kain, MPCA, 520 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155; fax: 651-296-7782; email: kevin.kain@pca.state.mn.us

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Public Information Meeting on Application by enXco for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System to be Built in Pipestone and Murray Counties

The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board will hold a public information meeting on a development proposal by enXco to build up to a 87 megawatt (MW) large wind energy conversion system in Pipestone and Murray counties.

Public Information Meeting

The public meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 23, 2002, at the Lake Wilson American Legion, 137 Broadway Avenue, Lake Wilson, Minnesota. Staff of the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board and representatives of enXco will be at the meeting to describe the project and answer questions.

Project Information

The proposed 87 MW development will consist of up to 58 turbines. The turbines will be either the GE Wind 1.5 MW or the Micon 1.5 MW wind turbine generators mounted on freestanding tubular towers. The height of each tower will be 65 to 80 meters (213 to 262 feet) in height. Each turbine blade is approximately 116 feet long. The rotor diameter is approximately 231 feet across. Other components of the project include pad-mounted transformers, class 5 gravel access roads, underground electric energy collection system, and communication cables. The feeder lines will deliver the electric energy to NSP's Chanarambie Substation, in Section 6 of Chanarambie Township in Murray County.

Proposed Location

As shown on the accompanying map, the proposed project is located in portions of Rock, Burke and Osborne townships in Pipestone County. In Murray County, the project will include portions of Cameron, Chanarambie and Moulton townships.

EQB Site Permit Review Process

enXco filed a site permit application for the 87 MW LWECs project on August 23, 2002, which the EQB vice chair accepted on September 23. A draft site permit is available on request from the EQB.

The EQB will review the enXco site permit application for the proposed 87 MW project under the Wind Siting Act (Minnesota Statutes, sections 116C.691 - 116C.697) and the EQB wind permitting rules (Minn. Rules, Chapter 4401).

Upon completion of the review requirements, the chair will bring the record of this matter to the board for a final decision.

Public Comments

The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board has prepared a draft site permit for the proposed development. A copy of the draft site permit will be available for review at the public meeting. A copy will also be available on the EQB's Web page at: www.mnplan.state.mn.us/eqb/EnergyFacilities/wind.html

Interested persons may comment on the draft site permit at the public meeting, or may submit written comments by November 8, 2002, to Larry Hartman, 300 Centennial Bldg., 658 Cedar St., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-5089 or 1-800-657-3794; fax: 651-296-3698; e-mail: larry.hartman@state.mn.us

Public Advisor

The EQB has designated John Hynes as public advisor to assist and advise citizens on how to participate in the site permit process. He may be contacted at 651-296-2871 or e-mail: john.hynes@state.mn.us and at the EQB mailing address.

enXco: Questions about enXco's application should be directed to Miesche Francis at 651-770-1500 or e-mail: mmfrancis@terracon.com

Hearing Request

Any person may request a contested case hearing on a site permit application for a large wind energy conversion system.

All contested case hearing requests must be filed with Larry Hartman (address above) in writing by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, November 8. The person requesting the public hearing must list the issues to be addressed in the hearing and the reasons why a hearing is required to resolve those issues. The chair shall order a contested case hearing if the chair finds that a material issue of fact has been raised and that the holding of the hearing will aid the EQB in making a final decision on the site permit application. The chair may refer the request for a contested case hearing to the board for a determination.

Other Background Information

Copies of the enXco site permit application have been distributed to affected landowners, and township, county and state officials. Copies of the application are available for review at the Auditor's Office in Murray and Pipestone counties and the city office at Lake Wilson, Woodstock and Chandler. The EQB's wind permitting rules and the draft site permit are available for review at the places identified above. All documents will be available on the EQB Web site at: www.mnplan.state.mn.us/eqb/EnergyFacilities/wind.html

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