



December 20, 2004

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

Comments due on January 19, 2005

Aggregate Industries' St. Croix Plant

Description: Aggregate Industries proposes to expand its sand and gravel mining operation onto property adjacent to the north and east of its existing St. Croix Plant located in Section 21 Franconia Township. The company proposes to remove the aggregate from approximately 75 acres of this property.

RGU: Center City

Contact: Julie Runkel, Planner, Dept. of Environmental Services and Zoning, 313 North Main Street, Room 243, Center City, Minnesota 55012; 651-213-0119, Fax: 651-213-0192, Email: jarunkel@earthlink.net

Lighthouse Point Condominiums

Description: The proposed project includes construction of three condominium buildings and a pool building along Burlington Bay in Two Harbors, Minnesota. The proposed roadway access will be through the extension of 1st Street to the south along with re-routing of the paved Sonju Trail and connection to the Sonju hiking trail.

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Copies of the EAW are available for review at the Two Harbors Public Library located at 320 Waterfront Drive and the Two Harbors City Hall, 522 First Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota 55616 during regular business hours. The City will accept written comments on the EAW until 4:30 p.m. on January 19, 2005. Written comments should be directed to Lee Klein, City Administrator, City Hall, 522 First Avenue, Two Harbors, MN 55616. The Two Harbors Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on the EAW on January 4, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the hearing may be called to order following the regularly scheduled Planning and Zoning meeting. The hearing will be held in the City Council chambers, City Hall, 522 First Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota 55616. All persons desiring to be heard at such meeting will be afforded an opportunity to be heard.

RGU: City of Two Harbors

Contact: Lee Klein, Administrator, City of Two Harbors, 522 First Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota 55616; 218-834-5631, Fax: 218-834-2674, Email: kleintharbors@frontiernet.net

Delano Development

Description: Delano Development East and West is a residential development located in the City of Delano, consisting of approximately 238 multi-family units and 229 single-family units on 208 acres. The project will utilize city sewer and water services. County Road 30 will be upgraded through the project site and will serve as an area collector street.

RGU: City of Delano

Contact: Kent Torve, City Engineer, 1800 Pioneer Center, P.O. Box 249, Maple Plain, Minnesota 55359; 763-479-4200, Fax: 763-479-4242.

Benson Ridge

Benson Ridge is an 82 acre, 22-lot proposed subdivision located in Section 34 of Orrock Township in Sherburne County. The project consists of 2.5 acre



and larger single family lots that will be served by individual private water and sewer. The proposed project is in the Shoreland District of the St. Francis River and the Floodplain District.

RGU: Sherburne County Zoning

Contact: Lynn Waytashek, Assistant Zoning Administrator, 13880 Highway 10, Elk River, MN 55330; 1-800-438-0578 651-241-2900

Peterson Ponds

Peterson Ponds is a 160 acre proposed subdivision located in Sections 7 & 8 of Becker Township in Sherburne County. The project consists of 38 proposed 2.5 acre and larger single family lots that will be served by individual private water and sewer.

RGU: Sherburne County Zoning

Contact: Lynn Waytashek, Assistant Zoning Administrator, 13880 Highway 10, Elk River, MN 55330; 1-800-438-0578 651-241-2900

Iverson Residential and Commercial Development

Description: The project involves the construction of 326 detached, 216 attached housing units, 108 apartments, 170,000 square feet of mixed retail and service commercial space, 7,800 feet of collector road and extension of sanitary sewer, watermain and storm sewer. The location is east of TH 65 and north of CSAH 5 in the City of Isanti.

RGU: City of Isanti

Contact: Bryan Oakley, Consulting Engineer, 15050 – 23rd Avenue N., Plymouth, Minnesota 55447; 763-475-6010, Fax: 763-476-8532, Email: boakley@mfra.com.

Hermantown WalMart Super Center

Description: The Hermantown City Council has authorized publication of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet for the proposed WalMart Super Center to be located adjacent to the existing Walmart Store on West Mall Drive in the City of Hermantown.

The project calls for construction of a new 203,818 square foot super center with gas station, drive-up pharmacy, grocery store, garden center and expansion of the existing 731 car parking lot to 1,009 vehicle parking spaces. The project requires demolition of the existing 116,435 square foot store, construction of 600 lineal feet of new five to six lane existing frontage road, expansion of the stormwater retention system,

relocation of the Mall Drive/TH 53 intersection, and development of a 0.93 acre outlot. The project will impact 1.931 acres of type 3, 6, and 7 wetlands. The wetlands will be replaced through on-site creation of 1.98 acres of replacement wetlands and preservation of 7.8 acres of Miller Creek shoreland, shoreland wetlands and upland buffer.

