



Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comments due on August 6, 2003

Parkview Hills

Description: The proposed project consists of 214 single-family detached residential units and 20 attached townhome units on 109.4 acres in Delano, Minnesota. Associated infrastructure improvements including City of Delano public streets, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, storm water detention and water distribution are proposed to serve the site.

RGU: City of Delano

Contact: Phil Kern, City Administrator, Post Office Box 108, Delano, MN 55328; 763-972-0550 Fax 763-972-6174 Email: Pkern@Delano.mn.us

Waytashek Quarry

Description: This is a granite/rock quarry application in which the granite/rock is to be loosened by blasting and then processed by crushers to construction grade. The project area is to be approximately nine (9) acres. Processing equipment will include two (2) crushers, two (2) loaders and associated equipment to process rock into small aggregates.

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RGU: Morrison County

Contact: Roger Kuklok, Zoning Administrator, 213 First Ave. SE, Little Falls, MN 56345; 320-632-0170 Fax 320-632-0174 Email: roger@co.morrison.mn.us

Le Sueur Cheese Wastewater Treatment Facility

Description: Davisco Foods International Company has proposed to eliminate the discharge of pretreated effluent generated at the Le Sueur Cheese Plant which currently discharges to the city of Le Sueur's Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTC). The Company is proposing to build a new WWTF designed to fully treat the process water which will be discharged to the Minnesota River. The new WWTF will be designed to meet all applicable state rules and federal regulations.

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: Kelly Garvey, Project Manager, Operations and Environmental Review Section, Regional Environmental Management Division, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-7796.

Le Sueur Wastewater Treatment Facility

Description: The city of Le Sueur will close their existing wastewater facility that includes an aeration basin, final clarifier and stabilization ponds system, and construct a new mechanical facility that will discharge approximately one-half mile upstream from the existing outfall. The new treatment facility will consist of pretreatment, primary treatment, secondary/tertiary treatment and disinfection. The existing treatment facility is capable of treating a flow of 0.895 million gallons per day (MGD) and the new facility will be seigned to treat a flow of 0.82 MGD.

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Three Little Pigs Farm

Description: Jeff Timmerman is proposing to construct a new facility to be named Three Little Pigs Farm (Facility) and to be located in Section 11 of Rock Lake Township. The proposed project includes the construction of two new 51 feet by 310 feet total confinement barns. Each barn will house 2,080 animals for a total of 4,160 animals (1,248 animal units) at the Facility. Both barns will have eight-foot deep, poured concrete pits underneath for manure storage.

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: Denise M. Leezer, Project Manager, Operations and Environmental Review Section, Regional Environmental Management Division, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-287-8236.

Stafne Sand and Gravel Pit

Description: Stafne Construction, LLC proposes to develop, construct and operate a private gravel mining operation over an estimated ten to twelve year period. Mining operations will consist of material excavation, crushing, washing, stockpiling and loading operations. Approximately sixty-five acres of an eighty-acre parcel may be disturbed over the life of mining operations. Proposed end use plan includes site reclamation, ponds and residential development.

RGU: Barry Township, Pine County, Minnesota

Contact: Robert Pulford, Pine County Land and Zoning Department, 1610 Highway 23 North, Sandstone, MN 55072; 320-245-6707.

Minea Property Residential Development

Description: The City of Rosemount has prepared an EAW for the Minea Property Residential Development. This development includes construction of 160 single-family homes and 232 town home units on 156 acres located south of County Road 38, north of the Union Pacific Railroad, and 1.5 miles east of Trunk Highway 3.

RGU: City of Rosemount

Contact: Rick Pearson, City Planner, City Hall, 2875 – 145th St. W., Rosemount, MN 55068; 651-423-4411 Fax 651-423-5203.

Island Station Development

Description: Springbrook Development is proposing to construct a boat access and a private marina with 20 boat slips within a mixed residential/commercial development on the Mississippi River in St. Paul. The associated mixed-use development, which is below EAW thresholds, will include 200 condominiums and 26,000 square feet of commercial space.

RGU: City of St. Paul

Contact: Donna Drummond, City Planner, Department of Planning and Economic Development, 25 W. Fourth Street, Suite 1300, St. Paul, MN 55102; 651-266-6556 Fax 651-228-3261.

Crekside Farms

Description: The project proposes 293 single family lots served by municipal sewer and water on 160 acres located along the west side of County Road 11 and the south side of 180th Street.

