



Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comments due on October 1, 2003

West Spring Lake Wetland Enhancement

Description: Wetland enhancement to improve the water quality and wildlife functions of an existing low quality Type 2 wetland. Enhancements include removal of existing ditch, removal of about 4 acres of reed canary grass mat, excavation of 2 acres for open water settling and wildlife and native vegetation improvements.

RGU: Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District

Contact: Shannon Lotthammer, Administrator, 15815 Franklin Trail SE, Prior Lake, MN 55372; 952-447-4166 Fax 952-447-4167 Email: plslwd@cpinternet.com

Pheasant Hills Preserve 12th Addition

Description: The project includes eight single family lots. Much of the 30.7-acre property is wetland or below the ordinary high water level of Wards Lake. Seven lots would be on an island that has 4.8 acres of upland. One lot, with one acre of upland, would be on the mainland. The project would be served with municipal sewer and water and a private drive across a bridge to the island.

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RGU: City of Lino Lakes

Contact: Jeff Smyser, City Planner, 600 Town Center Parkway, Lino Lakes, MN 55038; 651-982-2425 Fax 651-982-2499.

Northland Meadows

Description: The project consists of 36 single family residential and 100 detached townhome lots on a 57.3 acre (+/-) parcel in Big Lake, Sherburne County, Minnesota. The minimum lot sizes for single family residential and detached townhomes are 15,000 ft.² and 7,500 ft.², respectively.

RGU: City of Big Lake

Contact: Bradley DeWolf, 316 Fourth Street SW, Willmar, MN 56201; 320-231-3956 Email: bradde@bolton-menk.com

Whispering Ridge

Description: The proposed project is a 102 lot single family cluster residential development on a 231 acre (+/-) parcel in sections 30 and 19 of Livonia Township, Sherburne County, Minnesota. The minimum lot size is 25,000 sq. ft. with individual wells, community on septic systems, and public roadways.

RGU: Sherburne County Zoning

Contact: Lynn Waytashek, Assistant Zoning Administrator, 13880 Highway 10, Elk River, MN 55330; 763-441-2900 Fax 763-441-2910 Email: Lynn.Waytashek@co.sherburne.mn.us

Princeton Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion

Description: The City of Princeton because of rapid population growth is proposing to construct additional wastewater Treatment Facilities (WWTF) for conveying and treating the City's Wastewater. The City's existing WWTF is a mechanical treatment plant that is permitted to discharge an average wet weather (AWW) flow of 0.545 million gallons per day (mgd) to seepage cells. The City proposes to construct additional units that would treat a 30-day AWW of 1.905 mgd. The new WWTF would

discharge its treated effluent to the Rum River, an Outstanding Resource Value Water.

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: Erick Kilberg, Project Manager, Operations and Environmental Review Section, Regional Environmental Management Division, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul, MN 55155; (651)296-8643.

Riverwood Hills

Description: Riverwood Hills phases I and II in the City of Oronoco and phase III in Oronoco Township are a low-density residential development of 111 acres located within the City of Oronoco. The development will have single family lots, stormwater detention ponds, community wastewater treatment systems, and community open space.

RGU: City of Oronoco

Contact: Cheryl Nymann, City Clerk/Treasurer, P.O. Box 195, Oronoco, MN 55960; 507-367-4405 Fax 507-367-4982
Email: oronoco6@pitel.net

EAW Withdrawn

Bentley RV Park

This EAW has been withdrawn because it never went to the responsible governmental unit.

- Bentley RV Park, Mille Lacs County

Environmental Assessment Available

Reconstruction of Trunk Highway 8 in Center City, Chisago County

Description: Mn/DOT is proposing to reconstruct a segment of Trunk Highway 8 in Center City for a distance of approximately 0.9-mile. The project includes consolidation of access to the highway, the addition of left and right turn lanes and the construction of a new bridge. The new bridge will replace an existing culvert between North and South Center Lakes and will allow boat traffic between the two lakes.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment 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
- East Central Regional Library, P.O. Box 569, 30525 Linden Street, Lindstrom, MN 55045, Telephone Number (651) 257-2817

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2003 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Chisago Lakes Evangelical Lutheran Church located at 001 Summit Avenue, P.O. Box 175, Center City, MN 55012. On display will be drawings of the highway preliminary layout design, a copy of the Environmental Assessment, a copy of the wetland delineation report and a copy of the cultural resources document. Representatives from the City, County, and Mn/DOT will be available to discuss the project and answer questions. A professional court reporter will be available to take verbal comments that any attendee may wish to make. Cards will also be available for the public to leave written comments. Mn/DOT will use the comments received during the Public Hearing and the Environmental Assessment comment period 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.

