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EQB Monitor

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

Comments due on September 1, 2004

Hickory Hollow 2

Description: The proposed expansion of Hickory Hollow is located in Sections 27 & 34 of Spring Lake Township, Scott County, Minnesota. The total development will be 29 lots on 107.2 acres and includes construction of roads, homes, ponds and stormwater infiltration areas. The first phase of Hickory Hollow was platted and constructed in 2003 as ten, 2.5 acre lots. The proposed second phase consists of 19 additional lots. All lots have individual wells and septic systems.

RGU: Scott County

Comments: Kate Sedlacek, Environmental Health Scott County, Government Center A102, 200 Fourth Avenue West, Shakopee, Minnesota 55379; 952-496-8177, Fax: 952-496-8489.

Melson Farms Swine Finishing Project

Description: Tracy and Troy Melson currently operate a swine finishing facility in Section 14 of Cedar Township and propose to construct three total confinement hog barns in Section 22, Cedar Township and three total confinement hog barns in Section 26, Cedar Township, Martin County. The total capacity after expansion will be 8,730 head or 2,619 animal units. For environmental review purposes, the entire project consists of three

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existing barns and six proposed swine finishing barns. Manure will be collected in concrete pits beneath the barns and removed once per year in the fall and applied by injection to area fields as fertilizer.

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: Jim Sullivan, Project Manager, Operations and Environmental Review Section, Regional Environmental Management Division, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-297-1788.

New Trunk Highway (TH) 212 at Carver County Road (CR) 147 -- Interchange Construction

Description: The Minnesota Department of Transportation proposes to construct a new interchange on New TH 212 at County CR 147 in the city of Carver and the townships of Chaska and Dahlgren, Carver County (State Project 1017-13). This project provides for a freeway interchange at the intersection of CR 147 and New TH 212. The project will construct an overpass of CR 47 over TH 212 and will construct ramps at CR. 147 and New TH 212.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment, which documents the purpose and need of the project along with the 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
- Chaska Public Library, 3 City Hall Plaza, Chaska, MN 55318-1963
- Minneapolis Public Library, 250 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, MN

Copies of the Environmental Assessment are being distributed to agencies on the current MEQB list and others. The comment period will begin on August 2,



2004. Comments will be accepted through September 1, 2004. A public hearing will be held on August 17, 2004, from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM, at the Church by the River located at 109 Main Street East, Carver, MN.

RGU: Minnesota Department of Transportation

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

Rehbein Mixed Use Development

Description: The 282-acre Rehbein Mixed Use Development Project includes approximately 83 residential acres, 60 acres of retail, office and warehousing uses, and 139 acres of parkland and wetland area. The Mixed Use development proposes 168 unattached units, 252 attached units, and approximately 450,000 square feet of retail, office, and light industrial uses. The project site is located at the northwest corner of Lexington Avenue NE and 109th Avenue NE in the City of Blaine, MN.

RGU: City of Blaine

Contact: Bryan Schafer, Planning Director, City of Blaine, 10801 Town Square Drive NE, Blaine, Minnesota 55449; Phone: 763-785-6144; Fax: 763-717-2634; E-mail: bschafer@ci.blaine.mn.us.

Stonex, LLC Sand and Gravel Mine

Description: Stonex LLC intends to operate a sand and gravel mine with a crushing, washing and screening plant to provide construction aggregates for the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The facility will be located in an agricultural area immediately south and west of the Flint Hills refinery in Rosemount.

RGU: City of Rosemount

Contact: Rick Pearson, City Planner, City Hall, 2875 – 145th St. W., Rosemount, Minnesota 55068; 651-423-4411, Fax: 651-423-5203, Email: rick.pearson@ci.rosemount.mn.us.

Field of Dreams

Description: Construct a privately owned public airport in Barry Township, Minnesota named Field of Dreams consisting of asphalt runway, taxiway, ramp and services including but not limited to fuel and maintenance. The project is proposed by Brian Weidendorf.

RGU: Barry Township

Contact: Maynard Workman, Chairman, Route 2, Box 226, Hinckley, Minnesota 55037; 320-384-7677, Fax: 320-253-8737.

Calm Waters

Description: The project, a proposed residential development in Aitkin County, Minnesota, will consist of forty-two total lots over a 236.13-acre parcel on Camp Lake and Spectacle Lake. The project includes six lots on Camp Lake, twenty lots on Spectacle Lake and sixteen backlots.

