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## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: July 13, 2011

### Project Title: Binford Farms – Section 4 Feedlot Expansion

**Description:** Binford Farms operate a total confinement beef and swine feedlot in Magnolia Township, Rock County. The project proposal is to expand the beef cattle operation by constructing a 1,800-head finishing barn and an isolation barn. The finishing barn will utilize an under-floor concrete pit and isolation barn will utilize a concrete slab to collect manure generated by the cattle. All manure is utilized as a fertilizer replacement on surrounding crop land.

In addition to the Environmental Assessment Worksheet, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's draft National Pollution Discharge Elimination System/State Disposal System (NPDES/SDS) Permit will also be available for public comment concurrently, beginning during the week of June 13, 2011. The contact person for the NPDES/SDS Permit is George Schwint at 320-441-6971.

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

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**Project Title: MCES St. Louis Park/Golden Valley 1-GV-461 Relief Lift Station and Forcemain Project**

**Description:** Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) proposes to construct the 1-GV-461 Relief Lift Station and Forcemain Project (Project) to provide capacity for future wastewater flows from the cities of St. Louis Park and Golden Valley. The Project consists of the construction of a new pump (lift) station and 8,800 feet of new 18-inch sewer pipe to handle a wastewater flow of up to 5.0 million gallons per day.

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

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**Project Title: Bass Lake Wetland Drainage Improvement**

**Description:** The City of Plymouth proposes to excavate channels in public water 96W to relieve the potential for flooding of private properties. This project is located south of Bass Lake Road and east of Zachary Lane in Plymouth, Minnesota. Multiple storm sewer pipes deposit surface water into these waters from road and residential properties and act as the drainage system for surface water in the area. Surface water is blocked from reaching the middle of the wetland. This has resulted in water flowing around the edges of the wetland where property and infrastructure are impacted rather than to the middle. The City of Plymouth proposes to relieve the flood potential in the area by excavating channels into the middle of the wetland to provide surface water flow for drainage. The project is proposed to occur in the winter of 2011-2012 to take advantage of frozen ground during winter weather conditions.

Environmental impacts from this project include disturbing macroinvertebrate and macrophytic communities (Typha) as well as temporarily creating turbid water from construction activities. Impacts, however, are expected to be minimized by constructing the project in the winter under frozen ground conditions.

**RGU:** City of Plymouth

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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 Chisago City, Dresel Contracting Asphalt Plant 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*.

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Lake Elmo Trunk Gravity Sanitary Sewer Project, May 27, 2011 (April 18, 2011)
- City of Cottage Grove, Proposed 3M East Cove Sediment Removal Project, May 18, 2011 (March 21, 2011)
- Lakeville City Council, Airlake 70 Industrial Park – Lakeville, Minnesota, May 16, 2011 (March 21, 2011)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Long Prairie Municipal Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Project, June 2, 2011 (April 18, 2011)

## **NOTICES**

### **Environmental Quality Board Meeting**

The Environmental Quality Board will be meeting on June 16, 2011 to discuss executive branch environmental coordination. The meeting will be held from 9:00am – 3:00pm at the Minnesota Department of Health Snelling Office Park facility.