



## Environmental Assessment Worksheets

*Comments due on April 16, 2003*

### Elk River Landfill – North Demolition Debris Landfill

Description: Elk River Landfill, Inc. (ERL) is proposing to construct an approximately 104-acre lined construction/demolition debris landfill on a 130-acre parcel immediately north of its existing permitted landfill located in section 34, township 34, range 26 west in Livonia Township, Sherburne County, Minnesota. The proposed project will be developed and closed in phases and will provide for approximately 18,000,000 cubic yards of construction/demolition debris disposal capacity.

RGU: Sherburne County Planning and Zoning Administration.

Contact: David Lucas, Solid Waste Officer, 13880 Highway 10, Elk River, Minnesota 55330; 1(800)438-0578

### Fremont Lake Development

Description: The proposed project includes 68 single family residential lots and the potential for 25,000 square feet of neighborhood commercial development on 276 acres in Sections 3 and 4,



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T.34N., R.26W., Livonia Township, Sherburne County, Minnesota. The minimum lot size is 2.5 acres with individual wells, on-site septic systems and public roadways. A portion of this project is located within the Shoreland District of Fremont Lake, and the General Rural District.

RGU: Sherburne County Planning and Zoning Administration

Contact: Cathryn Campbell Hanson, County Planner, 13880 Highway 10, Elk River, MN 55330; 1(800)438-0578

### Willow Creek Heights Mixed Use Subdivision

Description: Approximately 445 single family homes, of which 42 are proposed to be townhomes. Commercial and retail development is being proposed on 15 acres located on the north portion of the site. The commercial retail component is proposed to occupy 250,000 square feet. The project is located along the southern and eastern border of the City of Lonsdale. Home construction would begin in 2003. The existing site is approximately 39 percent row crop, 2 percent woods, 10 percent wetlands and 43 percent old-field / idle land. The owner has requested that this land be annexed into the City of Lonsdale boundaries.

RGU: City of Lonsdale

Contact: Neil Jensen, City Administrator, 801 Washington Street, Lonsdale, MN 55057; (507)744-2327

### Garrison, Kathio, West Mille Lacs Lake Sanitary Sewer District (District)

Description: A new collection system along the western side of Mille Lacs Lake. The proposed new collection and transmission system would include approximately 100,000 feet of gravity sanitary sewer ranging in diameter from 8 inches to 12 inches; approximately 40,000 feet of force main ranging in size from 4 inches to 8 inches in diameter; and approximately 27 lift stations.

Wastewater from existing development served by the initial collection system with an average flow of approximately 208,000 gallons per day, would be generated from a mix of residential and commercial sources. At full capacity, the maximum flow is expected to increase to 325,000 gallons per day. The discharge would be composed of a medium strength domestic wastewater. Using current zoning ordinances, it is anticipated that the quality of the wastewater from any future development and connections is not expected to change.

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Contact: Denise Leezer, Project Manager, Operations and Environmental Review Section, Regional Environmental Management Division, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road, N., St. Paul, MN 55155; (651)297-8236

### **SKB Rosemount Industrial Waste Facility Expansion**

Description: SKB Environmental, Inc. (SKB) is proposing an expansion for the SKB Rosemount Industrial Waste Facility. As part of the expansion, SKB is applying for additional permitted capacity for both industrial waste and Municipal Solid Waste Combustor Ash within the existing waste areas and proposing to add a Construction and Demolition (C&D) cell, and a C&D recycling/transfer station.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency 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 Road, N., St. Paul, MN 55155; (651)296-7432

### **Arbor Creek Residential Subdivision**

Description: This 207 acre residential subdivision is located on the south side of 80<sup>th</sup> Street N.E. at MacIver Avenue N.E. in the City of Otsego, Wright County. The project includes 496 single family lots with a 13,000 square feet average lot size. This stated development includes a park and open space areas.

RGU: City of Otsego

Contact: Mike Robertson, City Administrator, 8899 Nashua Ave. N.E., Elk River, MN 55330; (763)441-4414

### **Walnut Ridge #2**

Description: McMeredit Development is proposing to ultimately develop an additional 136 lots/home sites for residential dwellings. The project is located in Rice, Minnesota. The project consists of installing streets, sanitary sewer, water mains, storm water ponds, water drainage, and necessary appurtenances.

RGU: City of Rice

Contact: Bonnie Scheel, City Clerk, 205 Main St.E., P.O. Box 22, Rice, MN 56367 (320)393-2280

### **Brookview Estates**

Description: Brookview Estates is a 240 townhome development on approximately 50 acres located in the N.E. corner of the City of Foley, Minnesota. The development is bordered on the south by commercial development, the west by a trailer park, to the northwest is a proposed single family housing project, and on the north and east by undeveloped agricultural land.

