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# EQB MONITOR

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: September 21, 2011

### Project Title: Steward Material Coal Handling Facility

**Description:** Gascoyne Materials Handling and Recycling, LLC (Proposer or GMHR) proposes construction of a coal unloading, storage, and transfer facility (Project or Facility) on a 3.03 acre site, along Highway 212 in the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 33, Township 115 N, Range 30 W, Collins Township, in McLeod County. A rail spur will be built along an adjacent 1.20 acre site. The name of the Facility will be Stewart Material Coal Handling Facility. The Facility would consist of a 750-foot long rail spur, an outdoor coal unloading conveyor system and stockpile area, and a coal pile runoff/stormwater treatment system. Coal delivered by rail would be stockpiled at the Facility and transported from the Facility by private buyers. It is expected that an average of 200,000 tons of sub-bituminous processed coal would be unloaded annually at the Facility, with a maximum throughput capacity of 450,000 tons per year.

In addition to the Environment Assessment Worksheet (EAW), the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/State Disposal System/ (NPDES/SDS) Permit MN0069612 will also be available for public comment. The contact person for the NPDES/SDS Permit MN0069612 is Deb Schumann at 651-757-2704.

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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**Project Title: Des Moines River Dam Removal – Windom, Minnesota**

**Description:** The City of Windom proposes to remove the Des Moines River Dam, which failed in 2007, and is no longer functional. The dam will be removed and replaced with a series of rock riffles to maintain the channel and reduce bank erosion.

Copies of the EAW document are available for public review at the Windom City Hall and Public Library.

Written comments on the EAW must be submitted to the City of Windom during the 30 day review period that ends on September 21, 2011. Written or emailed comments should be submitted to the contact person listed below.

**RGU:** City of Windom

**Contact Person:**

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**Project Title: 85<sup>th</sup> Street Extension**

**Description:** The City of Otsego is proposing to construct 85<sup>th</sup> Street from Nashua Avenue to Mason Avenue. This one mile long collector street is a new Municipal State Aid Roadway and is included in the City of Otsego 2011 Transportation Plan.

**RGU:** City of Otsego

**Contact Person:**

D. Daniel Licht, AICP  
City Planning/Zoning Administrator

City of Otsego  
8899 Nashua Avenue NE  
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## EAW NEED DECISIONS

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

- City of Plymouth, Crossroads Commons, 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*.

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, MCES-St. Louis Park/Golden Valley 1-GV-461 Relief Lift Station and Forcemain Project, August 4, 2011 (June 13, 2011)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Binford Farms-Section 4 Feedlot Expansion, Rock County, August 4, 2011 (June 13, 2011)
- City of Plymouth, Bass Lake Wetland Drainage Improvement Project, July 26, 2011 (June 13, 2011)
- Metropolitan Airports Commission, Terminal 2-Humphrey 2011 North Security Checkpoint Project, July 18, 2011 (May 16, 2011)

## NOTICES

### Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife

#### ROTENONE APPLICATION PROJECTS PLANNED BY DNR SECTION OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

The DNR Section of Wildlife Management is planning a rotenone treatment on the lakes below and tributaries of these lakes:

Lake	DOW#	Wildlife Management Area	Township	Range	Sections(s)
Maria	51006200	Lake Maria	108N	41W	6-8, 17

Big Slough	51010500	Hiram Southwick	106N	41W	23- 26
North Badger	51005000	Badger	105N	41W	2
South Badger	51004900	Badger	105N	41W	11-12

This project involves the application of 2.5% synergized liquid rotenone, a federally and state registered pesticide, to eliminate less desirable fish species in the tributaries (including ditches) flowing into the above water bodies. The treatment will be conducted in the fall 2011 or winter of 2011-12. Endangered or threatened species are not present in the proposed treatment areas. Project goals include removing undesirable fish species, primarily carp and bullheads, to improve water quality and wildlife habitat in North and South Badger Lakes, Big Slough and Lake Maria. Lake volumes will be reduced through drawdown, so chemical application will be minimized and only be necessary in the deeper ditch channels flowing into the lakes and any remaining water in the lakes.

Rotenone application will be done by licensed pesticide applicators and by drip station. Target treatment concentration is 5 ppm. The current fish targeted are the exotic species carp (*Cyprinus carpio*) and black bullheads (*Ictalurus melas*). 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.

For general information about this project, contact Wendy Krueger, Area Wildlife Manager 507-836-6919, [Wendy.krueger@state.mn.us](mailto:Wendy.krueger@state.mn.us) or Nicole Hansel-Welch, Shallow Lake Program Supervisor 218-833-8626, [Nicole.hansel-welch@state.mn.us](mailto:Nicole.hansel-welch@state.mn.us).