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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: March 7, 2012

Project Title: Central Park Commons

Description: CSM Corporation proposes to redevelop a research facility at Pilot Knob Road and Yankee Doodle Road in Eagan into a development of over 500,000 square feet of mixed office/commercial space or all commercial space. The project will construct parking, stormwater management features, and a public trail along Central Parkway.

RGU: City of Eagan

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Project Title: Hometown BioEnergy Facility

Description: Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (MMPA) is proposing to build and operate an 8-megawatt electric generating plant in Le Sueur County, Minnesota. The proposed facility will use a wet anaerobic digestion process to convert agricultural and food processing wastes into biogas and two other commercially valuable products: a liquid byproduct to be used as an agricultural soil amendment; and a solid renewable boiler fuel. The biogas (primarily methane) will be used to fire four 2-megawatt reciprocating engine gensets.

In addition to the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW), the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's draft Air Emissions Permit and State Disposal System (SDS) Permit will also be available for public comment at a later date. The contact person for the Air Emissions Permit is Adriane Lenshek at 651-757-757-2526 and the contact person for the SDS Water Quality Permit is Kate Frantz at 651-757-2370. The Agency will also host a public informational meeting on the project. Interested parties known to MPCA will be notified of the time and place of this meeting at a later date. The meeting will also be publicized in local media.

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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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EA/EAW AVAILABLE

Project Title: Highway 36 and English Street Interchange Project, Maplewood, Minnesota (MnDOT SP 6211-90)

Description: The City of Maplewood, in cooperation with MnDOT, is proposing the construction of a grade separated interchange that would replace the existing at-grade intersection of Highway 36 and English Street. The project will include an English Street bridge over Highway 36, entrance/exit ramps, a new Bruce Vento Regional Trail bridge over Highway 36, and improvements to the local street system including the reconstruction of the Highway 61/County Road B intersection and extension of Gervais Street. The City plans to begin the project construction in 2013.

A joint federal/state Environmental Assessment/Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EA/EAW) has been prepared by the Minnesota Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration. A Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation is also included as part of the document because the project includes minor use of land from Harvest Park, which is considered a public recreational facility, and for impacts to the Bruce Vento Trail Bridge that is part of the former BNSF railroad corridor that has been deemed eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Therefore, these uses are subject to the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (49 U.S.C 303) and 23 U.S.C138.

The combined EA/EAW and Draft Section 4(f) documents describe the proposed project, impacts, and mitigation. Any comments received during the public comment period regarding the project and potential effects will be taken into consideration by the City of Maplewood, MnDOT, and Federal Highway Administration in making final determinations.

Copies of the Highway 36/English Street Interchange Project EA/EAW are being distributed to those agencies on the current Minnesota EQB document review list and others. The comment period will begin on **February 6, 2012**, and will extend through **March 21, 2012**. **Written comments can be submitted prior to the close of the comment period on March 21, 2012, to Rick Dalton**, MnDOT Metro District, 1500 West County Road B2, Roseville, MN 55113 or via e-mail at richard.dalton@state.mn.us.

Copies of the EA/EAW are available for public review at the following locations and on the project website at <http://www.sehinc.com/online/English36>

- City of Maplewood Office of the City Engineer: 1830 County Road B East, Maplewood, MN 55109
- Ramsey County Library – Maplewood Branch: 3025 Southlawn Drive, Maplewood, MN 55109
- MnDOT Central Office Library, Transportation Building, 395 John Ireland Blvd, St Paul, MN 55155

Public Hearing: A Public Hearing for the project will be held on Monday, February 27, 2012 starting at 7:00 p.m. at the city council chambers in the Maplewood City Hall, 1830 County Road B East, Maplewood, MN. The public hearing will provide an overview of the proposed project and will afford the public an opportunity to submit verbal comments that will become part of the official public hearing record.

