



## Environmental Assessment Worksheets

*Comments due on March 31, 2004*

### Flying Cloud Transfer Station

Description: The Flying Cloud Transfer Station in Eden Prairie, operated by BFI Waste Services of the Twin Cities is proposing to increase the amount of municipal solid waste and construction and demolition debris waste that is managed at their transfer station each year, from the current 99,000 tons to 156,000 tons per year. A copy of the EAW will be posted on the MPCA web site, at the following:

<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Contact: Lynne Kolze, Project Manager, Operations and Environmental Review Section, Regional Environmental Management Division, MPCA, 520 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-282-5992

### City of Richmond Wastewater Treatment Facility

Description: The city of Richmond is proposing to construct an expansion to the existing Wastewater Treatment Facility. The current permitted capacity of the facility is 127,800 gallons per day. The proposed facility would treat

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a 30-day average wet weather flow of 310,000 gallons per day. A copy of the EAW will be posted on the MPCA web site, at the following:  
<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Contact: James E. Sullivan, Project Manager, Operations and Environmental Review Section, Regional Environmental Management Division, MPCA, 520 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-297-1788

### Byron Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements

Description: The city of Byron is proposing to expand the existing wastewater treatment facility's WWTF mechanical plant system, located in section 20 of Olmsted County. The proposed expansion will increase the current capacity by 0.88 million gallons per day, for a total design flow of 1.40 million gallons per day. The effluent will continue to follow the existing route; discharging to an unnamed creek which flows approximately 2.0 miles into South Branch Middle Fork Zumbro River and then to Shady Lake and Zumbro Lake. The WWTF will limit the discharge concentration of phosphorus to one milligram per liter. A copy of the EAW will be posted on the MPCA web site, at the following:  
<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Contact: Denise Leezer, Project Manager, Operations and Environmental Review Section, Regional Environmental Management Division, MPCA, 520 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-297-8236

### Rochester Water Reclamation Plant Expansion-Trunk Sewer Extension

Description: This Environmental Assessment Worksheet addresses environmental issues associated with the Rochester Water Reclamation Plant Expansion and the connected actions and secondary impacts associated with the extension of various trunk sewers planned to serve new growth areas

for the city of Rochester. A copy of the EAW will be posted on the MPCA web site, at the following:

<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Contact: Eric Kilberg, Project Manager, Operations and Environmental Review Section, Regional Environmental Management Division, MPCA, 520 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-8643

### **Landsmiths, Inc. Valley Creek Community**

EAW comments due date: April 6, 2004

Description: Landsmiths, Inc. and Jack and Peggy Daley have filed an EAW with the city of Afton for a single-family rural residential development on a 90 acre site located between Valley Creek Trail and 30<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of Afton, Washington County. The project includes 11 single family homes with an average lot size of almost 10 acres. The headwaters of Valley Creek traverse the northern portion of the site.

RGU: City of Afton

Contact: City of Afton, 3033 St. Croix Trail S., PO Box 219, Afton, MN 55001

### **The Preserve at Baldwin**

Description: Berg Residential Development proposes to develop 80 acres into 16 single family house sites in sections 12 and 13 of Baldwin Township, Sherburne County. Future phases may occur on an additional 160 acres creating a possible 36 additional lots. The lots will be 2.5 acres or larger. Streets will be constructed to serve the development. Wells and septic systems will be required for each lot. The project is adjacent to a Natural Environment Lake.

RGU: Sherburne County

Contact: Lynn Waytashek, Asst. Zoning Administrator, 13880 Hwy 10, Elk River, MN 55330; 763-241-2933

### **Woodcrest Estates**

Description: Zimmerman South 77 AC, LLC proposes to construct a 116-unit residential development that includes 41 single-family "BayHomes" and 75 traditional single-family homes on 77.5 acres of farmland in the city of Zimmerman, Minnesota. Additional project activities will include the construction of an internal road system, private drives and walkways, on-site storm water treatment ponds, and installation of all utility services.

