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## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

*EAW Comment Deadline: April 3, 2013*

### Project Title: 3M Research and Development Building

**Description:** 3M Company is proposing to build a new research and development building on its Maplewood campus. The building will be located on a vacant site at McKnight Road and Conway Avenue. The project will include 400,000 square feet of lab and research space and 725 parking spaces.

**RGU:** City of Maplewood

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**Project Title: Terminal 2-Humphrey 2013 Rental Auto Companies Quick-Turn-Around Facility**

**Description:** The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) is proposing to construct a Rental Auto Companies (RAC) Quick-Turn-Around (QTA) facility at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport Terminal 2-Humphrey located adjacent to the existing ready/return on the south end of the Purple Parking Ramp. The QTA will consist of two buildings containing car wash bays, fueling positions, and a car staging/storage area. The project will require canopies, new turn lanes to accommodate the additional QTA-related traffic movements, and visual and security screening – including fencing and landscaping.

Copies of the Draft Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) are being distributed to agencies on the current MEQB list and others. The Draft EAW is available on the MAC's website at <http://metroairports.org/mac/docs/2013-T2-RAC-QTA-EAW-2-22-13.pdf>.

A public hearing will be conducted on Monday April 1, 2013, by the MAC Planning, Development and Environment Committee to receive comments on the Draft EAW. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the MAC General Office Building (Lindbergh Conference Room), 6040 28<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55450. Written comments may be submitted through April 3, 2013, to the address listed below.

**RGU:** Metropolitan Airports Commission

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**Project Title: Lowertown Ballpark**

**Description:** The proposed project will convert a vacant and polluted industrial site in Saint Paul's Lowertown district to a new ~7,000 seat ballpark serving state and regional needs for youth, amateur, and Saint Paul Saints baseball. This publicly-owned and privately supported ballpark is anticipated to host over 160 events and entertain approximately 400,000 visitors per year.

The EAW is available for public review during the public comment period (March 4, 2013 through April 3, 2013). The EAW can be viewed on the project website: [www.stpaul.gov/ballparkeaw](http://www.stpaul.gov/ballparkeaw). A paper copy of the EAW is available for review during regular library hours at the Saint Paul Public Library, Central Branch (90 West Fourth Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102). Comments may be submitted to the contact person listed below.

**Project Proposer:** City of Saint Paul, Parks and Recreation

**RGU:** City of Saint Paul, Planning and Economic Development

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**Project Title: Motokazieland Recreational Park**

**Project Description:** Motokazieland Recreational Park is proposing the construction of several motorcycle (i.e. motocross and street bike), class 1 and 2 all-terrain vehicle (ATVs), and recreational tracks/trails along with associated camping, and accessory facilities on approximately 134 acres west of Interstate 35 in Sections 1 and 12 of Wells Township, Rice County.

**RGU:** Rice County

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**Project Title: Tara Township Stream Channel Maintenance**

**Description:** 4.6 linear miles of an unnamed public watercourse has been surveyed and is proposed to be excavated to prevent flooding and erosion to the surrounding cropland. Sediment accumulated in specifically identified areas will be excavated from stream bed and will be applied to adjacent cropland and evenly distributed.

**RGU:** Traverse County

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**Project Title: Lake Vermilion and Soudan Underground Mine State Park Development**

**Project Description:** The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) proposes development of Lake Vermilion and Soudan Underground Mine State Parks, consisting of 70 to 75 campsites, including 12 camper cabins, three group camps, four sanitation buildings, and a new public water access in Cable Bay. Potential future developments may include a visitor center, additional camping areas, recreational trails, nature play areas, and supporting infrastructure for both parks.

The MDNR will accept written comments on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) during the public review and comment period, which concludes Wednesday, April 3, 2013, at 4:30 p.m.

Public review copies of the EAW are available at the following locations:

- Minneapolis Public Library, Government Documents, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55401;
- MDNR Library, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55155;
- Duluth Public Library, 520 W Superior St., Duluth, MN 55802;
- MDNR Northeast Regional Headquarters, 1201 East Highway 2, Grand Rapids, MN 55744;
- Ely Public Library, 30 S 1st Avenue East, Ely, MN 55731
- MDNR Tower Area Office, 650 Highway 169, Tower, MN 55790; and
- Soudan Underground Mine State Park, PO Box 335, 1379 Stuntz Bay Road, Soudan, MN 55782.

The EAW is also posted on the MDNR's website at [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us). (Click on "Public Input", then under the "Environmental Review" scroll-down list select "Lake Vermilion and Soudan Underground Mine State Park Development EAW"). Additional copies may be requested by calling (651) 259-5157.

**RGU:** Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

**Contact Person:** Written comments should be submitted to:  
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Environmental Policy and Review Unit,  
Division of Ecological and Water Resources,  
Department of Natural Resources,  
500 Lafayette Road  
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Electronic or e-mail comments may be sent to [Environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:Environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us) with "LV-SUMSP EAW" in the subject line. If submitting comments electronically, please include your name and mailing address.