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RGU: Minnesota Department of Transportation

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FINAL EIS AVAILABLE

Project Title: Minnesota and US Highway 14, New Ulm to Nicollet County Road 6, North Mankato, Minnesota (MnDOT SP 5200-03)

Description: The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is proposing capacity improvements along U.S. Highway 14 in Brown and Nicollet Counties. The highway between Front Street in New Ulm and County Highway 6 near North Mankato is proposed to be expanded to a rural four-lane divided highway section. Construction is not currently funded so when the work will occur is uncertain.

MnDOT and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) completed their review and approval of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The FEIS document describes the proposed project, potential environmental impacts, proposed mitigation, and provides responses to substantive comments received during the Draft EIS comment period.

Copies of the FEIS will be available for public viewing during business hours at the following locations beginning February 6, 2012:

- Blue Earth County Library – 100 E. Main St., Mankato, MN 56001
- North Mankato Taylor Library – 1001 Belgrade Ave., North Mankato, MN 56003
- New Ulm Public Library – 17 North Broadway, New Ulm, MN 56073

The FEIS can also be viewed on the project website at:

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d7/projects/14newulmtonmankato/index.html>.

Written comments can be submitted prior to the close of the public comment period on March 12, 2012, to Peter Harff, MnDOT Project Manager, 2151 Bassett Drive, Mankato, MN 56001 or via e-mail at peter.harff@state.mn.us.

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RGU: Minnesota Department of Transportation

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AUAR UPDATE

Project Title: County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 42/Akron Ave AUAR, Rosemount, MN

Description: The original AUAR was adopted by the City in 2007. Pursuant to Minnesota Rules 4410.3610, subp. 7, an AUAR must be updated every five years to remain valid. The purpose of this submittal is to extend the AUAR through 2017.

This AUAR Update is being submitted for the thirty-day review. **The comment period will end on March 7, 2012.** Any comments can be forwarded to:

RGU: City of Rosemount

Contact Person: Eric Zweber, Senior Planner
City of Rosemount
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AUAR UPDATE ADOPTED

Project Title: Shenandoah Business Park and Minnesota Valley West, Shakopee, MN

Description: The Shenandoah Business Park and Minnesota Valley West AUAR Update was sent to review agencies on December 9, 2011. The comment period ended December 28, 2011. The City of Shakopee City Council adopted the AUAR Update for this study area on January 17, 2012.

RGU: City of Shakopee

NOTICES

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ENERGY FACILITY PERMITTING

NOTICE OF PERMIT DECISION

**In the Matter of the Route Permit Application for the St. Cloud Loop 115 kV Transmission Line Project
in Sauk Rapids, Minnesota**

Docket No. E002/TL-10-1026

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at a meeting on November 29, 2011, and in an order issued December 8, 2011, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission determined that the environmental assessment and record created at the public hearing had adequately addressed the issues identified in the environmental assessment scoping decision; approved the Proposed Route for the construction of the St. Cloud Loop 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line project; and issued a high voltage transmission line route permit, with appropriate conditions, to Northern States Power, a Minnesota Corporation (d/b/a Xcel Energy).

The route permit authorizes Xcel Energy to construct a new, approximately 4.7-mile long 115 kV overhead transmission line between the Mayhew Lake substation and the Granite City substation including a connection between Line 5509 and Transmission Structure 39 in the city of Sauk Rapids and the townships of Minden and Sauk Rapids in Benton County, Minnesota.

If you have any questions about this project or would like more information, please contact the state permit manager: Scott Ek, Department of Commerce, 85 - 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101, phone: (651) 296-8813, e-mail: scott.ek@state.mn.us.

Documents relative to this project may be viewed on the Public Utilities Commission's website:
<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=31941>.