RGU: City of Zimmerman

Contact: Randy Piasecki, City Planner, 12980 Fremont Ave., Zimmerman, MN 55398; 763-856-4666

### **Summer Acres RV Park**

Description: Proposed project is a 41 unit Recreational Vehicle Camping Area situated on roughly 8 acres of land approximately 700 feet from a Recreational Development lake. The project involves installation of a Sewage Treatment System according to Minnesota Pollution Control Agency standards and water, electric and phone utilities, and the construction of one small storage shed per each camping site.

RGU: Clearwater County

Contact: Daniel Hecht, Env. Serv. Administrator, 213 Main Ave. N., Bagley, MN 56621; 218-694-6183

### **Willow Creek Commons**

Description: Willow Creek Commons is a proposed mixed use development of 209 acres to be located at the southwest quadrant of TH 63 and 40<sup>th</sup> Street SW in the City of Rochester, Minnesota. The project will consist of 540,000 SF of retail/commercial space and 410 units of residential.

RGU: City of Rochester

Contact: Brent Svenby, City of Rochester, Planner, Rochester-Olmsted Planning Department, 2122 Campus Drive SE, Rochester, MN 55904-4744; 507-285-8232

## **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.

- Rum River Terrace, City of St. Francis
- Greenwood development on Morley-Foss property, City of Rockford

## 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.

- Burns Township Board of Supervisors, Harvest Meadow, February 10, 2004 (December 22, 2003)
- City of Lino Lakes, Legacy at Wood's Edge, February 9, 2004 (November 24, 2003)
- Olmsted County Board of Commissioners, Colonial Oaks 3<sup>rd</sup> Development, February 3, 2004 (December 8, 2003)
- Scott County Board, SAP 70-602-15, CSAH 2 Reconstruction-West of CSAH 9 to I-35 EAW, January 27, 2004 (November 24, 2003)
- Hennepin County, Hennepin County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 101, February 11, 2004 (December 8, 2003)
- City of Rock Creek, Rolling Meadows, February 5, 2004 (December 23, 2003)

## Environmental Assessment Notices of Availability

### Trunk Highway 52 and Dakota County State Aid Highway 42 Interchange Reconstruction

Description: Dakota County is proposing to reconstruct the interchange at Trunk Highway (TH) 52 and County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 42. The proposed improvements include a partial cloverleaf interchange, storm water treatment ponding, and construction of approximately 0.5 miles of frontage roads to provide access to existing development. Copies of the Environmental Assessment (EA), which documents the purpose and need of the project and anticipated social, economic, and environmental impacts, are available for public viewing during regular business hours at the following locations:

- Minnesota Department of Transportation, Metro District 1500 West County Road B2, Roseville, MN
- Dakota County Library, 14955 Galaxie Avenue, Apple Valley, MN
- Pleasant Hill Library, 1490 South Frontage Road, Hastings, MN
- Rosemount City Hall, 2875 145th Street West, Rosemount, MN

- Minneapolis Public Library, 250 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, MN

Copies of the EA are being distributed to agencies on the current MEQB list and others. The comment period will begin on March 1, 2004. Comments will be accepted through March 31, 2004.

A public hearing will be held on March 18, 2004 from 5:00PM to 7:00PM, at the City of Rosemount Council Chambers located at 2875 145<sup>th</sup> Street West, Rosemount, MN.