RGU: Minnesota Department of Transportation

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

EAW Need Decision

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

- Columbus Town Board, Carlos Avery Estates, EAW 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.

- Central Lakes Crossing Commercial Development, City of Baxter, August 19, 2003 (April 14, 2003).

- Parkview Hills Addition, Delano City Council, August 19, 2003 (July 7, 2003).
- Big Lake Marketplace, City of Big Lake, August 20, 2003 (June 23, 2003).
- Towering Bluffs of Cannon Falls, Cannon Falls Council, August 7, 2003 (April 28, 2003).
- Heritage Development, Carver City Council, August 18, 2003 (May 26, 2003).
- Hoffman Sewer Collection System and Wastewater Treatment Facility, MN Pollution Control Agency, August 11, 2003 (May 26, 2003).
- Hay Creek Environmental Rehabilitation and Flood Control Project, Department of Natural Resources, August 14, 2003, (July 7, 2003).
- 229th Avenue, Big Lake Town Board, August 13, 2003 (June 9, 2003).
- Duininck Bros. Inc. Gravel Mining Operation in Monticello Township (Holthaus Pit), August 11, 2003 (June 23, 2003).

MEQB Citizen Advisory Task Force Meeting Notice

Announcing the 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. There are meetings of this group scheduled to take place Wednesday, September 10, September 24 and October 8, 2003, all in the City of Jackson Council Chambers from 6:30 to 9:00 PM. **All meetings of the Task Force are open to the public.**

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

Notices

Notification of Intention to Relocate 27 structures of a 115 kV Transmission Line at the Xcel Sherco Plant near Becker, Minnesota

Description: Xcel has submitted a request to Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (MEQB) for permission to relocate 27 transmission line structures at the Sherco power plant near Becker, Minnesota. The purpose of this request is to accommodate a proposed expansion of an existing fly-ash pond. The entire transmission line will remain on Xcel Sherco property and permitted facility right-of-way after the movement of these poles. The movement of one of the poles will require Xcel to obtain an easement on private property. Xcel is currently negotiating to secure this additional easement. Xcel would like to construct the new line in October 2003. The MEQB has received the application request and reviewed the submitted information.

The Chair of the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board has determined that this request meets the criteria of a minor alteration under part 4400.3820 of the MEQB Power Plant Siting Rules. The rules allow the Chair to authorize a minor alteration without the necessity of environmental review and a formal permit. The rules require the MEQB to provide notice to persons on its energy facilities list that an application for a minor alteration has been made and that the public has at least 10 days to comment on the application. Public comments on this alteration are due to MEQB by Friday September 12, 2003. After close of the comment period, the Chair is authorized by the rule to grant the minor alteration, to bring the matter to the Board, or to require that a full permit be applied for, at his discretion.

If you have questions on this matter or require further information, contact: Al Mitchell at 651 296-3714, email alan.mitchell@state.mn.us or George Johnson at 651 296-2888, email george.johnson@state.mn.us

Public Meeting Notice-Minnesota Forest Resources Council

The Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC) will meet on Tuesday, September 23, 2003 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Cloquet Forestry Center in Cloquet, MN.

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>.

Public Meeting Notice-Minnesota Environmental Quality Board

The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (MEQB) will meet on September 5, 2003 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the History Center, 345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul, MN. The

meeting will be an orientation workshop for MEQB Board members.

For more information, please contact Diana Telschow at 651-297-1257 or Email: diana.telschow@state.mn.us

Public Meeting Notice-Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District

The Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District Board of Managers will hold a public hearing on the West Spring Lake Wetland Enhancement Project environmental assessment worksheet at their September 9, 2003 regular Board meeting, at 7:00 p.m. at the Prior Lake State Bank Community Room, 16677 Duluth Ave., Prior Lake, Minnesota.

If you have any questions about this proposed project please contact Shannon Lotthammer at 952-447-4166.



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