RGU: Aitkin County

Contact: Terry Neff, Planning and Zoning, 209 Second Street N.W., Aitkin, Minnesota 56431; 218-927-7342, Fax: 218-927-7342.

Pioneer Public Broadcasting Co. Radio Tower Construction, Elmwood Township

Description: A project to construct a new, 350 foot guyed FM radio broadcast tower on a site which previously had a similar tower located on it in Elmwood Township, Clay County. The new tower will utilize the existing guy anchors and support building currently located on the site.

RGU: Clay County

Contact: Tim Magnusson, Planning Director, 807 No. 11th St., Moorhead, Minnesota 56560; 218-299-5002; Fax: 218-299-5195, Email: tim.magnusson@co.clay.mn.us

Norland Park

Description: Norland Park is a 177 lot single family residential development on 79.6 acres in the City of Big Lake, Sherburne County, Minnesota. The proposed development will be served with municipal water, sanitary sewer and public streets typical of an urban setting.

RGU: City of Big Lake

Contact: Brad DeWolf, PE, City Engineer, Bolton & Menk, Inc., 2040 Hwy. 12, Willmar, Minnesota 56201; 320-231-3956, Fax: 320-231-9710.

Sanford Select Areas

Description: Sanford Select Areas is a 160 lot single family residential development on 79 acres in the City of Big Lake, Sherburne County, Minnesota. The proposed development will be served with municipal water, sanitary sewer and public streets typical of an urban setting.

RGU: City of Big Lake

Contact: Brad DeWolf, PE, City Engineer, Bolton & Menk, Inc., 2040 Hwy. 12, Willmar, Minnesota 56201; 320-231-3956, Fax: 320-231-9710.

Woodland Meadows North

Description: The proposed project is a subdivision of 68.54 acres of agriculture land into 155 single family residential lots. All lots in the project will be serviced by municipal utilities including sewer, water, storm water and bituminous streets.

RGU: City of Zimmerman

Contact: Randy Piasecki, Planner/Coordinator, 12980 Fremont Ave., Zimmerman, Minnesota 55398; 763-856-4666, Fax: 763-856-4787.

Prior Lake Outlet and Channel Improvement Project

Description: Restoration and improvement of the Prior Lake outlet and channel to stabilize channel banks, improve efficiency, plan for future conditions, and improve aesthetics and wildlife habitat.

RGU: Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District

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

Woodgate Pond Water Quality Improvement Project

Description: The project involves the dredging of Woodgate Pond to remove sediment to a maximum water depth no greater than 6.5 feet. The water quality improvements of Woodgate Pond will restore the majority of the pond to close to its historic bottom elevation and deepen the remainder of the pond to improve water quality.

RGU: City of Minnetonka

Contact: Jo Colleran, Environmental Resource Coordinator, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka, Minnesota 55345; 952-939-8299, Fax: 952-939-8244, Email: jcolleran@eminnetonka.com.

FEDERAL EA AVAILABLE

Extension of Runway 12/30 at Southwest Minnesota Regional Airport

Description: The draft Environmental assessment (EA) for the planned extension of Runway 12/30 at Southwest Minnesota Regional Airport (Marshall) is available.

This extension is needed to accommodate a planned fleet upgrade by one of the major users of the airport. The length of the existing runway is 5,010 feet, and the planned 2,210 foot extension will result in a length of 7,220 feet.

The owner of the airport, the City of Marshall, Minnesota, will issue notice offering the opportunity for a public hearing on the draft EA. The EA will be available for public examination at least 30-days prior to any hearing.

In addition, we are soliciting your comments on the draft. Comments resulting from this circularization (and related responses and changes) will be incorporated into the final document.

Please address your comments to: Lyle Kratzke, PE, TKDA, 1500 Piper Jaffray Plaza, 444 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101; 651-292-4400, Fax: 651-292-0083.

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.

- Pleasant Lake Heights, City of Rockville
- Diamond T Ranch Site, City of Eagan
- Project on Brush Lake, Becker County
- Sauer Lake Highlands Project, Becker County
- Rock Quarry Project by Hawkinson Construction, Koochiching County Environmental Services

EAW NEED DECISIONS

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

- Ida Township Board, Oak Woods of Ida, Discretionary EAW Terminated
- Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Rolling Meadows EAW, Rescind the EAW
- Wright County Board of Commissioners, Ward Carlson Project, 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.