**NOTICE OF EIS PREPARATION**

**Project Title: Advanced Disposal Services ES Rolling Hills Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Project**

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the Advanced Disposal Services ES Rolling Hills Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Project (Project) located in Buffalo, Minnesota. Advanced Disposal Services, formerly known as Veolia, is proposing to expand its existing solid waste disposal facility by constructing a new 72-acre mixed municipal solid waste (MSW) disposal area on existing Advanced Disposal Services property, east of the existing and active industrial solid waste disposal area. The Project includes phased construction of lined cells, leachate circulation and disposal structures, an active gas collection system with a gas burning flare, landfill surface management system, and wetland mitigation and conservation areas. The MPCA is the responsible governmental unit for this EIS.

On August 28, 2012, the MPCA Citizens' Board adopted a Final Scoping Decision Document for the EIS. The scope of the EIS includes the preparation of technical reports on air quality, a review of alternatives, and need for disposal of mixed MSW. This document discloses all environmental issues to be addressed in the EIS and can be found at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/oxpg691>. This webpage will also be periodically updated as needed to reflect EIS process developments.

**RGU:** Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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## EIS NEED DECISIONS

The noted responsible governmental unit has determined the following project does 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*.

- South Washington Watershed District, Central Draw Storage Facility Overflow Project, Washington County, February 12, 2013 (November 26, 2012)
- City of Le Sueur, Cambria 2012 Facility Description, Le Sueur County, February 11, 2013 (December 24, 2012)

## FINAL EIS AVAILABLE

**Project Title:** Perham Resource Recovery Facility Expansion Project

**Description:** Notice is hereby given that the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the Perham Resource Recovery Facility Expansion Project (Project), for which the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

(MPCA) is the Responsible Government Unit (RGU), is available for public review. Pursuant to Minn. R. 4410.2800, subp. 2, publication of this notice begins a 10-day public review period during which any person may submit comments on the adequacy of the Final EIS to MPCA. This comment period will expire at 4:30 pm on March 18, 2013. In addition, a press release is being made available to media in the area of the Project pursuant to Minn. R. 4410.2700, subps. 4-6.

A copy of the Final EIS is available on the MPCA's [Environmental Assessment Worksheets and Environmental Impact Statements](#) webpage. Requests for copies of the Final EIS may be obtained by contacting Kevin Kain, Project Manager, MPCA Environmental Review and Operations Section, at 651-757-2482.

MPCA staff plan to present the Final EIS, comments received during the additional 10-day public review period, and responses to those comments at the MPCA Citizens' Board (Board) regular scheduled meeting on March 26, 2013. All parties on the mailing list for this Project and any other interested parties who so request, will also receive the Board memorandum and proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order that will be presented to the Board at that meeting for its approval and adoption. Any person may appear at this meeting and address the Board on the subject of adequacy of the Final EIS.

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## NOTICES

### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

**In the Matters of the Applications for a Route Permit and Certificate of Need for the Scott County-  
Westgate 69 kV to 115 kV Transmission Upgrade Project  
PUC Docket Nos. E002/TL-11-948 and E002/CN-11-332**

Issued: February 25, 2013

The Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Facility Permitting Unit (EFP) has released the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Scott County to Westgate 115 kV Transmission Line Upgrade Project.

The intent of the environmental review process is to inform the public, the Applicant, and decision-makers about potential impacts and possible mitigations for a proposed project. As two concurrent environmental reviews are required in this case – an Environmental Report (ER) for the CN application and an Environmental Assessment for the route permit application – EFP elected to combine the environmental review for the two

applications (Minn. Rule 7849.1900). Thus, an EA in lieu of an ER was prepared to meet the requirements of both review processes.

Copies of the EA can be obtained through EFP staff, on the Energy Facilities Permitting web site at <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=32547> or by searching "11" as year and "948" as number on eDockets at <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp>. Copies of the EA are also available for review at the following local libraries:

Excelsior Public Library 343 Third Street Excelsior, MN 55331	Minnetonka Public Library 17524 Excelsior Boulevard Minnetonka, MN 55345
Chanhassen Public Library 7711 Kerber Boulevard Chanhassen, MN 55317	Eden Prairie Public Library 565 Prairie Center Drive Eden Prairie, MN 55344

### ***Project Description***

The Project involves converting the existing double-circuit 115/69 kV transmission line to 115/115 kV operation from Scott County Substation, through Chanhassen Substation, to Structure #57 north of Bluff Creek Substation. This section of double-circuit line was permitted locally for 115/69 kV operation. Conversion to 115/115 kV operation will not require the rebuilding or replacement of any existing structures. The Proposed Route for the 115/69 kV conversion follows the existing transmission right-of-way for its entire 5.3 mile length.