RGU: City of Foley

Contact: Rick Zimmer, City Administrator, 251 Fourth Ave., P.O.Box 709, Foley, MN 56329 (320)968-7260

### **Koester Property**

Description: The Koester Property is the subject of the EAW and has a total area of 78.7 acres. Arcon Development (the Developer) is proposing to develop 69 acres of this property consisting of 54 single-family lots and 272 townhome units located on the south side of the City of Northfield. Whereas the remaining 9.70 acres will be retained by Vernon Koester (property owner) to be developed at a later date and will consist of low-density residential development achieving a density of 2.57 units/acre. The total 78.7 acres of developable area consists of mixed residential housing, stormwater ponding, a greenway corridor with walking trail and approximately 12.7 acres of park land.

RGU: City of Northfield

Contact: Peter Waskiw, City Planner, 801 Washington St., Northfield, MN 55057 (507)645-3005

## Interchange Construction at the Junction of TH 52 and County Road 46: Dakota County

Description: Minnesota Department of Transportation (MN DOT) is proposing a new interchange where TH 52 intersects County Road 46 on the south side of the City of Coates, Empire Township, and Vermillion Township in Dakota County. The work will include grading and fill for bridge abutments ramps, acceleration/deceleration lanes, bridge construction, new signs, and lighting.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) will be available for public review during regular business hours at the following locations:

- Minnesota Department of Transportation, 1500 West County Road B2 in Roseville;
- Farmington Library, 508 Third Street in Farmington
- Inver Glen Library, 8098 Blaine Avenue in Inver Grove Heights; and
- Pleasant Hill Library, 1490 South Frontage Road in Hastings.

RGU: Minnesota Department of Transportation

Contact: Gerald Larson, Environmental Coordinator, 395 John Ireland Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155; Phone (651)284-3775 Fax (651)284-3754

## Andover Station North

Description: The Andover Station North site is approximately 100-acres and is located north of Bunker Lake Blvd., south of the WDE Landfill site, and west of Hanson Blvd. The City of Andover is interested in developing this site into a quality commercial development that will also have a medium to high-density residential component.

Approximately 10 acres along the west portion of the site has been identified as medium to high-density residential use (up to 13 units per acre). A setback will be required from the landfill site on the north end and the development plan includes park and recreation uses in this area including soccer or softball fields. The specific lot layouts and uses are subject to change as the site design evolves and specific users are identified.

It is proposed that there will be 323,000 square feet of commercial space. Another 50,000 square feet of office/showroom space will be in this concept plan. The residential component would add up to 100 units of multi-family housing that may include townhomes, apartments or condominiums.

RGU: City of Andover

Contact: Will Neumeister, Community Development Director, City of Andover Economic Development Agency, 1685 Crosstown Blvd., Andover, MN 55304: (763)767-5140

## Fairview Farms and Church Hill East

Description: The project includes two separate developments with two PUDs that will be constructed concurrently in the City of Sauk Rapids. The 96 acre PUD consists of 152 single-family units, four 6-plex townhomes and one 60 unit apartment complex for seniors. The PUD will have City utilities, includes 46.47 acres of parks and wetlands and includes zoning for current and future commercial lots.

RGU: City of Sauk Rapids

Contact: Ross Olson, City Administrator, 115 Second Ave. N., Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

## Federal Environmental Assessment (EA)/Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) Available

### Reconstruction of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 14 in Anoka County and CSAH 8 in Washington County (SP 82-608-07 and SP 02-614-23)

Description: The proposed project is located in the Cities of Lino Lakes, Anoka County and Hugo in Washington County, Minnesota. The proposed project includes reconstruction of the roadway as a four-lane divided section between I-35E and Highway 61 and the construction of a separated pedestrian/bicycle path and traffic signals. Three alignment alternatives are being considered in the City of Hugo. The project will result in impacts to wetlands and private property and encroachment on the 100-year floodplain. One of the alternative alignments under consideration would result in impact of parkland.

Comments will be received through April 16, 2003 and may be directed to: Christine Manthey, Washington County Department of Transportation and Physical Development, 11660 Myeron Road N., Stillwater, MN 55082; (651)430-4316

The comments received will be used by Washington County, MN DOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in deciding whether there is

potential for this project to result in significant impacts to the environment and whether an Environmental Impact Statement is needed.

To afford an opportunity for all interested persons and agencies to comment on the proposed action, a location/design open house/public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2003 at the Hugo City Hall, 14669 Fitzgerald Ave., N., Hugo, MN 55038. The open house will be held between 6:00 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. The public hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m.

## Environmental Assessment Available

**Comment deadline: by April 3, 2003**

### Langola 115kV Transmission Line and Langola Substation

Great River Energy (GRE) is proposing to construct approximately four miles of 115 kV transmission line in the northeast corner of Benton County, Minnesota (Figure 1). The proposed transmission line would tap an existing transmission line and follow existing road and utility rights-of-way. East Central Energy (ECE) and Minnesota Power (MP) are proposing to construct a distribution substation at the termination of the proposed transmission line that would support local electrical distribution lines. The proposed transmission line and substation are needed due to increasing electrical demand caused by rapid development in eastern Benton County along the U.S. Highway 10 corridor.