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Notification of Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
12-NO-005	Pioneer Hi-Bred International	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerant; Insect and Fungus Resistant; Visual and Selectable Marker; Recombinase and Method Development; Yield Enhancement; Feed Properties, Fatty Acid Levels, Carbohydrate Metabolism, Starch Metabolism and Starch Content altered, Altered Amino Acid Composition, Nutritional Quality Improved, Lysine Level Increased, Oil Content Increased and Improved Animal Feed Quality	Blue Earth (2), Clay, Otter Tail, Redwood
12-NO-006	Pioneer Hi-Bred International	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerant; Insect and Fungus Resistant; Selectable and Visual Marker; Yield Enhancement and Increased Yield Stability; Method Development, Recombinase and Increased Transformation Frequency; Fatty Acid Level, Feed Properties, Carbohydrate Metabolism and Starch Content Altered and Oil Content Increased	Blue Earth (2), Clay, Otter Tail, Redwood
12-NO-009	Pioneer Hi-Bred International	Canola	Herbicide Tolerant	Norman
12-NO-010	Pioneer Hi-Bred International	Corn	Insect and Fungus Resistant; Herbicide Tolerant; Selectable and Visual marker; Recombinase, Repressor, Method Development, Increased Transformation Frequency; Fatty Acid Level Altered, Oil Content Increased, Altered Amino Acid Composition; Reduced Plant Growth, Altered Maturity, Fertility, Stalk Attributes and Plant Development, Yield Enhancement, Increased Yield Stability and Yield, Nitrogen Utilization Efficiency Increased, Drought and Heat Tolerant, Increased Yield	Benton (2), Blue Earth (2), Clay, Kandiyohi(4), Olmsted, Stevens, Waseca, Wilkin
12-NO-011	Pioneer Hi-Bred International	Corn	Insect and Virus Resistant; Herbicide Tolerant; Visual and Selectable Marker; Recombinase, Increased Transformation Frequency, Method Development; Nitrogen Utilization Efficiency Increase, Altered Plant	Benton (2), Blue Earth (2), Clay, Kandiyohi(4), Olmsted, Stevens, Waseca, Wilkin

			Development, Maturity, Fertility and Stalk Attributes, Drought and Cold Tolerant, Yield Enhancement, Increased Yield Stability	
12-NO-012	Pioneer Hi-Bred International	Corn	Virus Resistant; Herbicide Tolerant; Visual and Selectable Marker; Recombinase, Increased transformation Frequency; Starch Content Altered; Nitrogen Utilization Efficiency Increase, Drought and Cold Tolerant, Increased Yield Stability and Yield; Altered Maturity, Fertility and Plant Development	Benton (2), Blue Earth (2), Clay, Kandiyohi(4), Olmsted, Stevens, Waseca, Wilkin
12-NO-013	Pioneer Hi-Bred International	Corn	Herbicide Tolerant; Insect Resistant; Selectable and visual marker; Recombinase, Increased Transformation Frequency, Method Development; Increased Yield and Yield Stability, Nitrogen Utilization Efficiency Increase, Altered Maturity, Plant Development and Fertility, Reduced Plant Growth, Drought and Cold Tolerant, Yield Enhancement; Feed Properties Altered, Starch Content Altered	Benton (2), Blue Earth (2), Clay, Kandiyohi(4), Olmsted, Stevens, Waseca, Wilkin
12-NO-014	USDA-ARS	Barley	Fungus Resistant	Dakota
12-NO-015	Betaseed, Inc.	Sugar Beet	Product Quality	Clay (7), Dakota (4), Goodhue (2), Otter Tail, Scott, Wilken

For more information contact Tina Seeland, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN, 55155, 651-201-6404, tina.seeland@state.mn.us.

OAH Docket No. 15-2000-22532-2

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

FOR THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

In the Matter of Restoration Order issued to
Richard Eric Fredin.

**NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND
ORDER FOR HEARING**

TO: RICHARD ERIC FREDIN, RESPONDENT ABOVE-NAMED, 12971-212th Ave. NE,
New London, Minnesota 56273.

NOTICE OF HEARING

RICHARD ERIC FREDIN ("Fredin") IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources ("Department") has initiated this action pursuant to Fredin's appeal of the Department's issuance of a Restoration Order.

ORDER FOR HEARING

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a contested case prehearing conference will be held on March 7, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. by telephone. All mail sent to the Administrative Law Judge assigned to this matter should be directed to P.O. Box 64620, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620.

