



Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comments due on February 5, 2003

Princeton Public Utilities Electrical Power Generation Facility Expansion

Description: The city of Princeton (Princeton Public Utilities) has expanded electric generation capacity by installing a 4,840 kilowatt engine/generator set in the existing power plant building. Other construction consisted of the installation of the engine radiator on the building roof and an exhaust silencer and 55-foot exhaust stack on the south side of the building. The engine would burn No. 2 fuel oil to produce the additional 4.84 megawatts of electricity. An Air Emission Facility Construction and Operation Permit is required for the facility and this EAW is being prepared retroactively. A copy of the EAW will be posted on the MPCA website, at the following: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Contact: Eric Kilberg, Project Manager, Operations and Environmental Review Section, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-8643

Maine Street Development

Description: The proposed project includes

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approximately 95 acres located in the NE quadrant of the proposed TH 63 and 48th Street SE interchange. The property is currently undeveloped agricultural land. Access to the development will be from 48th Street SE to the south and from St. Bridget Road SE to the east. The property is zoned M-1, mixed use Commercial-Industrial. The proposed use of the property will be retail and office/business developments.

RGU: City of Rochester

Contact: Mitzi Baker, Planner, 2122 Campus Dr., Rochester, MN 55904; 507-285-8232

Ridges of Lantern Bay Woodrow Township, MN

Description: The project is located on Woman Lake, a General Development lake, in Woodrow Township in Cass County, Minnesota. The zoning is residential. The total project area is 27 acres. The minimum lot size for riparian lot is 20,000 sf and for non-riparian lots is 40,000 sf. The project consists of 24 single-family residences.

RGU: Cass County

Contact: Paul Fairbanks, EDS Director, PO Box 3000, Courthouse, Walker, MN 56484; 218-547-7287

EIS Need Decision

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*.

- City of Sandstone, Sandstone Motor Sports Park, December 18, 2002 (October 28, 2002)
- Becker County Board of Commissioners, Saylor's Lake View Plat, December 17, 2002 (October 28, 2002)

EIS Ordered

- Department of Natural Resources, White Earth Forest ATV/OHM Trail Project, December 27, 2002 (November 27, 2002) See Scoping Notice below

EIS Ordered and Scoping Notice

White Earth Forest ATV/OHM Trail Project

The Department of Natural Resources, as Responsible Governmental Unit, has prepared the Record of Decision regarding the need for an Environmental Impact Statement for the project. The DNR has concluded that a discretionary EIS will be prepared based on the potential for significant environmental effects. The justification for this determination is contained in the Record of Decision. The Record of Decision contains responses to all substantive comments received on the EAW.

As required by Minnesota Rules Part 4410.1700, subpart 3, a proposed scope for the EIS is also prepared. This document identifies project alternatives and potential environmental effects that will be addressed in the EIS. The proposed scope also provides the public with an opportunity to review and comment regarding the scope of the EIS. To that end, there will be a public meeting, tentatively scheduled for February 25, 2003, where members of the public may comment on the proposed scope of the EIS. The meeting will be held in the vicinity of the project. The MDNR will continue to receive written comments on the proposed scope for one week after the public meeting. The final EIS scope will be issued by the MDNR on approximately March 11, 2003.

All persons on the EAW distribution list and those who received a copy of the Record of Decision and proposed scope will receive an advance notice by mail informing them of the exact date, time and place for the public scoping meeting and an updated schedule for the scoping process. A notice of the meeting will also be published in the EQB Monitor and in at least one local newspaper in the vicinity of the project.

Scoping Notice

EIS Scoping Meeting-Bayport West Development

An EIS public scoping meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2003 at City Hall, 294 North 3rd Street, Bayport. Contractor Property Development Corporation has submitted applications for the development of roughly 245

acres of land in the western portion of the city of Bayport. The land is currently zoned industrial. The applicant is requesting to develop the land from industrial to mixed-density residential and business commercial. For questions regarding this meeting, please contact City Hall at 651-439-2530.

AUAR Available

Legacy Village at Maplewood

The city of Maplewood has completed a Draft Alternative Urban Areawide Review to provide environmental planning and documentation for the Legacy Village at Maplewood, a mixed-use development planned for an 86.8-acre site located south of Interstate 694 and west of the existing Maplewood Mall. The mixed-use development includes approximately 270,000 square feet of commercial/office space; 25,000 square feet of medical/office space; 22,400 square feet of retail/restaurant space; 850 housing units (including multi-family and senior housing) and a 13,000 square foot community center. The development is consistent with the goals of the city's comprehensive plan for this area. Concurrent with the Legacy development, County Road D will be reconnected with Trunk Highway 61, and Kennard Street will be extended north to County Road D. The city of Maplewood is preparing an Environmental Assessment Worksheet for the County Road D reconnection.

RGU: City of Maplewood

Contact: Chuck Ahl, Director of Public Works, City of Maplewood, 1830 East County Road B., Maplewood, MN 55109; 651-770-4552; fax 651-770-4506; email: chuck.ahl@ci.maplewood.mn.us

The Draft AUAR is available for review at the Environmental Conservation Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN; at the Legislative Reference Library, St. Paul, MN; at the Maplewood Branch of the Ramsey County Library, 1670 Beam Avenue, Maplewood, MN; at the Maplewood City Offices, 1830 East County Road B, Maplewood, MN and on the City of Maplewood web page at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us

EIS Adequacy Decision

Northstar Corridor Rail Project: Rice to Minneapolis, Minnesota

The Final Environmental Impact Statement for the above referenced project was published in March 2002. The Notice of Availability for this project was published in the EQB Monitor on April 1, 2002. During the 30 day FEIS review period, nine comment letters were received and responded to.