- Joe Bothun Hog Feedlot Expansion, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, July 16, 2004 (May 24, 2004)
- Rice Creek Restoration Project, Rice Creek Watershed District, July 14, 2004 (May 24, 2004)

- Shade Tree Commons, City of Oak Grove, July 12, 2004 (May 24, 2004)
- Regent Square Residential, City of Robbinsdale, July 13, 2004 (June 7, 2004)
- Greg Bothun Hog Feedlot, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, July 16, 2004 (May 24, 2004)
- Municipal Solid Waste Combustor Ash Disposal Area, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, July 21, 2004 (May 24, 2004)
- Tall Pines, City of Zimmerman, July 19, 2004 (February 2, 2004)
- Oakdale Retail Development, City of Oakdale, July 13, 2004 (May 24, 2004)

MINNEAPOLIS SCOPING DECISION

Draft Scoping Decision for the Pillsbury A Mill Complex EIS:

Notice: The City of Minneapolis will hold a public comment meeting on the draft Scoping Decision for the Pillsbury A Mill Complex Environmental Impact Statement on Monday, 8/16/04 at 5:00 p.m. in room 220 City Hall, 350 S. 5th St.

Contact: Michael Orange, Principal Planner, City of Minneapolis, Community Planning and Economic Development, 350 S. 5th St, Room 210 City Hall, Minneapolis, MN 55415-1385; 612-673-2347, Fax: 612-673-2728, TTY: 612-673-2157, Email: michael.orange@ci.minneapolis.mn.us

NOTICE

Minnesota Environmental Quality Board, Public Information Meeting, On Application by G. McNeilus Wind, LLC, For a Large Wind Energy Conversion System To be Built in Dodge County

The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board will hold a public information meeting on a proposal by G. McNeilus Wind, LLC, to build up to a 18.2 Megawatt (MW) Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Dodge County.

Public Information Meeting. The public meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. on August 12, 2004, at the Ashland Township Hall, 18944 660th Street, Dodge Center, MN. Staff of the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board and representatives of G. McNeilus Wind, LLC, will be present at the meeting to describe the project and answer questions.

Project Information.: The proposed project will consist of 11 NEG Micon NM72C 1.5 Megawatt or NM82 1.65 Megawatt wind turbine generators and associated facilities.

The total nameplate capacity of the Project is 16.5 to 18.2 MW, depending on the selected turbine rating. The wind turbine generators will be mounted on freestanding tubular towers. The towers will be 70 to 80 meters (m) high (230 to 262 feet) at hub height. The blade length is 35 to 40 meters (114 to 131 feet) and the rotor diameter (RD) is 72 to 82 meters (236 to 269 feet). The total turbine height is 105 to 120 meters (345 to 394 feet). Other components of the project include pad-mounted transformers, class 5 gravel access roads, underground electric energy collection system, and communication cables. G. McNeilus Wind, LLC, is proposing to place the 34.5 kV feeder lines underground. The feeder lines will deliver the electric energy to GM LLC Substation in Dodge Center.

Proposed Location. As shown on the accompanying map, the proposed project is located in Ashland Township in Dodge County.

Public Comments. The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board has prepared a draft site permit for the project. A copy of the draft permit will be available for review at the public meeting. A copy is also available on the EQB's web page at: <http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=7366>

Interested persons may comment on the draft permit at the public meeting, or may submit written comments by September 1, 2004. Comments must be submitted to **Larry Hartman, 300 Centennial Bldg., 658 Cedar St., St. Paul, MN 55155; Tel: 651-296-5089 or 1-800-657-3794; Fax: 651-296-3698; e-mail: larry.hartman@state.mn.us**

Public Advisor. The EQB has designated David Birkholz as public advisor to assist and advise citizens on how to participate in the site permit process. He can be contacted at: Tel: 651-296-2878 or e-mail: david.birkholz@state.mn.us and at the EQB mailing address.

Request. Any person may request a contested case hearing on a site permit application for a large wind energy conversion system project. All contested case hearing requests must be filed with Larry Hartman (address above) in writing by 4:30 p.m. on September 1, 2004. The person requesting the public hearing must list the issues to be addressed at the hearing and the reasons why a hearing is required to resolve those issues. The EQB Chair has the authority to order a contested case hearing if the chair finds that a material issue of fact has been raised and that the holding of the hearing will aid the EQB in making a final decision on the permit application. The chair may refer the request for a contested case hearing to the Board for a determination.