RGU: City of Green Isle

Contact: Patrick Foley, City Clerk, 244 Main St. No., Green Isle, MN 56726; 507-326-3901 Fax 507-326-3192 Email: GREENISLE@RTSMN.COM

Hay Creek Environmental Rehabilitation and Flood Control Project

Description: Six miles of straight ditch channel will be replaced by 7.3 miles of meandering channel with a high water diversion to a new 1,100-acre permanent pool off-channel impoundment for habitat restoration and flood damage reduction in the Roseau River watershed.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be posted on the Department of Natural Resources website at: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/index.html>.

RGU: Department of Natural Resources

Contact: Don Buckhout, Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Planner, 500 Lafayette Road, St.

Paul, MN 55155-4010; 651-296-8212 Fax 651-296-6047.

Luverne Municipal Airport, Rock County - Expansion

Description: The proposed project is for the construction of new primary runway and taxiway, together with an expanded apron and terminal facilities. The new airport facility will consist of 4200 feet long by 75 feet wide primary runway, with non-precision instrument approaches. A paved taxiway 40 feet wide will run parallel to and 250 feet easterly of the primary runway. Acquisition of approximately 130 acres in fee and 65 acres in easement will be required for the primary and crosswind runways. An FAA Environmental Assessment has been prepared and distributed to the EQB's EAW distribution list, the City of Luverne, as well as the environmental review section of FAA and Minnesota Department of Transportation Aeronautics. Written comments may be submitted by August 6, 2003 to the City Of Luverne; P.O. Box 659; 203 East Main; Luverne, MN 56156.

RGU: City of Luverne

Contact: Ronald A. Roetzel, P.E, Bolton & Menk, Inc., 1515 E., Hwy. 13, Burnsville, MN 55337, phone 952-890-0509; fax 952- 890-8065, Email: ronro@bolton-menk.com

Environmental Assessment Available

Eagle Valley Substation Project

Description: An Environmental Assessment has been prepared by the Todd County Planning and Zoning Office for the proposed construction of a substation by Minnesota Power ("Eagle Valley Substation Project"). The project description is as follows:

Minnesota Power proposes to construct a 115/345 kV substation, extend existing electric power lines (115,000 volt and 345,000 volt) and construct a communications (microwave) tower in Todd County, Minnesota, Westerly 660' of that part of SW ¼ of SE ¼, Section 17, Twp 131N, Rng 34W, lying north of County Road 80. The substation site is approximately 12.58 acres in size and is adjacent to an existing 115 kV Transmission Line. The proposed substation would lie between the cities of Eagle Bend and Clarissa about 1/3 mile north of U.S. Highway 71.

The Todd County Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing on the proposed substation on July 24, 2003 and will make a recommendation to the County Board at that time. All interested parties are encouraged to attend or send in their comments previous to that meeting. Comments on the Environmental Assessment may be submitted in writing to our office at:

Todd County Planning and Zoning, 215 First Ave. So., Suite 201, Long Prairie, MN 56347

RGU: Todd County Planning and Zoning

Contact: Ben Oleson, Administrator, Todd County Planning and Zoning, 215 First Ave. So., Suite 201, Long Prairie, MN 56347; 320-732-4420.

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.

- Alpine Vista Plat project, Cass County
- Johnson Property Residential Plat project, City of Oak Grove
- Glenn's Shell Service project, City of Faribault
- Stokke RV Campground project, Marshan Township Board

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.

- Lafayette Park Townhomes, City of Inver Grove Heights, June 23, 2003 (April 14, 2003).
- Sturgeon River Channel Reroute project, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, June 23, 2003 (May 12, 2003).
- Mark Finstuen Hog Confinement and Waste Storage Facility, Dodge County Commissioners, June 27, 2003 (December 23, 2002).
- Fergus Falls Landfill Expansion, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, June 26, 2003 (May 12, 2003).
- Clay County Landfill Expansion, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Citizens' Board, June 24, 2003 (February 17, 2003).
- Princeton Public Utilities, Additional Diesel Electric Generating Unit, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Citizens' Board, June 24, 2003 (January 6, 2003)
- Jackfish Bay Sewer Collection System on Rainy Lake, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Citizens' Board, June 24, 2003 (February 17, 2003).

SCOPING DECISION and EIS PREPARATION NOTICE

U.S. Trunk Highway 14

The Minnesota Department of Transportation has reached a Scoping Decision regarding a proposed project on U.S. Trunk Highway 14 between North Mankato and New Ulm in Nicollet County. This decision follows circulation of a Scoping Document/Draft Scoping Decision Document at the end of March, 2003, and a public scoping meeting on April 23, 2003. Public comment was accepted through May 2, 2003.