The Chief Administrative Law Judge, Office of Administrative Hearings, has assigned this matter to Beverly Jones Heydinger, Administrative Law Judge, Office of Administrative Hearings, P.O. Box 64620, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164, telephone (651) 361-7838.

ALLEGATIONS

1. Fredin owns property on Long Lake in Kandiyohi County with an address of 12971-212th Ave. NE, New London, Minnesota 56273.
2. On August 24, 2009, Department Area Hydrologist Ethan Jenzen ("Jenzen") inspected Fredin's property and discovered that sand fill had been placed below the ordinary high water level of Long Lake.
3. Fredin admitted that he had placed more than 50 cubic yards of fill in Long Lake, using both a snowmobile with a sled in the winter and a hose connected to a tub of sand in the summer.
4. The Department issued Fredin a Cease and Desist Order on August 24, 2009, ordering him to cease any unauthorized work in Long Lake.
5. Jenzen again inspected the site on November 17, 2009. At this inspection he determined that sand fill had been placed in Long Lake extending 120 feet in length and as much as 30 feet lakeward. The depth of this sand was up to two feet.
6. On June 10, 2011, the Department issued Fredin a Restoration Order requiring him to remove 12 inches of sand fill from an area below the ordinary high water level of Long Lake that is fifteen feet wide by 120 feet long.
7. On July 8, 2011, Fredin requested that the Commissioner review the Restoration Order pursuant to Minn. R. 6115.0255, subp. 5(a) (2009). The Department received Fredin's request for review on July 22, 2011.
8. On behalf of the Commissioner, Steve Hirsch, Director of the Division of Ecological and Water Resources, upheld the Restoration Order by letter dated September 14, 2011.

9. The Department's decision to issue the restoration order is proper for reasons including:

A. The placement of sand fill far exceeds the amount that may be placed without a permit to establish a beach sand blanket under Minn. R. 6115.0190, subp. 4(A) (2009).

B. An after-the-fact permit is not appropriate because the project exceeds a minimum encroachment, change or damage to the environment under Minn. R. 6115.0190, subp. 5(A) (2009).

C. The project does not represent the minimal impact solution to a specific need with respect to all other reasonable alternatives as described in Minn. R. 6115.0190, subp. 5(E) (2009).

D. The size, shape, depths, shoreline and bottom character and topography, and susceptibility of the bed of Long Lake to actions of wind, waves and currents, are not such that the sand fill will be stable as described in Minn. R. 6115.0190, subp. 5(F) (2009).

E. The project's adverse effects on the physical and biological character of the waters are not subject to feasible and practical measures to mitigate such effects as described in Minn. R. 6115.0190, subp. 5(G) (2009).

F. The project's intended purpose is not reasonable with respect to all other alternatives, and there are feasible and practical means to achieve the intended purpose without filling. *See* Minn. R. 6115.0191, subp. 8(A) (2009).

G. The project will not adequately protect public safety and promote the public welfare as described in Minn. R. 6115.0191, subp. 8(B) (2009).

10. On October 13, 2011, Fredin requested a contested case hearing pursuant to Minn. R. 6115.0255, subp. 5(b) (2009).

ISSUES

Was the Department's decision to issue a restoration order consistent with the applicable Minnesota statutes and rules, specifically Minnesota Rule 6115.0190 (2009)?

The relevant laws and rules include, but are not limited to, Minn. Stat. §§ 103A.201, 103G.311, 103G.315, and 103G.2372 (2008), and Minn. R. 6115.0150-.0280 (2009).

For a complete copy of the Notice and Order for Prehearing Conference and Order for Hearing, contact Jill Schlick Nguyen, 445 Minnesota St., Ste. 1800, St. Paul, MN, (651) 757-1325.

Dated this 25th day of January, 2012.

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES

/s/ Tom Landwehr
TOM LANDWEHR
Commissioner of Natural Resources

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