



Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comments due on February 19, 2003

The Home Depot

Description: The city of Monticello has prepared an EAW for the proposed +- 35.3 acre Home Depot store, retail center and gas station site to be located south of Chelsea Road between Cedar Street and CR 117, and south of Interstate 94 and east of TH 25 in Monticello, Minnesota. The land is currently uncultivated agricultural land.

RGU: City of Monticello

Contact: Jeff O'Neill, Deputy Administrator, 505 Walnut Street, Suite 1, Monticello, MN 55362; 763-295-2711

Schmidt Gravel Mine

Description: Schmidt Gravel Mining proposes to mine gravel and operate a portable asphalt plant on an approximate 66 acre site in the northern portion of Elk River, Minnesota. Approximately 500,000 cubic yards of material will be mined from approximately 14.81 acres of the site for a period of approximately ten years. The gravel mined will be processed on site or hauled to a local asphalt facility located approximately ¼-mile south of the site. At the conclusion of mining, the site will be returned to agricultural use or

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developed as residential property. Copies of the EAW will be available for review at Elk River City Hall and at Elk River Public Library.

RGU: City of Elk River

Contact: Stephen Rohlf, Building and Zoning Coordinator, City of Elk River, 13065 Orono Parkway, Elk River, MN 55330; 763-441-4904

City of Delano Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion

Description: The city of Delano proposes to expand its existing wastewater treatment facility (WWTF). The WWTF's current capacity is 0.864 million gallons per day. The average wet weather design flow of the expanded facility would be 2.199 million gallons per day based on maximum month flows. The project elements include a control building, aeration tanks, modification to existing structures and processes, and expanded biosolids treatment. The expanded WWTF would be constructed on city-owned property adjacent to the existing WWTF. In addition, four sanitary sewer interceptors throughout the city are also included in the project. The proposed sanitary sewer interceptor improvements are areas identified as having capacity problems and contribute to basement backups in the collection system. 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: John Elling, Project Manager, Operations and Environmental Review Section, Regional Environmental Management Division, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Rd. N., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-8011

EIS Scoping Notice

Minntac Water Inventory Reduction

Description: The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency intends to prepare an EIS on the Minntac

Water Inventory Reduction Project. On December 18, 2001, the MPCA Citizens' Board adopted a Final Scoping Decision Document for an EIS on the proposal by United States Steel, Minntac to discharge from its tailings basin, located in Mountain Iron, Minnesota.

The proposed discharge under consideration affect the Dark River watershed on the west side of the basin, and the Sandy River watershed on the east side of the basin. Minntac currently discharges water to these watersheds through seeps from the basin, which are regulated under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit. Monitoring of the current discharges by Minntac indicates that sulfates and other pollutants are impacting the receiving waters. As a result, the EIS will include information on reducing current impacts and how those impacts and efforts to reduce pollutants would be affected by the new discharge, if permitted. This EIS is being prepared as a discretionary EIS under the provisions of Minn. R. 4410.2000, subp. 3 (B).

The MPCA prepared a Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet for this project. The Notice of Availability of the EAW and draft Scoping Document were published in the *EQB Monitor* on May 25, 2001. A public scoping meeting was held on Wednesday, June 27, 2001, at the Laurentian Environmental Center in Britt, Minnesota. 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>

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EAW Need Decision

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

- Kandiyohi County, Eagle Lake West Gravel Pit, Project permit 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*.

- Cambridge Hills, Olmsted County Board of Commissioners, December 17, 2002 (October 28, 2002)
- Cori Bothun Feedlot, Lac Qui Parle County Board of Commissioners, January 7, 2003 (November 11, 2002)

Draft Federal EA Available

Addition to Aerospace Ground Equipment Shop

Description: The 934th Airlift Wing, U.S. Air Force Reserves, has prepared Draft Environmental Assessment MSP-EA-03-01 to document the assessment of environmental impacts of a proposed Air Force action. The proposed action is "Addition to Aerospace Ground Equipment Shop." The Air Force Reserve would construct a 3,230 square foot addition to an existing Air Force Reserve facility, Building 820. The existing facility houses Aerospace Ground Equipment maintenance activities. The addition would provide additional maintenance space, storage space, training area and office space, with all necessary utilities.

Project location: Minneapolis -St. Paul International Airport Air Reserve Station

The draft EA recommends a "Finding of No Significant Impact" for the proposed action. Public and external agency participation in the development of the final EA for this proposed action, through review and comment on the draft EA, is hereby invited. The draft EA is available for public review at Building 744, 760 Military Highway, Minneapolis - St. Paul International Airport Air Reserve Station. The point of contact is Douglas Yocum at 612-713-1909. The final version of the EA will include copies of all comment letters received from external agencies and the public, and will incorporate information from comments as appropriate. Written comments may be submitted to: 934 MSG/CEV (Attn: D. Yocum), 760 Military Highway, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55450-2100. Written comments must be received by February 20, 2003.

Draft AUAR Available

Credit River Township Growth Area

Proposer: Scott County (Growth Area) and Laurent Development Company LLC (Territory)

RGU: Scott County

Contact Person: Allen Frechette, Environmental Health Manager, 200 4th Ave. W., Shakopee, MN 55379-1393; 952-496-8177; email: afrechette@co.scott.mn.us

Territory, the primary project, required a mandatory EIS. The RGU elected to perform an AUAR to assess the Environmental Impacts that might be associated with the development of the remaining large parcels within the study area.

Project Location:

- County-Scott
- Township-Credit River Township (T114, R21), Sections 17, 18, 21, 22, 27-34
- Township-New Market Township (T113, R21), Section 5

Description: This AUAR examines 2,867 non-contiguous acres in Credit River and New Market Townships, Scott County. Developable parcels of land larger than 20 acres in Southern Credit River Township and one 160 acre parcel in New Market were chosen for this AUAR. "Territory" consisting of 702 acres is examined in detail within this AUAR.

The AUAR will be released on the County's website at www.co.scott.mn.us and will also be available for review and check out from the Savage and Prior Lake Libraries and available for purchase in the Scott County Environmental Health Department in the County Courthouse in Shakopee. Interested persons should contact Kate Sedlacek or Al Frechette at 952-496-8177.

Notice

Environmental Review Process Metropolitan Airports Commission MAC Capital Improvement Program, 2003-2009

On December 19, 2002, the Metropolitan Airports Commission concluded that, based upon the Assessment of Environmental Effects prepared for the Seven-Year Capital Improvement Program for Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, potential for adverse effects as a result of the projects has been adequately identified. Assessments of Environmental Effects for St. Paul Downtown, Flying Cloud, Crystal, Anoka County-Blaine, Lake Elmo and Airlake Airports were not prepared since the Capital Improvement Program and Plan has not changed from the previous year or the changes have only trivial environmental effects. In addition to the AOEE that was prepared for MSP, an

Environmental Assessment Worksheet was prepared which discussed the construction of a Flood Control Dike at the St. Paul Downtown Airport. This project will be discussed in detail at the January Planning and Environment and Commission meetings.

The Metropolitan Airports Commission held a public hearing on November 4, 2002, regarding these documents. The public record remained open until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2002. One letter was received to the record regarding the AOEE for MSP and ten letters were received providing comments specifically on the Flood Control Dike. The Commission recommendations was that no further environmental review is warranted at this time in regard to the MSP AOEE.

Notifications of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

| File Number | Company | Crop | Project | County |
|-------------|----------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| 03-NO-001 | Monsanto | Alfalfa | Herbicide Tolerance | LeSueur |

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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