RGU: Minnesota Department of Transportation  
Contact: Victoria Nill, Project Manager, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Metro District, 1500 West County Road B2, Roseville, MN 55113; 651-634-2094;  
Email: victoria.nill@dot.state.mn.us

### Trunk Highway 12 Reconstruction, City of Delano, Wright County Minnesota

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is proposing to reconstruct approximately 1.40 miles and widen an additional 0.36 miles of Trunk Highway (TH) 12. The project will also involve the reconstruction of the TH 12 Bridge over the Crow River and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Bridge over TH 12. Copies of the Environmental Assessment (EA), which documents the purpose and need of the project and anticipated social, economic, and environmental impacts, are available for public viewing during regular business hours at the following locations:

- Minnesota Department of Transportation - District 3 Office, 3725 12<sup>th</sup> Street North, St. Cloud
- Delano Public Library, 140 Bridge Ave. East, Delano
- Great River Regional Library, 405 St. Germain, St. Cloud
- City of Delano, 234 Second Street, Delano
- Wright County Highway Department, 1901 Hwy 25 North, Buffalo

An open house style public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2004 from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM at the Delano City Hall, located at 234 Second Street in the City of Delano. The purpose of the hearing is to inform the public about the project. The public is urged to ask questions and provide comments. Layouts of the preferred plan and the (EA) will be available for review. Mn/DOT District 3 personnel will be present to provide information, answer questions, and record comments. Comments can be provided either written or verbally (by a court recorder), and will become part of the official public hearing record. The comments will be considered when making future project related decisions.

Copies of the EA are being distributed to agencies on the current MEQB list and others. The comment period will begin on March 1, 2004. Comments will be accepted through March 31, 2004.

RGU: Minnesota Department of Transportation

Contact: Mike Denzer, Project Manager, Minnesota Department of Transportation District 3, 3725 12<sup>th</sup> Street North, St. Cloud, MN 56303; 320-255-2909 toll free at 1-800-657-3961; Email: mike.denzer@dot.state.mn.us

## Draft AUAR Available

Comments on this AUAR must be received by the City of St. Joseph by 4:30 p.m. on March 31, 2004

### Arcon St. Joseph

Description: The mixed-density residential development is proposed on a 464-acre site located northeast of I-94 and northwest of the Sauk River. The development will comply with the approved comprehensive plan. The development scenario includes 1,052 residential units distributed over about 301 acres, and about 163 acres of parks, open space and wetlands.

RGU: City of St. Joseph

Contact: Judy Weyrens, City Administrator, 25 North College Ave., St. Joseph, MN 56374; 320-363-7201

## Final AUAR Adopted

Please be advised that the Cologne City Council adopted the resolution approving the Findings of Fact and adopting the Final South Cologne Area Alternative Urban Area-wide Review Addendum and Executive Summary/Mitigation Plan at their meeting of February 17, 2004.

The Final AUAR consisting of the Addendum and the Executive Summary/Mitigation Plan was submitted to all reviewing agencies on January 22, 2004. Only one agency responded to the Final AUAR and their letter is attached to the resolution. No changes have been made to the January 20, 2004 Final AUAR.

Please contact Ann R. Perry if you have any question at 952-513-9548.

## Notices

### Notice of Public Hearing and Availability of Environmental Assessment for Route Permit Application by Great River Energy for a Proposed 115 kilovolt High Voltage Transmission Line in Plymouth and Maple Grove, Minnesota

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) will hold a Public Hearing on an application by Great River Energy for a Route Permit for a 115 kilovolt high voltage transmission line (HVTL) approximately 14 miles in length in Hennepin County, Minnesota. The public hearing will be held on **Thursday, March 18, 2004**, at the Plymouth Creek Center, 14800 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Plymouth, Minnesota. The hearing will convene at 11:00 a.m. and an evening session will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Administrative Law Judge Kathleen Sheehy will preside at the hearing.

#### a.) Project Description

GRE proposes to convert an existing 69-kV transmission line connecting the Hennepin, Arbor Lake, Cedar Island, Bass Lake and Plymouth substations to a 115-kV transmission line. The 115-kV transmission line would be extended to terminate at the Elm Creek Substation located at County Road 81 and Fernbrook Lane in Maple Grove on the north end and at the Parkers Lake Substation located near I-494 and County Road 6 in Plymouth on the south end. The total proposed route would involve about 14 miles of transmission line. Two-thirds of the proposed route would follow an existing transmission line corridor and use existing rights of way; one-third of the route would follow a new corridor along an existing highway and require acquisition of new rights of way.