RGU: Benton County – a copy of the EA is available at the Department of Development Office or the Foley Branch Library

Contact: Comments may be submitted in writing to Chelle Benson, AICP, Director, Department of Development, 531 Dewey Street, Post Office Box 129, Foley, MN 56329; (320)968-5065

## 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.

- Bucknell project, Fillmore County
- W.F.Jones racetrack/facilities (reassigned), Hubbard County

## 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 Rochester, Maine Street Development, February 19, 2003 (January 6, 2003)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Citizens' Board, Heartland Energy and Recycling, LLC, February 25, 2003 (September 2, 2002)
- City of Monticello, Home Depot Retail Center, February 26, 2003 (January 20, 2003)

## EIS Ordered – Scoping Meeting

Sawmill Bay Hillside Sites

Cook County Board voted on February 25, 2003 to order an Environmental Impact Statement regarding Sawmill Bay Hillside Sites with study of the following areas:

- Stormwater
- Individual Sewage Treatment Systems
- Roads
- Layout of the development

A public scoping meeting will be held on April 1, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. in the Cook County Board Room at the Cook County Court House, 411 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Grand Marais, MN 55604

## Notices

### City of Bayport – Termination of the Bayport West Scoping Meeting

Contractor Property Developers Company (CPDC) submitted a letter to the City of Bayport, City Council on February 24, 2003 withdrawing all applications for the “Bayport West” development.

An EIS scoping meeting had been tabled during the February 3, 2003 Bayport City Council meeting. Because CPDC has withdrawn all applications, the EIS scoping meeting has been terminated as have all other applications pertaining to “Bayport West.”

For additional information or questions please contact Bayport City Hall.

## Public Meeting Notice – Minnesota Forest Resources Council

The Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC) will meet on Tuesday, June 25, 2002 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 pm. At St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota.

Tuesday's business meeting will include: a Spatial Analysis Program presentation, discussion of Forest Management Guideline revision process and specific issues and a Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) Project.

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>

### Notifications of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
03-NO-007	Betaseed	Beet	Herbicide Tolerance	Kandiyohi, Chippewa, Renville
03-NO-008	Betaseed	Beet	Herbicide Tolerance	Polk, Wilkin, Dakota, Scott
03-NO-009	Monsanto	Wheat	Herbicide Tolerance	Wilkin
03-NO-010	Monsanto	Wheat	Herbicide Tolerance	Polk
03-NO-011	University of Minnesota	Wheat	Disease Resistance, Herbicide Tolerance	Dakota
03-NO-012	University of Minnesota	Wheat	Disease Resistance, Herbicide Tolerance	Dakota
03-NO-013	Dow	Corn	Insect Resistance, Herbicide Tolerance	Freeborn, Jackson, Otter Tail, Pipestone, Renville, Stearns, Wilkin, Dakota, Redwood (2), Cottonwood
03-NO-014	Dow	Corn	Insect Resistance, Herbicide Tolerance	Freeborn, Jackson, Otter Tail, Pipestone, Renville, Stearns, Wilkin
03-NO-015	Syngenta	Corn	Multiple phenotypes and combinations of: disease and insect resistance, herbicide tolerance, altered seed composition, and drought tolerance	Steele (2), Nicollet, Rice, Mower, Goodhue (2), Redwood (3), Olmsted, Meeker (2), Renville, Freeborn, Kandiyohi, Dakota

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
03-NO-016	Pioneer	Corn	Multiple phenotypes and combinations of: insect and disease resistance, herbicide tolerance, altered fertility and maturity, altered stalk attributes, increased yield stability, industrial products, novel protein production, improved animal feed and food quality	Clay, Blue Earth, Murray, Kandiyohi, Renville, Freeborn
03-NO-017	Pioneer	Soybean	Multiple phenotypes and combinations of: increased yield and yield stability, disease and insect resistance, herbicide tolerance, novel protein production, improved animal feed and food quality	Redwood, Freeborn
03-NO-018	Monsanto	Wheat	Herbicide Tolerance	Marshall

For more information contact Mary Hanks, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 90 W. Plato Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55107, 651/296-1277.

### Transgenic Rootworm Insect Resistant Corn - Commercial Use Exemption

Monsanto has requested an exemption from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Genetically Engineered Organism Release Permit for insect resistant corn progeny lines derived from Event MON863, (known as YieldGard Rootworm Protection). These progeny lines contain the stably integrated gene, *cry3Bb1*, which confers resistance to corn rootworm. The *cry3Bb1* gene, isolated from the bacterium, *Bacillus thuringiensis* subsp. *kumamotoensis*, encodes the protein, Cry3Bb1, which is toxic to the larvae of the corn rootworm. The subject corn also contains the *nptII* market gene derived from the bacterium *Escherichia coli*. The *nptII* gene encodes neomycin phosphotransferase type II and is used as a selectable marker. These corn lines are no longer regulated under USDA/APHIS guidelines. Under this exemption from state permit, Monsanto will be allowed to commercially use these insect resistant corn lines without further regulation. For additional information contact Mary Hanks, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 651/296-1277.



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