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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: May 16, 2012

Project Title: Worthington Industrial Park Sanitary Sewer Extension

Description: This project consists of extending an existing 24-inch diameter sanitary sewer in the city of Worthington, located in BioScience Drive, from the east side of Trunk Highway (TH) 59 to serve the future industrial park development on the west side of the highway. The sanitary sewer is proposed to extend approximately 1,000 feet west of TH 59.

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>. Written comments on the EAW should be submitted to Charles Peterson. A copy of the EAW may also be obtained by contacting Mary Osborn at mary.osborn@state.mn.us or at 651-757-2101.

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Contact Person: Charles Peterson, Planner Principal
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EQB MONITOR

Project Title: Sanford Health Development Project, City of Thief River Falls, Minnesota

Description: The proposed Sanford Health development project is designed on 138 acres located south of Thief River Falls in Pennington County. The proposed development includes a medical center and additional commercial and residential development areas. The medical center will include a hospital, clinic, and pharmacy.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) which documents the purpose and need for the project, along with anticipated environmental impacts, are available for public viewing beginning April 16th during regular business hours at the following locations:

City of Thief River Falls
Historic Soo Line R.R. Depot
405 Third Street East
Thief River Falls, MN 56701-0528

Crookston Public Library
110 North Ash Street
Crookston, MN 56716

To request the document in an alternative format, call 651-366-4718 or e-mail ADArequest@state.mn.us.

The EAW comment period will begin on April 16, 2012. Written comments will be accepted through May 16, 2012. Comments should be submitted to the RGU contact listed below.

RGU: City of Thief River Falls

Contact Person: Mike Moore, Community Development Director
City of Thief River Falls
405 Third Street East
Thief River Falls, MN 56701-0528
Phone: 218-681-2500 / Fax: 218-681-6223
mmoore@citytrf.net

Project Title: Elm Creek Dam Embankment and Spillway Rehabilitation Project, City of Champlin, Hennepin County, Minnesota

Description: The Project, proposed by the City of Champlin, includes concrete dam removal, dam reconstruction, earthwork, the removal of the existing bridge structure, and construction of new pavement surfaces, spillway, box culverts, pedestrian trails, and ancillary features. The Project also involves the future construction of a separation berm between the natural channel of Elm Creek and Mill Pond.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) which documents the purpose and need for the project, along with anticipated environmental impacts, are available for public viewing beginning April 16th during regular business hours at the following locations:

City of Champlin
11955 Champlin Drive
Champlin, MN 55316

Champlin Library
12154 Ensign Ave N
Champlin, MN 55316

To request the document in an alternative format, call 651-366-4718 or e-mail ADArequest@state.mn.us.

The EAW comment period will begin on April 16, 2012. Written comments will be accepted through May 16, 2012. Comments should be submitted to the RGU contact listed below.

RGU: City of Champlin

Contact Person: Bret Heitkamp, City Administrator
City of Champlin
11955 Champlin Dr.
Champlin, MN 55316
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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AVAILABLE

Project Title: Xcel Energy – Proposed 115 kV Transmission Tap Line to Serve the City of Chaska’s West Creek Substation

Public Utilities Commission Docket Number: E002/LR-12-73

Project Description: Xcel Energy proposes to construct an approximately 0.5-mile long, single circuit, 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission tap line and associated facilities to provide electric service from the City of Chaska’s West Creek Substation. The Project site is located northeast of the intersection of County Road 11 (Guernsey Avenue) and County Road 10 in the City of Chaska, Carver County, MN (see attached map). The project will be designed using single pole, horizontal or braced post structures composed of galvanized or weathering steel. The poles will be approximately 60-90 feet high with a span length of approximately 300-400 feet.

Environmental Assessment: An electronic version of the Environmental Assessment (EA) is available for review on the Public Utilities Commission’s eDockets system:
<https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the year “12” and the number “73” in the search field).

A copy of the EA is also available at the location noted below:

City of Chaska City Hall
1 City Hall Plaza
Chaska, MN 55318

10-Day comment Period: April 16-April 27, 2012

RGU: City of Chaska

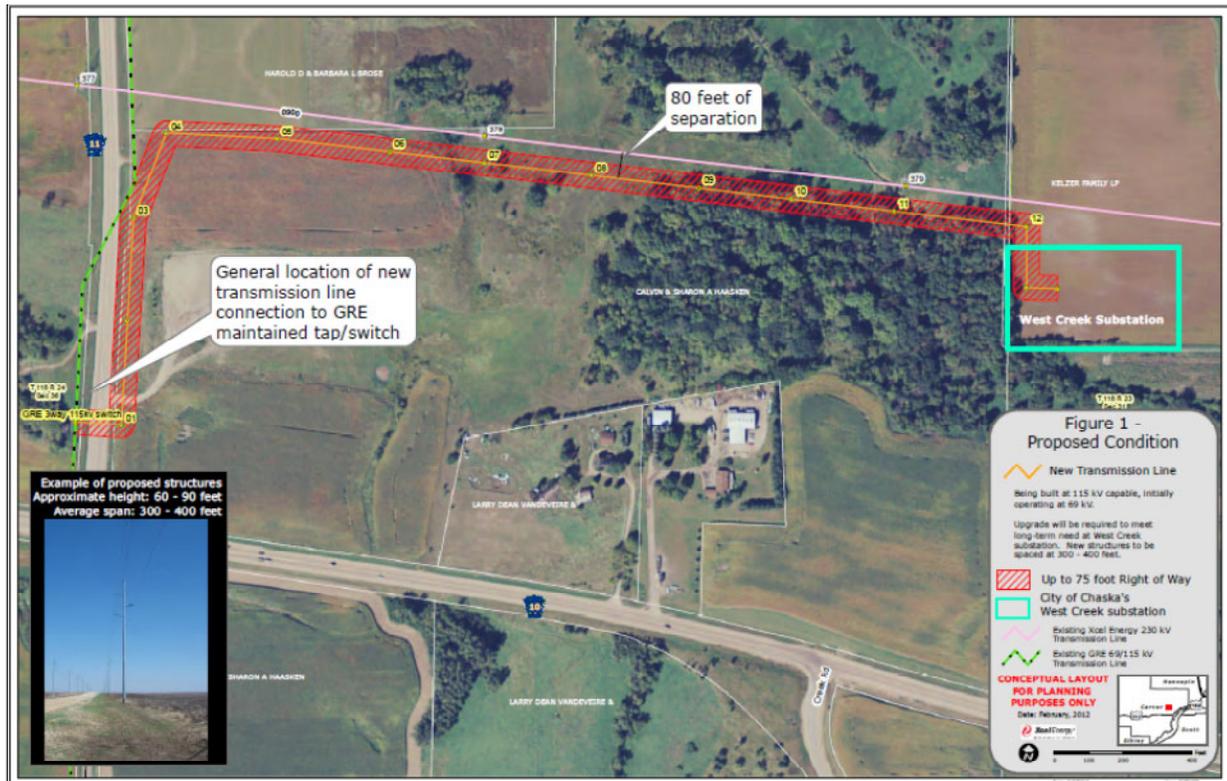
Comments may be submitted to Melissa Duchinsky, City Planner, at the address below or via e-mail at mduchinsky@chaskamn.com.

LGU Decision: Anticipated for Monday, May 21, 2012. Chaska City Council meeting is at 7:00 p.m.

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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.

- Wabasha County, Bremer Quarry (Skyline Materials, Inc.), EAW denied

EIS NEED DECISIONS

The responsible governmental unit has determined the following projects do 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*.

- City of Eagan, Central Park Commons, April 3, 2012 (February 6, 2012)

PETITIONS FILED

The following petitions have been filed with the EQB requesting preparation of an EAW. The EQB has assigned the indicated unit of government to review the petition and decide on the need for an EAW.

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 3M Cottage Grove Incinerator

NOTICES

Notice of EIS Preparation

Project Title: Merriam Junction Sands Proposed Mining Operation

Description: On April 3, 2012, the Scott County Board of Commissioners approved Merriam Junction Sands Proposed Mining Final Scoping Decision Document (SDD). The Final SDD will further analyze all the items included in an Environmental Assessment Worksheet. The Final SDD has included the verbal and written comments received during the 30 day public review period. Scott County hereby issues notice of its intent to prepare a draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Merriam Junction Sands proposed mining operation in Sand Creek Township. The Final SDD and work plan are available on the Scott County website.

Please contact Kate Sedlacek or Al Frechette at Scott County Environmental Health and Inspections Department.

RGU: Scott County

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Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Notification of Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
12-NO-050 WITHDRAWN	Dow AgroSciences	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerant	Chippewa, Dodge, Fillmore, Jackson, Lac Qui Parle, Le Sueur, Mower, Nicollet, Nobles, Olmsted, Polk (2), Renville (2), Sibley, Steele, Swift, Traverse, Wabasha
12-NO-053	Monsanto	Soybean	Product Quality: Altered Oil Composition	Redwood (5)
12-NO-054	Bayer CropScience	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerant	Becker, Clay, Goodhue, Le Sueur, Nicollet
12-NO-055	Dow AgroSciences	Soybean	Agronomic Properties; Herbicide Tolerant	Fillmore
12-NO-056	Dow AgroSciences	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerant	Fillmore
12-NO-057	Dow AgroSciences	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerant; Insect Resistant	Fillmore
12-NO-058	Dow AgroSciences	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerant	Chippewa, Fillmore, Jackson, Lac Qui Parle, Le Sueur, Mower, Nicollet, Nobles, Olmsted, Polk, Renville, Sibley, Traverse, Wabasha
12-NO-059	Dow AgroSciences	Corn	Herbicide Tolerant; Other	Becker, Cottonwood, McLeod, Otter Tail, Pope, Renville, Sibley, Stearns, Wilkin

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.