Copies of the EAW are available for review at Hermantown City Hall, 5255 Maple Grove Road; Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm beginning on Thursday, December 9, 2004. The City will accept written comments on the EAW until January 19, 2005. The City will hold a joint City Council/Planning Commission public hearing on the EAW on January 18, 2005 at 5:30 pm at the Hermantown Public Safety Building. Public comments on the EAW should be directed to Mr. Lynn Lander, City Administrator, City Hall, 5255 Maple Grove Road, Hermantown, Minnesota 55811.

RGU: Hermantown City

Contact: Mr. Lynn Lander, City Administrator, City Hall, 5255 Maple Grove Road, Hermantown, Minnesota 55811.

Trunk Highway 65

The proposed TH (Trunk Highway) 65 West Central Area Service Road Project includes utilities installation and the extension of West Johnson Street NE as an urban, three-lane collector service road, providing local public traffic with an alternate route off TH 65 from 109th Avenue NE to Paul Parkway NE in the City of Blaine, Anoka County, Minnesota.

RGU: City of Blaine

Contact Steve Bruce, Project Coordinator, 10801 Town Square Drive NE, Blaine, Minnesota 55449; 763-717-2635, Fax: 763-785-6139, Email: sbruce@ci.blaine.mn.us.

CSAH 42 – Segment 8 Improvement Project

The proposed project consists of widening CSAH 42 from four to six lanes from approximately 700 feet east of CSAH 5 in Burnsville to Joppa Avenue/Glendale Road in Savage. Also included are four signalized intersections, new limited access intersections, the extension and interconnection of a local supporting roadway system, and closure of private accesses on CSAH 42 – Segment 8.

An EA has been prepared and is available for review on the project website or at the following locations:

- Dakota County Library, 14955 Galaxie Avenue, Apple Valley, Minnesota
- Scott County Library, 13090 Alabama Avenue South, Savage, Minnesota

- Burnsville City Hall, 100 Civic Center Pkwy, Burnsville, Minnesota
- Mn/DOT, Metro District, 1500 West County Road B2, Roseville, Minnesota
- Minneapolis Public Library, 250 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Comments on the EA will be accepted through January 19, 2005 and should be directed to the contact person listed below.

RGU: Dakota and Scott Counties

Contact: Kristine Elwood, Dakota County, 14955 Galaxie Avenue, Apple Valley, MN 55124-8597; (952) 891-7104; Kristine.Elwood@co.dakota.mn.us.

PETITION 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.

- Hammarlund Borrow Pit, City of LaPrairie

EAW NEED DECISIONS

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

- Pope County Board of Commissioners, North Shore Villas, EAW Ordered
- Detroit Lakes City Council, Clear Creek, Denied
- City Council of the City of Roseville, Twin Lakes Phase I Project, Denied
- City of Oak Grove, Scenic Development, Denied

EIS NEED DECISIONS

The responsible governmental unit has determined the following projects do not require preparations 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.

- Dam Project on the Straight River at Morehouse Park, Owatonna City Council, December 7, 2004 (October 11, 2004)
- Ready Mix Sand and Gravel Extraction, Salem Town Board, December 1, 2004 (October 11, 2004)

- State Project 82-608-07 and SP 02-614-23; County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 14/8 in the Cities of Hugo and Lino Lakes, Washington County, November 23, 2004, (March 17, 2003)
- River Oaks Development, Oronoco City Council, December 1, 2004 (October 11, 2004)
- Beulke Gravel Mine, Douglas County, November 24, 2004, (September 27, 2004)

AUAR AVAILABLE

Big Lake Marketplace North/Hudson Woods

Description: Big Lake Marketplace North/Hudson Woods is a multiple use commercial-residential development proposal in Big Lake Minnesota to be served with municipal utilities. The project area is 267 acres and includes approximately 543 housing units and 250,000 square feet of commercial development.

RGU: City of Big Lake

Contact: Patrick Wussow, City Administrator, 2040 Highway 12 East, Willmar, Minnesota 56201; 763-263-2107, Fax: 763-263-0133, Email: Patrick@ci.big-lake.mn.us

Mississippi Jewel Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) Update

In accordance with Minnesota Rules Chapter 4410.3610, subp. 7, the City of Lake City, as the Mississippi Jewel AUAR Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU), has distributed the revised traffic analysis and mitigation plan for review. Mn Rules 4410.3610, subp. 7F requires that the AUAR be updated if the development or construction of public facilities will occur on a schedule other than that assumed in the mitigation plan.

The planned development for the Mississippi Jewel AUAR area is much less intense than the development scenario reviewed in the 2001 AUAR. The traffic analysis and mitigation plan revisions comprise the AUAR document update. The revised traffic analysis shows that traffic generation during the peak period is approximately 40% lower than the analysis included in the 2001 AUAR. As a result, implementation of mitigation measures will be substantially postponed or may not be warranted. The City will implement an on-going traffic management plan to monitor traffic volume growth and any operational issues that may develop in and around the AUAR area. The traffic management plan will include a study of the traffic volumes on the system to determine when traffic control adjustments are needed, when road upgrades are needed and when traffic signal warrants are met.

