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## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

*EAW Comment Deadline: August 22, 2012*

**Project Title: Gourley Brothers Hog Feedlot – Todd County**

**Description:** The Gourley Brothers are proposing to build a total confinement swine facility in Leslie Township, Todd County. The facility will house 2,930 sows, 300 nursery pigs, and 750 replacement Gilts, for a maximum physical capacity of 1,412 animal units. The proposed facility will be 230 feet wide by 424 feet long. The facility will have a 12-foot deep, below ground concrete liquid manure storage area for holding manure generated by the swine. All of the manure generated at the facility will be transferred to area landowners/operators and will be applied during the fall after the crops have been harvested from the designated land application sites.

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 Kevin Kain. 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 Feedlot Permit will also be available for public comment beginning July 24. The contact person for the Feedlot Permit is Samantha Adams at 218-316-3892.

**RGU:** Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

**Contact Person:** Kevin Kain, Planner Principal  
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EQB MONITOR

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Minnesota Environmental Quality Board  
520 Lafayette Road – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
St. Paul, MN 55155-4194  
Phone: 651-757-2873  
Fax: 651-297-2343  
<http://www.eqb.state.mn.us>

**Project Title: Morris Elementary School Demolition**

**Description:** The proposed project is the demolition of the old elementary school, a building on the National Historic Register. There is no further re-construction or development planned for the property at this time. The buildings will be demolished, with attention being paid to the possible reuse of any materials, if possible. Prior to demolition, a hazardous material abatement process will take place to remove hazardous material that was identified in a study completed in 2008 and titled "Asbestos, Lead & Hazardous Material Survey, Former Morris School, Morris, Minnesota." The plan is to do an update to that study prior to preparing plans and specifications for demolition. The duration for the demolition project will be approximately four months. Following demolition, the ground will be restored to its pre-construction condition. This will include filling in and compacting the excavated portions of the ground where the old school sat, placement of and grading of topsoil to the natural grade that is still present at the site, and seeding. Trees will be removed only where it is necessary. All others will remain in place.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) will be posted on the City of Morris website, at the following: <http://www.ci.morris.mn.us>. The file will be located under the "What's New" section on the bottom of the page. Written comments on the EAW should be submitted to Blaine C. Hill, City Manager. A copy of the EAW may also be obtained by contacting Sandy Anderson, Deputy City Clerk, at 320-589-3141.

**RGU:** City of Morris

**Contact Person:** Blaine C. Hill, City Manager  
609 Oregon Avenue  
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Morris, MN 56267  
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[bhill@ci.morris.mn.us](mailto:bhill@ci.morris.mn.us)

**Project Title: Peony Lane/Lawndale Lane Extension**

**Description:** The City of Plymouth proposes to extend Peony Lane from 54th Avenue to Lawndale Lane. The extended roadway will intersect County Road 47 and continue north to the border with the City of Maple Grove. The project includes construction of a four-lane roadway, a trail, a sidewalk, dedicated turn lanes and storm water ponding.

**RGU:** City of Plymouth

**Contact Person:** Doran Cote, Public Works Director  
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**Project Title: Trunk Highway (TH) 10 Interchange at Junction Benton  
County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 2, City of Rice, Benton County Minnesota**

**Description:** The purpose of this EAW is to document impacts for the construction of an interchange and related improvements. The project includes reconstructing TH 10, changes to access at the north and south junctions of Benton County Road 31, and a grade separated crossing of CSAH 2. Entrance and exit ramps to and from TH 10 will be constructed.

Copies of the EAW which documents the purpose and need of the project, along with the anticipated social, economic and environmental impacts, are available for public review beginning July 23, 2012, at the following locations:

- Mn/DOT District 3 - 3725 12<sup>th</sup> Street North, St. Cloud, MN 56303
- Rice City Hall – 205 Main Street East, Rice, MN 55367
- Benton County Highway Department - 7752 Hwy 25 NE, Foley, MN 56329
- Great River Regional Library - 1300 W. St. Germain St., St. Cloud, MN 56301

To afford an opportunity for all interested persons, agencies and groups to comment on the EAW, a public hearing has been scheduled for August 13, 2012, from 4:30-6:30 PM at the Rice City Hall, 205 Main Street East, Rice, MN. The project layout will be available for review, and project staff will be on hand to answer questions. Submitted comments will become part of the official project record.

