



Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comments due on October 15, 2003

Electrical Substation Relocation – Grand Rapids

Description: The proposed project is the construction of a 115/23kV electrical substation in La Prairie, MN. The substation will replace an existing substation that has served the area for over sixty years. Based on the historical load growth, the proposed station will have adequate transformation capacity to meet the need of the area for the next 20 years.

Copies of the EAW may be obtained from the office of Short Elliot Hendrickson, 21 NE 5th Street, Suite 200, Grand Rapids, MN 55744.

RGU: City of La Prairie

Contact: Marilyn Carlson, City Clerk, 15 Park Drive, La Prairie, MN 55744; 218-326-8898 Fax 218-326-8898.

Gateway Village

Description: The proposed project consists of the redevelopment of 11.7 acres in St. Paul, Minnesota, the demolition of 38 residential

structures (42 housing units) and the addition of 562 new attached residential units with both underground and surface parking. The project includes construction of 312 general occupancy apartments, 121 senior apartments and 129 for sale townhouses and condominiums. Associated infrastructure improvements including City of St. Paul streets, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water is proposed to serve the site.

RGU: City of St. Paul

Contact: Donna Drummond, City Planner, 25 W. Fourth Street #1300, St. Paul, MN 55102; 651-266-6556 Fax 651-228-3261.

Shamrock Enterprises of Rochester, LLC Mining Operations

Description: Extraction of sand and gravel resources, quarry and process dolomite bedrock from the Shakopee and Oneota Formations utilizing a screen plant and a bituminous batch plant on 158 acres of land within the Resource Protection Area of the Olmstead County Land Use Plan.

RGU: Oronoco Township, Olmstead County

Contact: Neil Stolp or John Harford, 2122 Campus Drive, Rochester, MN: 507-285-8232 Fax 507-287-2275.

Andersen Corporation – Project XL

Description: This EAW is for Andersen Corporation’s proposal to implement a Project XL Agreement (Agreement) at its Bayport Facility. The Agreement was approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), Washington County, and Andersen’s Community Advisory Committee. The Agreement commits Andersen Corporation to superior environmental performance for air quality, water quality, solid waste and hazardous waste. In exchange, the associated permit for the project XL proposal would provide regulatory flexibility. The permit will establish the specific limits for all media for the project. The permit will have a separate public comment period.

ABOUT THE EQB MONITOR

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The comment period for this EAW will be 45 days, from September 15, 2003 through November 1, 2003. An open house will be held on October 9, 2003, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Stillwater High School Cafeteria.

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: Barbara Jean Conti, Project Manager, Operations and Environmental Review Section, Regional Environmental Management Division, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-6703.

Camp Victory

Description: Camp Victory Ministries plans to create a year around religious camping facility for young people and adults on land located between Wabasha #7 and Lake Zumbro, along the Zumbro River east side. It will consist of cabins, dining, recreation center, nature center, stables, RV parking (for volunteers), staff housing, and an adult conference center.

RGU: Wabasha County

Contact: Mr. Tracey Pooler, Planning & Zoning Officer, Wabasha County Court House, 625 Jefferson Avenue, Wabasha, MN 55981; 651-565-3062 Fax 651-565-3159.

NGPP Minnesota Biomass, LLC

Description: NGPP Minnesota Biomass, LLC proposes to own, construct, and operate a “closed-loop” biomass-fueled power generating plant. The new plant, expected to be completed in late 2006, will convert approximately 40,000 tons of wood, wood wastes, and agricultural biomass per month into electricity. The electricity will be provided to the Xcel Energy electric grid for distribution to its customers. NGPP Minnesota Biomass, LLC expects to complete construction on the plant in late 2006, and begin operations upon completion. This project will supply a portion of biomass fueled electric power necessary for Xcel Energy to meet its biomass mandate.

The project will be located on approximately 80 acres near the city of Waseca, Minnesota. The plant will produce 38.5 MW of electricity. A transmission line will connect the project to the electric transmission grid in the vicinity of the Loon Lake substation. The major elements of the project will include: a boiler, steam turbine-generator, fuel handling and receiving systems, and other essential auxiliary equipment and maintenance facilities.

An environmental assessment worksheet will be available from the EQB for review on September 15, 2003. The EAW will also be available on the EQB website at:

<http://www.state.mn.us/eqb/EnergyFacilities/>

RGU: Minnesota Environmental Quality Board

Contact: William Cole Storm, Minnesota Environmental Quality Board, 300 Centennial Office Building, 658 Cedar St., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-9535 Email: bill.storm@state.mn.us.

EAW Need Decision

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

- City of Nisswa, Whitetail Heights, 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 of the EAW notice was published in the EQB Monitor.