#### b.) Hearing Procedure

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Power Plant Siting Act, Minn. Stat. §§ 116C.51 to 116C.69, and the rules of the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board, Minn. Rules parts 4400.2000 to 4400.2950, for projects of the size and type proposed here.

The purpose of the public hearing is to compile the record for the EQB Board to consider in making a final decision on the permit request. The EQB staff will be present at the hearing and make a brief presentation about the project and introduce into the record a number of documents relating to the project, including the application, the Environmental Assessment, and certain procedural documents. Representatives of the applicant (Great River Energy) will be present to offer evidence and to answer questions. Members of the public will have an opportunity to ask questions of EQB staff and GRE representatives, to make statements, and to offer written

comments and material into the record at both the afternoon and evening sessions. Members of the public are not required to file any papers in advance of the hearing in order to participate.

The record will remain open for at least ten days after the close of the hearing for interested persons to submit written comments to the Administrative Law Judge. The Judge will determine at the hearing a date for the comment period to end. Comments can be submitted to Judge Sheehy at the following address: Office of Administrative Hearings, 100 Washington Square, Suite 1700, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401-2138.

Upon closure of the public comment period, Judge Sheehy will prepare a report and make a recommendation to the EQB. The EQB will make a final decision on the permit at a subsequent Board meeting.

#### c.) Environmental Assessment

The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board has prepared an Environmental Assessment addressing the potential impacts of the line along the proposed route and considering certain alternatives to the proposed route. The Environmental Assessment is available on the EQB webpage at the page listed below.

#### d.) Available Information

All pertinent information regarding this matter, including the Route Permit application and the Environmental Assessment, can be accessed at <http://www.eqb.state.mn.us> or by contacting George Johnson at 651-296-2888 or at EQB, 658 Cedar Street, 300 Centennial Building, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155.

#### e.) Mailing List

Any person may add his or her name to a mailing list maintained by the EQB for future mailings regarding the GRE Plymouth-Maple Grove project. If you would like to receive notice of the EQB's final decision in this matter, you can put your name on this mailing list. Names can be added to the list by contacting Mr. Johnson or electronically by visiting [the EQB website](http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=3892): <http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=3892>

## Notice of Public Information Meeting for Overland Drive Project

Notice is hereby given that a Public Information Meeting will be held by the City of Rochester at the Rochester Government Center, Conference Room 104, 151 4<sup>th</sup> St. SE, Rochester, Minnesota, on Thursday March 4, 2004 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide information about and gather public comments regarding the future construction of the Overland Drive Project in northwest Rochester. The Overland Drive Environmental Assessment and design layouts will be available for viewing.

The Public Information meeting will be held within a 30-day comment period for the EA. The comment period begins on February 16, 2004 and ends March 17, 2004. The EA can be viewed at the Rochester Public Works Office located in Room 108 of the Rochester Government Center., at the Rochester Public Library or on-line at [www.ci.rochester.mn.us/publicworks/index.htm](http://www.ci.rochester.mn.us/publicworks/index.htm) The Overland Drive Project begins at the intersection of Highway 52 with 65<sup>th</sup> St. NW and commences east to County Road 112 (18<sup>th</sup> Ave NW). The project also includes relocating the intersection of 65<sup>th</sup> St NW and Bandel Road NW east approximately 700 feet.

Questions regarding this project can be directed to Barbara Huberty at 507-529-4907.