Mn Rules requires that the revised AUAR be distributed and reviewed in the same manner as a Final AUAR and Mitigation Plan. Please send comments to:

RGU: City of Lake City

Contact: Kyle Klatt, Director of Planning, City of Lake City, 205 W. Center St., Lake City, MN 55041; 651-345-5383, Fax: 651-345-3208, E-mail: KyleK@lakecitygov.com.

SCOPING EAW/DRAFT SCOPING DECISION DOCUMENT

UPM/Blandin Paper

The Department of Natural Resources is scoping an EIS for the proposal by UPM/Blandin Paper to construct a new paper manufacturing line, known as Paper Machine 7, at its Grand Rapids, Minnesota mill. Existing Paper Machine 6 will undergo efficiency improvements while Paper Machine 5 will be shut down. Project-related wood use will increase by an estimated 197,000 cords annually.

The DNR has prepared a Scoping EAW and Draft Scoping Decision Document to identify issues and analyses to be contained in the EIS. The Draft Scoping Decision Document is a preliminary document based on information currently available. It is subject to revision based on the entire record of the scoping process.

The DNR will accept comments on the proposed EIS scope during a 30-day period concluding Wednesday, January 19, 2005 at 4:30 pm. All comments should be directed to Bill Johnson, NR Program Consultant, Environmental Policy and Review Unit, Division of Ecological Services, Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4025.

A public scoping meeting will be held Wednesday, January 12, 2005 beginning at 7:00 pm, at the Reif Center for Performing Arts in the city of Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Public review copies of the Scoping EAW and Draft Scoping Decision Document have been placed in the following locations: the DNR Library, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul; the DNR Regional Headquarters, 1201 East Highway 2, Grand Rapids; the Grand Rapids Area Library, 140 NE Second Street, Grand Rapids; the Duluth Public Library, 520 West Superior Street, Duluth; and the Minneapolis Public Library – Technology and Science, 250 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis.”

RGU: Department of Natural Resources

Contact: Bill Johnson, NR Program Consultant, Environmental Policy and Review Unit, Division of Ecological Services, Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4025..

NOTICES

Management Project Planned For Lake Christina - DNR Division Of Wildlife

The DNR Division of Wildlife is planning limited rotenone application via drip stations on Lake Christina in Douglas and Grant counties. This potential project is a part of the ongoing management plan to limit fish abundance in this basin for the benefit of wildlife habitat. If the basin is showing signs of winterkill (low dissolved oxygen levels), rotenone drip stations maybe used to eliminate oxygen refuges caused by inflowing water from tributaries flowing into the lake. Application of 2.5% synergized liquid rotenone, a federally and state registered pesticide would be limited to these inflow areas to eliminate less desirable fish species. The applications would take place in late January or February when winterkill conditions would be likely to occur in the basin. Endangered or threatened species are not present in the lake. Project goals include limiting undesirable fish species, primarily carp and bullheads, to extend the length of the response from the larger scale rotenone treatment that occurred in 2003.

Rotenone distribution will be done by drip station and by backpack sprayer by licensed commercial pesticide applicators. Benefits of the project will be to enhance and prolong the results produced by the large-scale rotenone treatment that occurred in this lake in 2003.

For general information about this project, contact Thomas Carlson, Waterfowl Habitat Specialist at 218-739-7576 or Nicole Hansel-Welch, Shallow Lakes Program, 218-833-8626.

Minnesota Forest Resources Council – Riparian Science Technical Committee

The Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC) has a new committee entitled Riparian Science Technical Committee. This committee will meet on Thursday, February 17, 2005 from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm at the Cloquet Forestry Center in Cloquet, Minnesota.

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>.

Minnesota Forest Resources Council

The Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC) will meet on Tuesday, January 28, 2005 from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm at the Shoreview Community Center in Shoreview, Minnesota.

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>.

EQB Monitor Publication Calendar for 2005

Deadline for Submission	Publication Date	EAW Comment Deadline
November 29, 2004	December 6, 2004	January 5, 2005
December 13, 2004	December 20, 2004	January 19, 2005
December 27, 2004	January 3	February 2
January 10	January 17	February 16
January 24	January 31	March 2
February 7	February 14	March 16
February 21	February 28	March 30
March 7	March 14	April 13
March 21	March 28	April 27
April 4	April 11	May 11
April 18	April 25	May 25
May 2	May 9	June 8
May 16	May 23	June 22
May 27 (Friday)	June 6	July 6
June 13	June 20	July 20
June 27	July 4	August 3
July 11	July 18	August 17
July 25	August 1	August 31
August 8	August 15	September 14
August 22	August 29	September 28
September 2 (Friday)	September 12	October 12
September 19	September 26	October 26
October 3	October 10	November 9
October 17	October 24	November 23
October 31	November 7	December 7
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November 21	December 5	January 4, 2006
December 12	December 19	January 18, 2006
December 23 (Friday)	January 2, 2006	February 1, 2006



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