- Premium Estates, Todd County Board of Commissioners, September 2, 2003 (April 28, 2003).
- Minea Residential Development, Rosemount City Council, September 3, 2003 (July 7, 2003).
- Waste Management Inc., St. Cloud Transfer Station, Benton County, September 2, 2003 (July 21, 2003)

Final EIS Available

Hancock Pro Pork Hog Feedlot Project

Description: Notice is hereby given that the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the Hancock Pro Pork hog feedlot project, for which the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is the Responsible Government Unit (RGU), is available for public review. Pursuant to Minn. R. 4410.2800, subp. 2, publication of this notice begins a ten-day public review period during which any person may submit comments on the adequacy of the Final EIS to MPCA. This comment period will expire at the end of the day on September 29, 2003.

In addition, a press release is being made available to media in the area of the project pursuant to Minn. R. 4410.2700, subp.4-6.

The Final EIS/comment response document contains the MPCA's responses to the timely substantive comments submitted to the MPCA on the Draft EIS on the Hancock Pro Pork Hog Feedlot Project, as required by Minn. R. 4410.2700, subp. 1. Copies of all timely comment letters received by MPCA are attached to the Final EIS.

This document, and the Draft EIS document that was mailed on May 12, 2003, to interested parties, together comprise the Final EIS on the Hancock Pro Pork Hog Feedlot Project, as provided in Minn. R. 4410.2700, subp. 2. The Final EIS/comment response document is being distributed pursuant to Minn. R. 4410.2700, subp. 3. Any person who does not have the Draft EIS may obtain a copy of contacting MPCA at the address below.

The Final EIS will be presented to the MPCA Citizens' Board (Board) for a determination of adequacy on or about October 28, 2003. Any person may appear at this meeting and address the Board on the subject of the adequacy of the Final EIS. All parties on the mailing list for this project and any other interested parties who so request will be notified of the exact date, time, and location of this public meeting, and will also be mailed the board memo and proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order that will be presented to the Board at that meeting for its approval and adoption.

A copy of the Final EIS 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

Comments on the adequacy of the Final EIS as well as any questions about the remainder of the EIS process should be submitted to: William J. Lynott, Project Manager, Operations and Environmental Review Section, Regional Environmental Management Division, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-296-7794.

Draft AUAR Available

Chanhassen 2005 Metropolitan Urban Service Area AUAR

Description: The City of Chanhassen has authorized distribution of a Draft Alternative Urban Areawide Review for its 2005 Metropolitan Urban Service Area (MUSA). The project area includes approximately 624 acres of farmland and open space in the southern portion of the community guided to develop with low to medium density residential, office, office/industrial, and park and open spaces uses as guided by the City's Comprehensive Plan. A Chaska School District middle/high school facility is also identified as a possible alternative use for a portion of the site currently guided for office/industrial uses. Bisecting the project area is

Bluff Creek, a valuable local and regional natural resource corridor and the future TH 212/312 corridor, which crosses through the southeast corner of the project area. The Draft AUAR studies impacts to wetlands, surface water drainage, natural areas, traffic, and utility infrastructure systems.

Copies of the Draft AUAR are available for review at Chanhassen City Hall, 7700 Market Boulevard and the Chanhassen Library, 7711 Kerber Boulevard, both in Chanhassen MN, 55317

RGU: City of Chanhassen

Contact Person: Kate Aanenson, Community Development Director, 7700 Market Boulevard, P.O. Box 147, Chanhassen, MN 55317; phone (952) 227-1139; email: kaanenson@ci.chanhassen.mn.us

All written comments should be submitted to Ms. Aanenson on or before October 15, 2003.

MEQB Citizens Advisory Task Force Meeting Notice

Announcing the next scheduled meetings of an EQB-appointed Citizen Advisory Task Force to discuss a proposed 161 kV transmission line route in Jackson and Martin Counties.

The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (MEQB) is expecting an application for a route permit for a new 24 mile long, 161 kV High Voltage Transmission Line (HVTL), between Lakefield Junction and Fox Lake substations in Southwestern Minnesota. The Chair of the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board has appointed a Citizen Advisory Task Force to review route alternatives, and environmental and social impacts to be considered in the permitting process. All meetings of the Task Force are open to the public. The next scheduled meetings of the group will take place on Wednesday, September 24 and on Wednesday, October 8, 2003, in the City of Jackson Council Chambers from 6:30 to 9:00 PM.

If you have questions on this matter or require further information, visit the EQB website (www.eqb.state.mn.us) or contact: Mike Michaud at 651 296-2096, Email mike.michaud@state.mn.us or George Johnson at 651 296-2888, Email george.johnson@state.mn.us



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