## Public Meeting Notice-Minnesota Forest Resources Council

The Minnesota Forest Resources Council(MFRC) will meet on Thursday, March 16, 2004 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Minnesota State Horticultural Society, 1755 Prior Avenue North, Falcon Heights, 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>

## Notice of Public Meeting Regarding Draft EIS Faribault Energy Park

### EQB Docket No. 02-48-PPS-FEP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) will conduct a public informational meeting on the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) concerning a proposal by Faribault Energy Park, LLC (FEP) to construct and operate a dual fuel-fired, combined-cycle electric generating facility capable of producing 250 megawatts (MW). The meeting will be held at 2:00 pm and at 7:00 pm in the city hall council chamber room in Faribault on **March 22, 2004**.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the draft EIS.

Copies of the draft Environmental Impact Statement can be obtained from the EQB web site <http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/EnergyFacilities/powerplants.html>; persons can also request to be added to the EQB mailing list at this site.

The Chair designated EQB staff members Bill Storm as project manager and Larry Hartman as the public advisor in this matter. Inquiries about this project should be directed to the EQB project manager, Bill Storm ([bill.storm@state.mn.us](mailto:bill.storm@state.mn.us)) or Larry Hartman ([larry.hartman@state.mn.us](mailto:larry.hartman@state.mn.us)) 300 Centennial Bldg., 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55155, telephone 651-296-9535, facsimile 651-296-3698 (TTY relay service 800-627-3529).

## Notice of Public Meeting Regarding Expansion of the Blue Lake Generating Plant

### EQB Docket No. 04-74-CON-Xcel & No. 04-75-PPS-Xcel

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Xcel Energy, Inc. has applied to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for a Certificate of Need and to the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) for a Site and Route Permit associated with a proposed expansion of the Blue Lake Generating Plant in Scott County, Minnesota. Xcel proposes to add two, 162-megawatt, simple cycle, natural gas-fired combustion turbine generators at the Blue Lake Generating Plant. As part of this project, Xcel Energy proposes to construct a new segment of double circuit 115/230 kV transmission line, approximately 4000 feet in length, to connect the Blue Lake Substation to an existing 230 kV transmission line that passes south of the Plant site.

A copy of the Certificate of Need Application is available on the EQB webpage.

<http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=5693>

A copy of the Site and Route Permit Application is available on the EQB webpage.

<http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=5694>

On March 11, 2004, the EQB will conduct a public information meeting in the City of Shakopee's public meeting room located at city hall. The meeting will be held at 2:00 pm and at 7:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information to the public about the proposed project, to answer questions, and to allow the public an opportunity to suggest alternatives and impacts that should be considered during preparation of the environmental review document.

The EQB is required to prepare a document called an Environmental Report when a certificate of need for a large energy project is applied for. Minn. Rules part 4410.7020. In the Environmental Report the EQB evaluates the human and environmental impacts of a project of the type proposed and of various alternatives to the proposed project. Minn. Rules part 4410.7035. The certificate of need process is the only time when issues of size and type of the facility, voltage of the transmission line, and the no-build alternative are considered.

A project proposer who seeks a certificate of need for a new power plant must also obtain a site permit from the EQB for a site for the project. During the site permitting process, the EQB is required to prepare a document called an Environmental Assessment, analyzing the potential site specific impacts of the project. Minn. Rules chapter 4400. If an applicant has applied to the EQB for a site permit for a specific site for a proposed project while the certificate of need application is pending before the Public Utilities Commission, the EQB may elect to consider the more general impacts of the proposed project with the site specific impacts associated with the proposed location of the power plant. In such event, the EQB prepares the one environmental review document called an Environmental Assessment. Minn. Rules part 4410.7060.

The Chair designated EQB staff members Bill Storm as project manager and Larry Hartman as the public advisor in this matter. Inquiries about this project should be directed to the EQB project manager, Bill Storm ([bill.storm@state.mn.us](mailto:bill.storm@state.mn.us)) or Larry Hartman ([larry.hartman@state.mn.us](mailto:larry.hartman@state.mn.us)) 300 Centennial Bldg., 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55155, telephone 651.296.9535, facsimile 651.296.3698 (TTY relay service 800.627.3529).



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