EQB Site Permit Review Process. G. McNeilus Wind, LLC, filed a site permit application for a 16.5 to 18.2 MW LWECs project in April 2004, which the EQB Chair

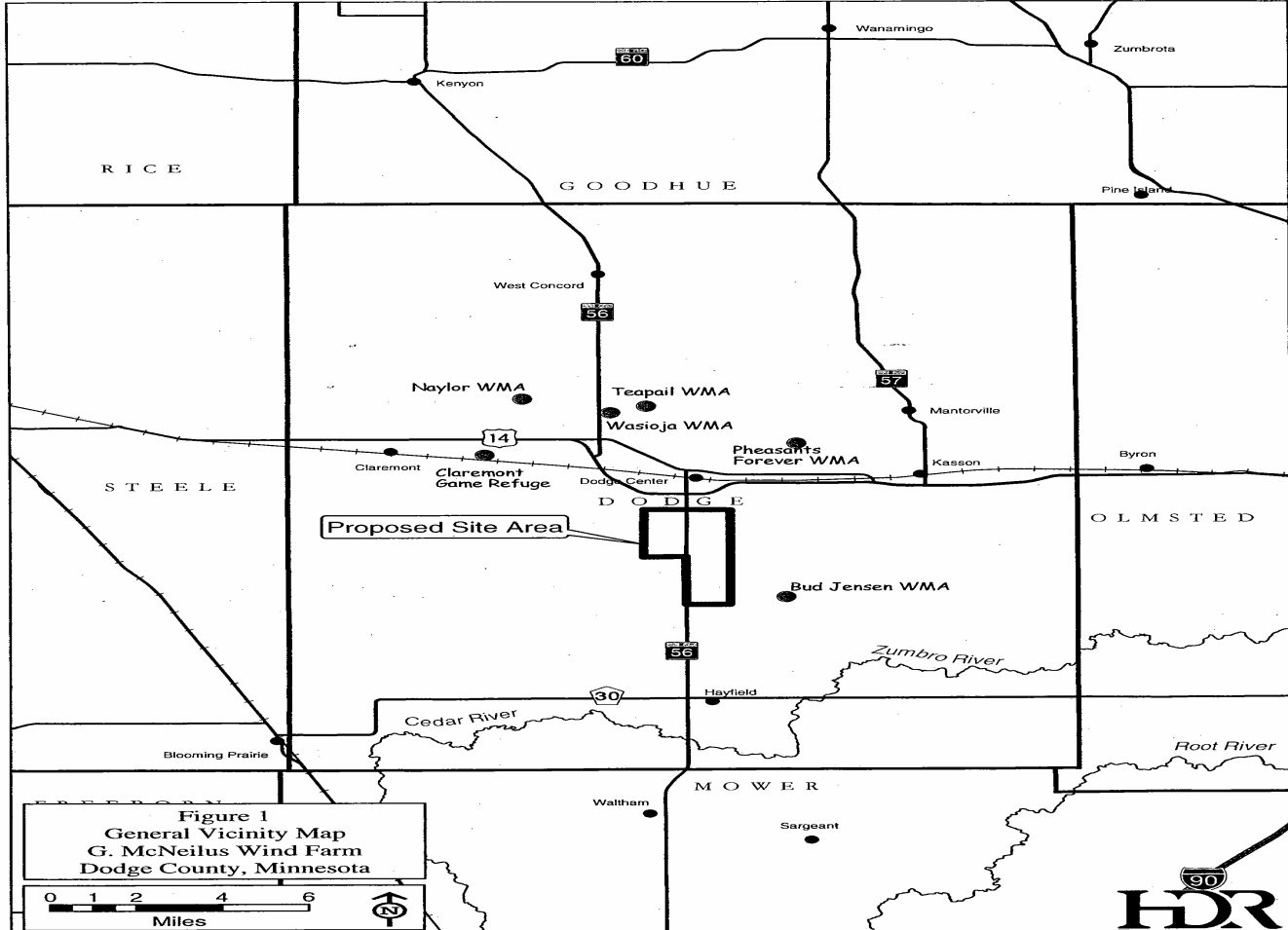


Figure 1
General Vicinity Map
G. McNeilus Wind Farm
Dodge County, Minnesota

accepted on June 10, 2004. A draft site permit was made available for review on July 28, 2004.

