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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: May 1, 2013

Project Title: Living Word Bible Camp

Project Description: The Living Word Bible Camp will be a 5.72-acre developed bible camp/retreat center on a 253.6-acre property on the eastern shore of Deer Lake. The project will include an office building, new lodge, live dormitory cabins, an activity building, storage and maintenance buildings, recreational facilities, 2 docks, beach, and a trail system.

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Project Title: Dredged Material Placement, 21st Avenue West Channel Embayment

Project Description: The proposed project triggers a mandatory Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) under Minn. Rules 4410. The City of Duluth will act as the RGU for the EAW. The City has determined that the federal Environmental Assessment (EA) that was prepared for the project meets the information needs of an EAW. The City will take public comment, review all the information, and make a determination on the need for an Environmental Impact Statement.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Detroit District proposes to place limited quantities of dredged material from maintenance dredging of the Federal navigation project at Duluth-Superior Harbor into the embayment of the 21st Avenue West Channel in Duluth, Minnesota. This will allow for evaluation of using dredged material from maintenance dredging of the harbor for aquatic habitat restoration. The 21st Avenue West Channel site is within the Duluth- Superior Harbor, which is located at the western end of Lake Superior between Duluth, Minnesota, and Superior, Wisconsin. The harbor is at the mouth of the St. Louis River, which is the second largest tributary of Lake Superior.

The EA/EAW can be viewed at:

<http://www.duluthmn.gov/planning/documents/EAWandEAforUSACEEA21Ave.pdf>

RGU: City of Duluth

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ALTERNATIVE URBAN AREAWIDE REVIEW DRAFT AVAILABLE

Comment Deadline: May 1, 2013

Project Title: FMC Redevelopment — Fridley, Minnesota

Project Description: The proposed project is the redevelopment of approximately 122 acres within the City of Fridley, MN, just south of I-694 and east of I-94 and the Mississippi River, 4800 East River Road. An existing 1.8 M square foot munitions factory on the site is proposed for initial repurposing and eventual tear down and replacement. The final density on the site is anticipated to include a range from 1.59M to 1.84M square feet of a mix of industrial (60,200 - 800,000 s.f.), office (up to 875,000 s.f.), and retail (up to 37,120 s.f.) uses.

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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*.

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Flint Hills Resources Propylene Storage and Distribution Project, March 15, 2013 (January 21, 2013)
- Cass County Environmental Services, Bluewater Marina Expansion, March 18, 2013 (December 24, 2012)
- Cass County Environmental Services, Winnemucca Farms, March 18, 2013 (December 24, 2012)
- City of Little Falls, Little Falls/Morrison County Airport Crosswind Runway, March 18, 2013 (January 21, 2013)
- Minnesota Department of Transportation, Interstate 35E MnPASS Project (SP 6280-367) in the Cities of Little Canada, Maplewood and St. Paul, Ramsey County, March 25, 2013 (January 21, 2013)

NOTICES

Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact & Section 4(f) Determination

**U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration
Minnesota Division**

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT & Section 4(f) Determination
Minnesota State Project Number 6280-367
I-35E MnPASS**

In the Cities of Little Canada, Maplewood and St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota

The proposed project consists primarily of constructing a new MnPASS managed lane from Little Canada Road to Maryland Avenue and new bridges at Trunk Highway 36, County Road B, Roselawn Avenue, Larpenteur Avenue, Wheelock Parkway, and Arlington Avenue.

The Federal Highway Administration has determined the proposed improvements, as described in the Environmental Assessment (EA) will have no significant impacts to the human or natural environment. This Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is based upon the EA which has been independently evaluated by FHWA and determined to adequately discuss the need, environmental issues, and impacts of the proposed project and appropriate mitigation measures.

The EA released to the public on January 21, 2013 included FHWA's intent to make a Section 4(f) de minimis impact determination regarding the Gateway Trail. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the agency with jurisdiction over the Gateway Trail, concurred with FHWA's assessment of project impacts to the Gateway Trail. Therefore, it is FHWA's determination that the proposed project and mitigation measures will constitute a Section 4(f) de minimis impact to the Gateway Trail because the features, attributes, or activities qualifying the Gateway Trail for protection under Section 4(f) are not adversely affected.

The EA provides sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. The FHWA takes full responsibility for the accuracy, scope, and content of the EA for the subject project.

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Notification of Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
13-NO-053	Syngenta	corn	Agronomic properties	Dakota, Faribault, Goodhue, Mower(2), Rice, Waseca
13-NO-054	Dow AgroSciences	soybean	Herbicide tolerant	Fillmore
13-NO-055	Dow AgroSciences	soybean	Herbicide tolerant	Blue Earth, Chippewa, Clay, Dodge, Grant, Jackson, Lac Qui Parle, Mower, Olmsted, Otter Tail, Polk(2), Renville(3), Swift, Traverse, Wilkin, Winona
13-NO-056	Bayer CropScience	soybean	Herbicide tolerant	Becker(2), Clay
13-NO-057	Dow AgroSciences	soybean	Herbicide tolerant	Renville(2)
13-NO-058	Dow AgroSciences	soybean	Herbicide tolerant	Brown, Cottonwood, Dakota(2), Fillmore(4), Freeborn, McLeod, Olmsted, Redwood, Sibley, Waseca, Wilkin, Winona
13-NO-059	Dow AgroSciences	soybean	Herbicide tolerant	Benton(6), Blue Earth, Clay, Faribault, Goodhue, Le Sueur, Pope, Redwood(4), Rice, Sherburne, Stearns
13-NO-060	M.S. Technologies	soybean	Herbicide tolerant	Blue Earth, Clay, Grant, Kandiyohi, Lac Qui Parle, Norman, Renville(3), Rice, Sibley, Stevens, Traverse, Yellow Medicine
13-NO-061	J.R. Simplot	potato	Processing characteristics, fungal disease resistance	Sherburne
13-NO-062	Dow AgroSciences	corn	Herbicide tolerant, Agronomic properties	Brown(2), Fillmore, Houston
13-NO-063	Dow AgroSciences	soybean	Insect resistance, Herbicide tolerant	Blue Earth, Chippewa, Clay, Dodge, Grant, Jackson, Lac Qui Parle, Mower, Olmsted, Otter Tail, Polk(2), Renville(3), Swift, Traverse, Wilkin, Winona
13-NO-064	M.S. Technologies	soybean	Herbicide tolerant	Blue Earth, Clay, Grant, Kandiyohi, Lac Qui Parle, Norman, Renville(3), Rice, Sibley, Stevens, Traverse, Yellow Medicine
13-NO-065	Syngenta	corn	Insect resistance, Herbicide tolerant	Goodhue

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