The EAW can be made available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities by calling Claudia Dumont, Project Manager, at 320-223-6530 or to individuals who are hearing or speech impaired by calling the Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529 or 651-296-9930 TTY.

Copies of the EAW are being distributed to agencies on the current MEQB list and others. The comment period will begin on **July 23, 2012**. Comments will be accepted through **August 22, 2012**.

**RGU:** Minnesota Department of Transportation

**Contact Person:** Claudia Dumont, Project Manager  
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## NOTICES

### MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO HOLD STATE METALLIC MINERALS LEASE SALE

##### State Lands to be Offered for Metallic Minerals Exploration

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources announces that plans are being developed to hold the state's 33rd sale of metallic minerals exploration and mining leases. The sale is tentatively scheduled for October 2012. The lease sale plans are being announced at this time in order to give mining companies, public interest groups and all other interested parties additional time to review the areas under consideration.

The purpose of Minnesota's metallic minerals rules (Minnesota Rules, parts 6125.0100 - .0700) is to promote and regulate the exploration for, mining and removal of metallic minerals on state-owned and state-administered lands. These rules, and the leases issued under these rules, authorize exploration and development of these minerals and impose certain requirements on the lessee. The requirements include: the payment of rentals that increase with the passage of time, the payment of royalty for all ore mined and removed, the submission of data and other reports, and the addressing of environmental considerations. In addition, the state lessee must comply with all applicable regulatory laws.

The areas under consideration for the lease sale cover portions of Aitkin, Lake and Saint Louis Counties. Some of the lands being considered have been offered in previous metallic minerals lease sales, but based upon the interest shown by industry, new geologic data, and exploration techniques developed during the past few years, it is felt that within these lands there is significant potential for the discovery of mineral resources. Certain new lands of interest are also being considered for the lease sale.

The exact time and place of the lease sale will be announced by legal notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the sale. Mining unit books, listing the state lands to be offered at the lease sale, will be available for inspection or purchase at that time.

A map showing the general areas under consideration may be obtained from the Division of Lands and Minerals, Box 45, 500 Lafayette Road, Saint Paul, MN 55155-4045, telephone 651-259-5959, or by visiting the DNR website at [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us).

Dated: July 16, 2012

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Larry R. Kramka, Director  
Division of Lands and Minerals

# MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

### ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET FOR NORTHERN METALS FACILITY

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) will conduct a public meeting on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the proposal by Northern Metals, LLC to obtain a Major Amendment to the facility's Air Emission Permit No. 5300480-003. The Northern Metals facility is located at 2800 Pacific Street North, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.

The public meeting is August 9, 2012, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the first floor of the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board located at 2117 West River Road. An informal open house begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a brief MPCA presentation at 7:00 p.m. There will be an opportunity for citizens to share their comments regarding the EAW and proposed project following the presentation. The primary purpose of the meeting is to provide an update on the status of the EAW for the proposed project and is informational in nature; however, comment forms will be available for those who wish to submit written comments.

The MPCA will accept public comments on the EAW until 4:30 p.m. on September 10, 2012. Only timely written comments will be considered. Evidence of timely receipt includes: (a) a date/time stamp imprinted by MPCA support staff on the first page of a written comment letter; (b) the date and time printed on a fax; or (c) the date and time of an e-mail.

Comments on EAW should be in writing and sent to:

William Lynott  
Environmental Review Unit  
Resource Management and Assistance Division  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
520 Lafayette Road North  
St. Paul, MN 55155-4194  
[william.lynott@state.mn.us](mailto:william.lynott@state.mn.us)  
Fax: 651-297-2343

Comments already submitted on the Northern metals EAW should not be resubmitted, **with the exception of comments sent to MPCA after the close of the initial public comment periods.**

The EAW is available on the MPCA's website at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/view-document.html?gid=16378>. A copy of the draft permit is available on the MPCA's website at [www.pca.state.mn.us/news/data/index.cfm?PN=1](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/data/index.cfm?PN=1), or can be mailed in hard copy to any interested person upon the MPCA's receipt of a written request.

Additional materials relating to the draft permit and EAW are available for inspection by appointment at the MPCA, 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55155-4194, telephone 651-757-2667, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. All MPCA offices may be reached by calling 1-800-657-3864.

Direct questions about the public information meeting and the reopened public notice to:

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