The EQB will review the G. McNeilus Wind, LLC, site permit application for the proposed LWECS project under the Wind Siting Act (Minnesota Statutes, sections 116C.691 - 116C.697) and the EQB's Wind Siting Rules, Chapter 4401.

Upon completion of the review requirements, the chair will bring the record of this matter to the Board for a final decision.

Project Background Information. Copies of the G. McNeilus Wind, LLC site permit application have been distributed to affected landowners, and township, county and state officials. Copies of the application are available for review at the Auditor's Office in Dodge County, and the city office at Dodge Center. Copies of the EQB's Wind Siting Rules and the draft site permit are available for review at the places identified above. All documents are available on the EQB Web site at:

<http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=7366>

Reclamation Projects Planned For Lakes - DNR Division Of Fish & Wildlife

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife is planning a rotenone treatment on Howard Lake in Anoka County and Mud Lake in Washington and Anoka counties. This project involves the application of rotenone, a federally and state registered pesticide to eliminate less desirable fish species. Endangered or threatened species are not present in any of the lakes. Project goals include removing undesirable fish species, primarily carp and bullheads, to improve water quality and wildlife habitat in these shallow lakes for wildlife and waterfowl.

Howard Lake, Anoka County. This site will be treated in fall 2004. Rotenone distribution will be done by boat, helicopter, backpack sprayer, and drip station if necessary. Lakewide target concentration is 3.5 ppm. An electric weir has been placed at the outlet to prevent carp migration into the lake. Benefits of the project will be improved water quality, re-establishment of desirable aquatic vegetation,

reduction of plankton algae, and improved habitat for wildlife and waterfowl.

Mud Lake, Anoka and Washington Counties. This site will be treated in fall 2004. This lake is connected to Howard Lake and treatment is necessary to remove fish to prevent re-infestation of Howard Lake. Rotenone distribution will be done by airboat, helicopter, backpack sprayer, and drip station if necessary. Lakewide target concentration is 3.5 ppm. Fish barriers are in place to prevent re-establishment of undesirable fish species. Benefits of the project will be improved water quality, re-establishment of desirable aquatic vegetation, reduction of plankton algae, and improved habitat for wildlife and waterfowl.

This project, originally proposed in 1997, has undergone a voluntary EAW and received a negative declaration on the need for an EIS.

For general information about any of these projects, contact Area Wildlife Manager, Bob Welsh, at 651-296-3450 or Nicole Hansel-Welch, Shallow Lakes Program, 218-855-5172.

Reclamation Project Planned For Cleary Lake, Scott County - DNR Division Of Fish & Wildlife

Cleary Lake, Scott County. This site will be treated with rotenone in fall as part of a drawdown project designed to reduce the abundance of curlyleaf pondweed (*Potamogeton crispus*) and promote the re-establishment of native aquatic plants. The lake was drawn down and treated in the fall of 2003, but because of an inflow of water there was some survival of both curlyleaf pondweed and unwanted fish species. Gamefish species were not stocked after treatment in 2003. After the lake level has been lowered, the remaining water will be treated by backpack sprayer or through the ice to eliminate the remaining fish. Lakewide target concentration is 3.5 ppm. Following treatment, the lake level will remain lowered until spring so that all curlyleaf pondweed winter buds freeze. As soon as the lake level returns to normal, success will be verified and it will be restocked with popular gamefish species. Desired benefits of

this project will be improved water quality, re-establishment of desirable aquatic vegetation, reduction of plankton algae, and increased angling opportunities. Comments or questions on this project should be addressed to Daryl Ellison, Area Fisheries Supervisor, 9925 Valley View Road, Eden Prairie, Minnesota 55344.

For general information about this project, contact Mike Halverson, Fisheries Habitat and Development Consultant, Box 12, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, 651-296-6157 or 1-800-657-3929.

Notifications of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
04-NO-052	Scotts	Creeping Bentgrass	Herbicide Tolerance	Carver, Hennepin
04-NO-053	University of Minnesota	Corn	Increased Yield	Ramsey

For more information contact Mary Hanks, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 90 W. Plato Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55107, 651/296-1277, mary.hanks@state.mn.us



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