The Proposed Project also includes rebuilding the existing single-circuit 69 kV to a single-circuit 115 kV line between Structure #57 to the Excelsior Substation, which would be converted for 115 kV use; rebuilding the line between Excelsior Substation and Deephaven Substation, which would also be converted for 115 kV use; and rebuilding the line between the Deephaven Substation and the Westgate Substation. As a result, the route for the rebuilt 69 kV to 115 kV line follows existing transmission line right-of-way for its entire length of nearly 15 miles.

Subsequent to the original applications, the Applicant submitted an additional system alternative for consideration that would use a route along Highway 5 instead of the existing 69 kV route. This alternative uses the existing structures along Highway 5 and requires building a new substation, a short segment of 69 kV line and a relocation of the 34.5 kV feeder line from along the highway. The EA analyzes the comparative impacts of the Proposed Project, the Highway 5 Alternative and alternative segments along Highway 41 and Highway 7.

### ***Public Hearing***

A Public Hearing on the Certificate of Need and the Route Permit will be held in the project area shortly after this release of the Environmental Assessment and will be noticed separately.

### ***Project Contacts***

For information about the environmental review process, contact David Birkholz (651-296-2878, david.birkholz@state.mn.us), Department of Commerce, Energy Facility Permitting, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101-2198.

Tricia DeBleeckere is the Public Advisor for this Project; contact Tricia DeBleeckere (651-201-2254, tricia.debleeckere@state.mn.us) is with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147.

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## NOTIFICATION OF RELEASES OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED ORGANISMS

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File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
13-NO-018	Syngenta	corn	herbicide tolerant	Dakota, Faribault, Goodhue; Mower (2), Rice, Waseca
13-NO-019	Syngenta	corn	insect resistance, agronomic properties	Dakota, Faribault, Goodhue, Mower(2), Rice, Waseca
13-NO-021	Pioneer Hi-Bred	corn	agronomic properties	Blue Earth(3), Clay(2), Kandiyohi(2), Mille Lacs, Morrison, Olmsted, Sherburne, Stevens, Wilkin
13-NO-022	Pioneer Hi-Bred	corn	agronomic properties, herbicide tolerant, insect resistance, product quality characteristics, virus resistance	Blue Earth(3), Clay(2), Kandiyohi(2), Mille Lacs, Morrison, Olmsted, Sherburne, Stevens, Wilkin
13-NO-023	Syngenta	corn	insect resistance, agronomic properties	Freeborn (6)
13-NO-024	SES vanderHave	sugarbeet	agronomic properties	Clay (2), Wilkin
13-NO-025	Syngenta	soybean	herbicide tolerant	Olmsted
13-NO-026	Syngenta	soybean	herbicide tolerant	Freeborn
13-NO-027	Dow AgroSciences	corn	herbicide tolerant, agronomic properties	Brown(2), Fillmore, Houston
13-NO-028	Dow AgroSciences	Corn	herbicide tolerant, agronomic properties	Brown(2), Fillmore, Houston
13-NO-029	Syngenta	soybean	herbicide tolerant, insect resistance	Cass, Dodge, Goodhue, Jackson, Redwood, Steele(2)



13-NO-030	Betaseed	sugarbeet	product quality characteristics	Dakota(2), Goodhue(2)
13-NO-031	Betaseed	sugarbeet	virus resistance	Carver(3), Chippewa (4), Clay(5), Dakota(2), Goodhue(2), Kandiyohi, Polk, Renville(5), Scott(5), Wilkin(3)
13-NO-032	Syngenta	corn	agronomic properties	Dakota, Faribault, Goodhue, Mower(2), Rice, Waseca
13-NO-033	Syngenta	corn	insect resistance	Dakota, Faribault, Goodhue, Mower(2), Rice, Waseca
13-NO-034	Monsanto	corn	agronomic properties, insect resistance, herbicide tolerant	Blue Earth, Brown, Dodge, McLeod, Mower, Murray, Redwood, Renville, Rice, Rock, Steele, Waseca
13-NO-035	Syngenta	corn	insect resistance	Brown(2), Dodge, Goodhue, Redwood(3)
13-NO-036	Betaseed	sugarbeet	product quality characteristics	Clay(5), Dakota(3), Goodhue(2), Scott, Wilkin(3)

### Transgenic Insect Resistant Corn Event - Commercial Use Exemption

Syngenta has requested an exemption from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Genetically Engineered Organism Release Permit for a transgenic corn event designated as 5307. 5307 expresses the eCry3.1Ab protein, which conveys resistance to corn rootworm. A determination of non-regulated status has been issued by USDA. Under this exemption from state permit, Syngenta will be allowed to commercially use this insect resistant corn line without further regulation. For additional information contact Dr. Steve Malone, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 651-201-6531, [stephen.malone@state.mn.us](mailto:stephen.malone@state.mn.us)