The Preferred Alternative is the implementation of an 81.8-mile commuter rail line on the existing Burlington Northern Sante Fe track between downtown Minneapolis and Rice, Minnesota. There will be eleven stations along the commuter rail line. The downtown Minneapolis multi-modal station at 5th Street North and 5th Avenue North will also include a connection to the Hiawatha Light Rail Transit line. Track capacity improvements, a vehicle maintenance and layover facility, LRT connection from 3rd Avenue North to 6th Avenue North, which includes an LRT station, as well as feeder bus improvements are also included in the proposed action. The Preferred Alternative is more fully described in the FEIS.

Notice

Restoration Project Planned for Lake Christina-DNR Division of Wildlife

The DNR Division of Wildlife is planning a spot rotenone treatment on Lake Christina in Douglas and Grant counties. This project involves the application of rotenone, a federally and state registered pesticide to eliminate less desirable fish species. Endangered or threatened species are not present in the lake. Project goals include removing undesirable fish species, primarily carp and bullheads, to improve water quality and wildlife habitat in this shallow lake for wildlife and waterfowl.

Ground water discharge sites along the north shore of the lake will be treated this winter if dissolved oxygen concentrations in the remainder of the lake reach lethal levels. Rotenone distribution will be done under the ice and by drip station if necessary. Target concentration in treatment areas is 3.5 ppm. The current fish community is dominated by the exotic species carp (*Cyprinus carpio*) and black bullheads (*Ictalurus melas*). Benefits of the project will be improved water quality, re-establishment of desirable aquatic vegetation, reduction of plankton algae, and improved habitat for wildlife and waterfowl.

For general information about this project, contact Thomas Carlson, Waterfowl Habitat Specialist, 218-739-1516 or Nicole Hansel-Welch, Shallow Lakes Program, 218-855-5172.

Public Meeting Notice

Minnesota Forest Resources Council

The Minnesota Forest Resources Council will meet on Tuesday, January 28, 2003 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at a location yet to be determined in St. Paul, Minnesota.

For more information please contact Jenna Fletcher at 651-603-0109 or go to the calendar on the MFRC website at <http://www.frc.state.mn.us>

EQB Approves Site Permit for Large Wind Energy Conversion System

The Environmental Quality Board on December 19, 2002, unanimously voted to issue a site permit for a large wind energy conversion system along Buffalo Ridge in southwestern Minnesota.

enXco, sole owner of Stoneray Power Partners, LLC, was granted a site permit for a 24-megawatt (MW) large wind energy conversion system. The project will use 16 of the GE Wind (formerly Enron Wind) 1.5 MW wind turbine generators mounted on freestanding tubular steel towers. The turbine towers may be as high as 265-feet (80- meters) and the blade length may be up to 122 feet (37-meters). The LWECs project and associated facilities will be located on a 5,420 acre site in Murray and Pipestone Counties. The power generated by this project will be delivered to Xcel's Chanarambie substation, located in Section 6 of Chanarambie Township in Murray County, where it will be transmitted and sold to Great River Energy.

Stoneray Power Partners, LLC plans to have the project online during the third quarter of 2003.

The Site Permit for the project contains conditions for site preparation, construction, cleanup, restoration, operation, maintenance, abandonment, decommissioning and all other phases of the large wind energy conversion system. The Site Permit for the project will be available on the internet at: www.mnplan.state.mn.us/eq

If you have any questions about this project or would like more information, please contact: Larry B. Hartman, Room 300 Centennial Bldg., 658 Cedar St., St. Paul, Minnesota

55155; phone 651-296-5089 or 1-800-657-3794; fax 651-296-3698; e-mail: larry.hartman@state.mn.state.us

EQB Issues Pipeline Routing Permit to the City of Hutchinson for a Ninety Mile Pipeline from Trimont to Hutchinson

The Environmental Quality Board on December 19, 2002, unanimously voted to issue a pipeline routing permit to the City of Hutchinson (Hutchinson Utilities Commission) for a 90 mile pipeline from Trimont to Hutchinson. The pipeline will be used to transport natural gas to the City of New Ulm, New Ulm's electric generating facilities, the City of Hutchinson and Hutchinson Utilities Commission's electric generating facilities.

The proposed pipeline will connect with the Northern Border Pipeline Company in Martin County, Minnesota, and cross portions of Watonwan, Brown, Nicollet, Sibley and McLeod Counties and end at the Town Border Station in Hutchinson.

The proposed pipeline will be buried primarily within agricultural land in a new 50 foot wide right-of-way that will be acquired by the City of Hutchinson. Another 25 foot wide strip of land adjacent to the right-of-way may be acquired for temporary work space. The permanent right-of-way will be obtained by the City of Hutchinson through negotiation with landowners.

Hutchinson is proposing to begin construction in May 2003 and have the pipeline in service by November 2003.

The Pipeline Routing Permit specifies the location of the proposed pipeline and includes specific conditions for right-of-way preparation, construction, cleanup and restoration. A condition of the Pipeline Routing Permit requires the City of Hutchinson to consult with representatives of the counties, interested landowners and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and submit an agricultural impact mitigation plan to the EQB by February 28, 2003. The plan will set forth measures that the permittee will implement to address individual and cumulative impacts of the pipeline on agricultural lands crossed by the pipeline. The Pipeline Routing Permit and other project related documents will be available on the Internet at: www.mnplan.state.mn.us/eqb

If you have any questions about this project or would like more information, please contact: Larry B. Hartman, Room 300 Centennial Bldg, 658 Cedar St., St. Paul, Minnesota 55155; tel 651-296-5089 or 1-800-657-3794; fax 612-296-3698; e-mail: larry.hartman@state.mn.us



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