



## Environmental Assessment Worksheets

*Comments due on July 9, 2003*

### Mitch K Farms

Description: Mitch K. Farms is a 148-lot single family residential development on 119.8 acres in the City of Big Lake, Sherburne County, Minnesota. The proposed development will be served with municipal water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and public streets typical of an urban setting.

RGU: City of Big Lake

Contact: Brad DeWolf, City Engineer, Bolton & Menk, Inc., 316 Fourth St. SW, Willmar, MN 56201; 320-231-3956 Fax 320-231-9710.

### West River Dairy, LLP

Description: West River Dairy, LLP, is proposing to construct a new dairy feedlot containing two 1,328-foot long by 118-foot wide free stall barns, one 190-foot long by 100-foot wide milking parlor and one 644-foot long by 236-foot wide special needs barn. Manure from these building will be stored in a 1,600-foot long by 405-foot wide clay-lined earthen basin. In addition, a 1,400-foot long by 600-foot wide covered feed storage pad will be built. When completed, 4,000 cows will be

milked twice a day. There will also be 1,000 dry cows at the facility for a total of 5,000 head (7,000 animal units).

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: Randy Hukriede, Project Manager, Operations and Environmental Review Section, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 1800 College Road South, Baxter, MN 56425; 218-828-6076.

### 229<sup>th</sup> Avenue Extension – Big Lake Township, Sherburne County

Description: The proposed project consists of the extension of 229<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 176<sup>th</sup> Street westward to County State Aid Highway 5, a distance of approximately one mile. The project includes a crossing of the St. Francis River. The proposed road will be a rural section with bituminous surface and gravel shoulders.

RGU: Big Lake Township, Sherburne County

Contact: Laura Hayes, Clerk, Post Office Box 75, Big Lake, MN 55309; 763-263-8111 Fax 763-263-3660.

## 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.

- Transport Designs, Inc. Truck Terminal, Rice County

## EAW Need Decision (Denied)

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

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- VEIT Demolition Debris Facility, Mower County Board of Commissioners.
- Vesterra, LLC Sand and Gravel Mine, Rosemount City Council.

## 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 of the EAW notice was published in the EQB Monitor.

- Southern Minnesota Construction Quarry, Steele County Board of Commissioners, May 27, 2003 (March 31, 2003).
- City of New York Mills Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, May 16, 2003 (March 31, 2003).
- Aitkin County Ditch No. 5 Repair Project, Aitkin County, May 20, 2003 (March 31, 2003).
- Willow Creek Heights Second Edition Subdivision, Lonsdale City Council, May 17, 2003 (March 17, 2003).
- Lutsen North Superior Land Company Commercial Planned Unit Development, Cook County Board of Commissioners, May 29, 2003 (February 3, 2003).
- Barley Corn Ridge, Sherburne County Board of Commissioners, May 6, 2003 (March 3, 2003).
- Elk River Landfill North Demolition Debris Landfill, Sherburne County Board of Commissioners, May 6, 2003 (March 17, 2003).
- Hidden Ponds, Sherburne County Board of Commissioners, May 6, 2003 (March 3, 2003).

## Scoping Document/Draft Scoping Decision Document and Notice of Public Information and Scoping Meeting

### Detroit Lakes – Becker County Airport

The City of Detroit Lakes is proposing improvements to the Detroit Lakes – Becker County Airport. The improvements

include relocation and extension of the primary runway to a total length of 5,400 feet, construction of a full-length parallel taxiway, an upgrade to a precision approach, expansion of the hangar area and apron and addition to the Arrival/Departure building. The improvements are proposed to improve accessibility to the Airport and the City of Detroit Lakes by larger, business aircraft.

The City of Detroit Lakes is preparing a joint Federal Environmental Assessment (EA) and State Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to identify and evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed project and to serve as a decision making tool. Identified issues include potential impacts to wetlands, area roadways and businesses and the City Wastewater Treatment Plant. A joint Preliminary Draft Federal EA/State EIS Scoping Document and Draft Scoping Decision Document have been prepared and are available for review at the following places during regular business hours, as well as at the Technology and Science Minneapolis Public Library and the Legislative Reference Library in St. Paul, MN.

- Detroit Lakes Public Library, 1000 Washington Avenue, Detroit Lakes, MN
- Fergus Falls Public Library, 205 East Hampden, Fergus Falls, MN
- Detroit Lakes City Hall, 1025 Roosevelt Avenue, Detroit Lakes, MN

A public information and scoping meeting will be held to provide an opportunity to explain the EIS process, describe the project needs and alternatives considered, discuss the benefits and effects evaluated in the EA/EIS, present the public involvement program and to receive public ideas and comments. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2003 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the City Administration Building at 1025 Roosevelt Avenue, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota 56502. The public information and scoping meeting will offer the opportunity for interactive discussion with City staff, members of the Airport Commission and the consultant project team. Presentations of the scope of the project will be shown at 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Written comments can be submitted at the meeting or by **July 9, 2003** to Kelly Bettendorf, Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc., 3535 Vadnais Center Drive, St. Paul, MN 55110.

The City contact person is Mr. Richard Grabow, City Administrator, City of Detroit Lakes, 1025 Roosevelt Avenue, Detroit Lakes, MN 56502; phone: (218) 847-5658; fax (218) 847-8969.

## Notices

## **Sawmill Bay Hillside Environmental Review Changes**

Description: Upon the full evaluation of all the information gathered regarding the environmental review processes allowed under Minnesota Rules Chapter 4410, in conjunction with the completion of the extended scoping process for the Sawmill Bay Hillside EIS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners unanimously determined to substitute the EIS method of environmental review with the more expansive Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) as allowed under MN Rules Chapter 4410.2100 Subp. 11, and 4410.3610. The reasons stated for this change in methods of environmental review included the desire to expand the study area to include not only the proposed residential development site, but also cover the overall watersheds of Caribou, Agnes, Bigsby & Ward lakes, and to implement a mitigation plan that will address existing as well as future development in the study area. The Board made this decision at their regular meeting on May 13, 2003.

## **Restoration Project Planned for Lakes Christina and Anka – Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Wildlife**

The DNR Division of Wildlife is planning a rotenone treatment on Lakes Christina and Anka in Douglas and Grant counties. This project involves the application of 2.5% synergized liquid rotenone, a federally and state registered pesticide, to eliminate less desirable fish species. The treatment will be conducted in mid to late-October. 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.

Rotenone distribution will be done aurally with helicopters by licensed commercial pesticide applicators and by drip station if necessary. Target treatment concentration 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 at 218-739-7576 or Nicole Hansel-Welch, Shallow Lakes Program, 218-855-5172.



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