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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET

EAW Comment Deadline: July 25, 2012

Project Title: High Island Dairy, LLC, Nicollet County

Description: High Island Dairy, LLC proposes to construct a 3,000 lactating Jersey cow dairy in Section 3, Lake Prairie Township, Nicollet County. The cows will be housed in a total confinement freestall barn with manure and wastewater collected and treated by an anaerobic digester. Le Sueur Cheese Company process wastewater and wastewater treatment sludge will be mixed with the manure and wastewater before discharge to the anaerobic digester. The biogas produced by the digester will be collected and used as fuel in a dual-fueled boiler to maintain the proper temperature of the waste in the anaerobic digester. The biogas may also be used in reciprocating engines to power electrical generators to provide electrical power to the site. The digested manure solids will be separated for use as bedding in the freestalls with the liquid fraction stored in a covered manure storage basin. The liquid manure and excess bedding solids will be land applied annually in the fall following crop harvest and used as fertilizer.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) 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 651-757-2101.

In addition to the EAW, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/State Disposal System (NPDES/SDS) Permit will also be available for public comment beginning July 25, 2012. The contact person for the NPDES/SDS Permit is George Schwint at 320-441-6971.

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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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*.

- Kandiyohi County, Reconstruction of CSAH 9, June 5, 2012 (March 5, 2012)
- Crow Wing County, Fools Lake Campground and RV Park Expansion, June 12, 2012 (April 30, 2012)
- Minnesota Department of Transportation, US 169/CH69 Interchange Project, Scott County, June 15, 2012 (March 19, 2012)
- Anoka County, CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Boulevard) Transportation Improvements from CSAH 7 to CSAH 9, cities of Anoka and Andover, February 28, 2012 (December 26, 2011)
- Minnesota Department of Transportation, Highway 36 and English Street Interchange Project, city of Maplewood, Ramsey County, June 15, 2012 (February 6, 2012)

PETITION FILED

The following petition has 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.

- Stevens County, proposed RV Campground in shorelands area

NOTICE

Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Notification of Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
12-NO-065	M.S. Technologies, LLC	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerant	Renville (3)
12-NO-066	Betaseed	Sugarbeet	Herbicide Tolerant, Virus resistant	Goodhue

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