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# EQB MONITOR

## EAW NEED DECISIONS

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

- Mower County, L&A Pork, Inc., Udolpho Township, EAW denied

## 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, Ponderosa Sanitary Landfill (Blue Earth County), March 26, 2013 (February 4, 2013)
- Winona County, Nisbit Silica Sand Mine (Saratoga Township), March 2, 2013 (January 12, 2013)

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## SCOPING EAW AND DRAFT SCOPING DECISION DOCUMENT AVAILABLE

*Comment Deadline: May 15, 2013*

**Project Title:** Fargo-Moorhead Flood Risk Management Project

**Project Description:** The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking public comments on the scoping documents for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will describe the potential environmental effects of a proposed flood diversion project in the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area. These documents provide information about the topics that are proposed to be included in the EIS for the proposed project. The DNR will consider the public comments before finalizing the scope of topics to be included in the EIS.

The Project would be located in the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area. It would include a diversion channel, connecting channel, tie-back levee/dam embankments, river control structures on the Red and Wild Rice (ND) Rivers, upstream floodwater staging area, levees and floodwalls, non-structural features, recreational features and environmental mitigation.

**A 30-day public review and comment period begins April 15, 2013.** The DNR invites public comments during the April 15-May 15, 2013, public review period. Comments on the scoping documents will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. May 15, 2013.

**The DNR will hold a public information meeting Wednesday, May 8, 5:30-10:00 p.m.,** at the Courtyard by Marriott Fargo Moorhead & Moorhead Area Conference Center, 1080 28th Avenue South, Moorhead, MN. The meeting will offer an open house from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. to provide informational materials and answer questions about the project and the scoping process. Formal presentations will begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by a public input session.

Written comments can be submitted by mail to Stuart Arkley, DNR Ecological and Water Resources Division, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-4025, faxed to 651-296-1811 or emailed to **[environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us)**. Email comments should include "Fargo Moorhead" in the subject line and a name and mailing address so future notices and documents can be provided.

The EIS Scoping documents are available at:

[http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/fm\\_flood\\_risk/index.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/fm_flood_risk/index.html).

Copies of the scoping documents are also available at the following locations:

- DNR Central Library, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul
- DNR Northwest Regional Office, 2115 Birchmont Beach Rd NE, Bemidji
- Fargo City Hall, Engineering Office, 200 3rd St. N., Fargo
- Moorhead City Hall, Engineering Office, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, 500 Center Avenue, Moorhead
- Moorhead Public Library, 118 5th Street South, Moorhead
- Fargo Public Library, 102 3rd Street North, Fargo
- Minneapolis Public Library, Government Documents, 2nd Floor, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis
- Fergus Falls Public Library, Government Documents, 205 E Hampden, Fergus Falls

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## EIS ADEQUACY DECISION

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

On March 26, 2013, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Citizens' Board voted to approve the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order for the adequacy decision on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Perham Resource Recovery Facility Expansion Project (PRRF), Otter Tail County. The MPCA has determined that the PRRF EIS is adequate.

## FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) AVAILABLE

### Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Approval and Release of Final Beltrami Island Land Utilization Project Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) jointly announce the release of the Final Beltrami Island Land Utilization Project Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan. The plan, which sets forth management direction for 86,000 acres of Federal lands leased to the state for management in northwestern Minnesota, received DNR approval on March 12 and USFWS approval on March 29, 2013. A draft of the Plan was released for public review and comment from June 11—July 26, 2012, and a public open house was held in Warroad on June 27, 2012.

Copies of the Final Plan, the Draft Plan, and Response to Comments may be obtained online at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/beltrami-island-lup/index.html> or by contacting Project Consultant Michael North at 218-833-8623 or by email at [michael.north@state.mn.us](mailto:michael.north@state.mn.us).

## NOTICES

### NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

#### In the Matter of the Applications for a Route Permit and Certificate of Need for the SWTC Chaska Area 115 kV Transmission Line Project

**PUC Docket Numbers: E002/TL-12-401 and E002/CN-11-826**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Facility Permitting (EFP) announces the release of the environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed SWTC Chaska Area 115 kV transmission line project.

Electronic versions of the EA, the scoping decision, route permit application and other documents relevant to this matter are available on the Minnesota Department of Commerce's website: <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=32771>, and on the Department of Commerce eDockets website: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the Docket Number Year "12" and Number "401").

The Environmental Assessment is a written document that describes the human and environmental impacts of the transmission line project (and selected alternative routes) and methods to mitigate such impacts. Applications for high voltage transmission line route permits under the alternative permitting process require a public hearing upon completion of the EA pursuant to Minn. R. 7850.3800. A portion of the hearing must be held in a county where the proposed project would be located.

The public hearing will be noticed separately and in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 216E.03, subdivision 6.

If you have any questions about this document or would like more information, please contact the DOC EFP Environmental Manager: Bill Storm, 85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101; Tel: 651.296.9535; e-mail: [bill.storm@state.mn.us](mailto:bill.storm@state.mn.us).

### Notification of Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
13-NO-066	Syngenta	corn	Herbicide Tolerant	Waseca
13-NO-067	J.R. Simplot	potato	Processing characteristics altered, Disease resistant	Dakota
13-NO-068	Bayer CropScience	oilseed rape	Herbicide Tolerant	Wilkin

For more information, contact Dr. Steve Malone, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-66531, [stephen.malone@state.mn.us](mailto:stephen.malone@state.mn.us)