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PUBLIC NOTICE

EQB SEEKS INPUT ON PROPOSALS FOR AMENDING ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW RULES REGARDING “CUMULATIVE IMPACTS OR EFFECTS”

In August 2006, the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) issued a Request for Comments on possible amendments to the Environmental Review program rules (chapter 4410) and in December 2006 issued Supplemental Request for Comments on additional amendments to the same rules. Included among the possible amendments were various rule provisions concerning the treatment of “cumulative impacts” or “cumulative potential effects.” The proposed revisions to the “cumulative impacts/potential effects” rule provisions were conceptual at the time of those notices.

The EQB is now seeking further public comment on more specific proposals for amendments. The proposals can be viewed at the EQB Website (www.eqb.state.mn.us)

Comments or questions should be directed to:

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Comments will be accepted through Monday, June 25, 2007. Following analysis of the comments, the EQB staff expects to draft actual proposed rule amendments, and the accompanying Statement of Need and Reasonableness material, and to request the Board to authorize formal rulemaking.

PUBLIC NOTICE

EQB SEEKS INPUT ON REVISED PROPOSED MANDATORY EAW & EIS CATEGORIES FOR PROJECTS IN SHORELANDS

In August 2006 the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) issued a Request for Comments on possible amendments to the Environmental Review program rules (chapter 4410) and in December 2006 issued Supplemental Request for Comments on additional amendments to the same rules. Included was a proposal for creating new mandatory EAW and EIS categories that would apply to certain projects constructed in shorelands of lakes and rivers.

The EQB is now seeking further public comment on a revised and simplified proposal for mandatory categories in shorelands. The revised proposal can be viewed at the EQB website (www.eqb.state.mn.us).

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Comments will be accepted through Monday, June 25, 2007. Following analysis of the comments, the EQB staff expects to draft actual proposed rule amendments, and the accompanying Statement of Need and Reasonableness material, and to request the Board to authorize formal rulemaking.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: June 20, 2007

Project Title: Mills Fleet Farm

Description: The City of Monticello has prepared an EAW for the proposed Mills Fleet Farm retail site located on two parcels, totaling 36.05 acres in central Monticello. The parcels are located south of I-94 and west of CSAH 18. The land was historically agricultural and is within an existing industrial park area.

RGU: City of Monticello

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Project Title: Golden Willow Farms – Planned Unit Development

Description: The project is a proposed 190-acre (approx.) Planned Unit Development (PUD) in Chisago City, Minnesota consisting of approximately 435 units (99 single family, 83 detached townhomes, and 253 attached townhomes), approximately 20 acres of commercial property and approximately 45 acres of parks, wetlands, ponds and open space.

RGU: City of Chisago

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Project Title: Maxwell Guest House Demolition

Description: The project will consist of demolishing the current Maxwell Guest House, also know as the Pierce House, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The future use of the site is proposed to be a surface parking lot.

RGU: City of Rochester

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Project Title: Northwestern College

Description: Northwestern College proposes to implement its Master Plan, which increases the total FTE student population from 1,600 to 2,400 and provides facilities, parking, and infrastructure to support the current enrollment and increased student population. The primary College site consists of 94.64 acres and is located in Arden Hills and Roseville.

RGU: City of Roseville

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Project Title : Crestview and Plainview Farms Expansion Project

Description : Buysse, Inc. and Plainview Farms, Inc. are proposing an expansion of their existing total confinement, turkey feedlots in Section 21 (Crestview site) and in Section 17 (Plainview site) of Westerheim township, Lyon County. The Crestview operation has an existing capacity of 1,740.5 animal units, while the Plainview operation has an existing capacity of 1,230 animal units. The Crestview expansion will consist of two new total confinement barns and a combination manure stockpiling/composting structure. The new Crestview livestock units will have a capacity of 828 animal units. The capacity of the existing Crestview barns will have an additional 383.5 animal units. The total number of animal units at the Crestview site after expansion is 2,952. The Plainview expansion will consist of three new total confinement barns and a combination manure stockpiling/composting structure. The new Plainview livestock units will have a capacity of 1,476 animal units. The capacity of the existing Plainview barns will have an additional 246 animal units, pending approval of the project. The total number of animal units at the Plainview site after expansion is 2,952. The total number of animal units at the Plainview site after expansion is 2,952. The total animal units for the combined expansions (Crestview and Plainview) are 5,904 animal units. Manure will be collected in the barns and removed each fall, winter, and spring and stockpiled in a covered storage structure. The composted manure will be land applied onto designated cropland as fertilizer in the fall of the year.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Website at the following : <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html> .

RGU : Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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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 the EAW notice was published in the *EQB Monitor*.

- City of Eden Prairie, Hennepin Village, May 1, 2007 (January 29, 2007)
- Salem Township, Braaten Quarry, June 6, 2006 (April 24, 2006)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Brainerd Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade, May 1, 2007 (March 26, 2007)

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.

- City of Kasson, Kasson School demolition project
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Baer Hogs, LLP project
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Berge-Boyum feedlot, Vernon Twp., Dodge County
- Hubbard County, Fisher Park residential development
- Becker County, Lookout Rock Properties project
- Wright County, Scherber Co. project