This scoping decision is to develop an environmental impact statement which will evaluate a number of alternatives for improving TH 14 between the termini indicated above. All build alternatives will be four-lanes. In the rural areas these alternatives will be located generally on or directly adjacent to the existing highway. A number of location alternatives will be considered near the communities of Nicollet, Courtland and New Ulm.

MN/DOT has prepared a Scoping Decision Document which describes the selected build alternatives in more detail, as well as a no-build alternative. The Scoping Decision Document also describes the potential impacts and issues to be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Scoping Decision Document will be circulated to the agencies on the Environmental Quality Board Distribution List, and persons who commented on the Scoping Document. Copies will also be available at the MN/DOT District 7 Headquarters in Mankato.

Further information regarding this proposed project may be obtained from Mark Scheidel, Project Manager, MN/DOT District 7, 501 South Victory Drive, P.O. Box 4039, Mankato, MN 56002-4039. Phone: 507-389-6149, Fax: 507-389-6281, Email: mark.scheidel@dot.state.mn.us.

Final AUAR Adopted

On June 24, 2003 the City of Ramsey adopted the Final AUAR and Mitigation Plan for the Ramsey Town Center located in Section 28; Township 32N; Range 25W, entirely within Anoka County and the City of Ramsey.

RGU Contact: Patrick Trudgeon, Principal Planner, City of Ramsey, 15153 Nowthen Boulevard, N.W., Ramsey, MN 55303; 763-433-9843 Email: ptrudgeon@ci.ramsey.mn.us

Public Meeting Notice

The Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC) will meet on Tuesday, July 22, 2003 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Fortune Bay Resort in Tower, Minnesota.

For more information contact Jenna Fletcher at 651-603-0109 or go to the calendar on the MFRC website at:

<http://www.frc.state.mn.us>

Public Notices

Notice Of Completion Of The Final Environmental Report Docket No. Ip-6202/Cn-02-2006

On November 19, 2002 Faribault Energy Park, LLC (the Company) submitted a certificate of need application for construction of a 250-megawatt electric generating facility. The filing was required because the generating facility is a "large energy facility" as defined by Minn. Stat. § 216B.2421, subd. 2 (1). A large energy facility cannot be sited or constructed in Minnesota unless and until the facility is certified for need by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission).

Electricity from the facility would be used to meet the demands of customers served by the municipal utility members of Minnesota Municipal Power Agency.

After receiving additional information from the Company on the project, the Commission formally accepted the application and requested an administrative law judge to conduct hearings and provide a recommendation to the Commission.

As part of its participation in the docket, the Minnesota Department of Commerce prepared and distributed a draft environmental report under the provisions of Minn. Rules, part 4410.7100. Under subpart 8 of that rule, the draft environmental report, comments received during the hearings, and written responses to timely substantive comments comprise the "final environmental report." The final environmental report was filed with the administrative law judge on May 9, 2003.

This notice has been prepared in accordance with Minn. Rules, part 4410.7100, subp. 10.

The administrative law judge filed her report with the Commission on June 6, 2003. The Commission will make its decision on the application in the next few weeks.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to Commission staff person David Jacobson at (651) 297-4562.

**AERIAL APPLICATION OF HERBICIDES MN Department
of Natural Resources Division of Forestry Division of
Wildlife**

Resources, Wildlife, P.O. Box 138, Aitkin, MN 56431; 218-927-6915

The MN Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry is planning to aerially apply herbicides on state lands. Herbicide applications will occur on approximately 2,702 acres and involve 80 individual sites. These applications will be used to prepare sites for the planting of trees as well as for the release of planted trees from overtopping and competing vegetation. Aerial spraying will begin on approximately July 15 and end on September 15, 2003.

Aerial application of herbicides will also occur on Division of Wildlife administered lands in Aitkin County. Approximately 240 acres will be sprayed involving 2 sites. Herbicides are applied to these lands to reduce brush and rejuvenate habitat suitable for open land species such as sharp-tailed grouse, short-eared owls, and various sparrows. Applications will be made during July, 2003.

Administrative Area	# Sites	Acres	Herbicides
Aitkin (Wildlife)	2	240	2,4-D
Cloquet	3	157	Accord
Effie	6	165	Accord, Oust
Hibbing	6	91	Accord
Littlefork	15	342	Accord, Oust
Orr	21	462	Accord, Garlon, Oust, Arsenal
Tower	19	848	Accord, Garlon, Oust
Two Harbors	10	637	Accord, Oust, Transline
TOTALS	82	2,942	

For further information regarding this project, contact: Bill Schnell, Regional Development Program Leader, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Forestry, 1201 E. Hwy 2, Grand Rapids, MN 55744; 218-327-4113 or Dave Dickey, Area Wildlife Manager, Minnesota Department of Natural



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