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## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET

*EAW Comment Deadline: September 19, 2012*

### Project Title: Becker Ash Landfill Expansion

**Description:** Great River Energy (GRE) proposes to expand the existing Becker Ash Landfill to provide needed disposal capacity for refuse-derived fuel ash generated at GRE's Elk River Energy Recovery Station power plant. The existing landfill is expected to reach its permitted capacity in early 2015, thereby creating a need for additional capacity to continue operation of the power plant. The expansion would increase the landfill's storage capacity from 1,717,300 to 6,313,300 cubic yards, providing approximately 51 years of additional site life at fill rates associated with peak production at the power plant.

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 William Lynott. A copy of the EAW may also be obtained by contacting Mary Osborn at 651-757-2101.

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## EIS NEED DECISIONS

The noted 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*.

- Minnesota Department of Transportation, Highway 52/65th Street Interchange Project (SP 5508-117), City of Rochester, August 10, 2012 (November 28, 2011)
- City of Saint Paul, Lilydale Regional Park Master Plan Implementation Project, Lilydale, August 10, 2012 (June 11, 2012)
- Scott County, CSAH 17 and CSAH 78 Reconstruction Project SP 070-617-022 / CP 17-31, Shakopee, August 14, 2012 (June 11, 2012)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Scott Sanness Farm – Section 26 Feedlot Expansion, Wilmington Township, Houston County, August 14, 2012 (June 11, 2012)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, High Island Dairy, LLC, Lake Prairie Township, Nicollet County, August 15, 2012 (June 25, 2012)

## AUAR UPDATE ADOPTED

**Project Title: South Loop District Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) Update Report**

**Description:** The South Loop District AUAR Update Report was sent to review agencies on May 10, 2012. The comment period ended June 13, 2012. The revised AUAR Update was resent to review agencies on July 6, 2012, and the comment period ended July 25, 2012. The Bloomington City Council adopted Resolution #2012-86 adopting the AUAR Update for the South Loop District on August 6, 2012.

**RGU:** City of Bloomington

## FINAL EIS AVAILABLE

**Project Title: Zavoral Mine and Reclamation Project, City of Scandia, Washington County, Minnesota**

**Description:** The City of Scandia announces that a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) completed for the Proposed Zavoral Mine and Reclamation Project is available for public comment. Tiller Corporation, Inc., (Tiller) with offices located in Maple Grove, Minnesota is the proposer of the Project.

Tiller proposes to operate a gravel mine on the site of a dormant, unreclaimed gravel mine (Zavoral Site) that is located along St. Croix Trail North (State Trunk Highway [TH] 95), a State Scenic Byway, near its intersection with TH 97 in the City of Scandia, Washington County, Minnesota. Tiller proposes to mine and reclaim 64 acres of the 114-acre Zavoral Site. Of the 64 acres proposed for mining and reclamation, 55 acres are located on portions of the Site that were previously disturbed by mining. A previously unmined 9-acre area is also included in the proposed mining area.

The FEIS discusses potential environmental impacts from Alternative 1 – 5- to 10- Year Operation, Alternative 2 – No Build, Alternative 3 – Reduced Timeframe 3.3- to 5-Year Operation, and Subalternative 3A – Reduced Timeframe 150-Working Day Operation over an Approximately 1- Year Period. The document also considers mitigation of adverse effects.

Copies of the FEIS are available:

- For public examination locally, at the City of Scandia Community and Senior Center (City Office), 14727 209<sup>th</sup> Street North, Scandia, MN 55073.
- Washington County Public Library-Hardwood Creek Branch, 19955 Forest Road North, Forest Lake, MN 55025.
- Washington County Public Library-Marine Library Express (Marine City Hall), 121 Judd Street, Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047.

The FEIS is available on the City's website: <http://tinyurl.com/zavoralEIS>. A compact disc containing the final EIS may be requested using the contact information below.

**Public Comment:** The Responsible Unit of Government (RGU) is the City of Scandia. The City of Scandia invites comments on the final EIS during the public comment period on or before 4:00 p.m. on September 10, 2012. All comments must be submitted in writing to:

Anne Hurlburt, City Administrator  
14727 209<sup>th</sup> Street North, Scandia, Minnesota,  
Phone: 651-433-2274  
Fax: 651-433-5112  
[a.hurlburt@ci.scandia.mn.us](mailto:a.hurlburt@ci.scandia.mn.us)

An adequacy determination will be made by the City following the public comment period. The final EIS shall be determined adequate if it:

- A. Addresses the potentially significant issues and alternatives raised in scoping so that all significant issues for which information can be reasonably obtained have been analyzed in conformance with Minnesota Rules, part 4410.2300, items G and H;
- B. Provides responses to the substantive comments received during the draft EIS review concerning issues raised in scoping; and
- C. Was prepared in compliance with the procedures of the Minnesota Environmental Policy Act and Minnesota Rules, parts 4410.0200 to 4410.6500.

## NOTICES

### Transgenic Soybean with Modified Expression of the Fatty Acid Stearidonic acid (SDA) - Commercial Use Exemption

Monsanto Company has requested an exemption from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Genetically Engineered Organism Release Permit for a soybean line, designated as transformation event MON 87769, which has been genetically engineered to express higher levels of the fatty acid stearidonic acid (SDA) in soybean seed. This soybean line contains stably integrated genes that confer higher levels of stearidonic acid as well as lower levels of three other fatty acids and also reduces the expression of linoleic acid to levels other than those found in non-modified soybean seeds. The soybean line containing these genes is no longer regulated under USDA/APHIS guidelines. Under this exemption from state permit, Monsanto Company will be allowed to commercially use this genetically engineered soybean line without further regulation. For additional information contact Tina Seeland, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 651-201-6404, [tina.seeland@state.mn.us](mailto:tina.seeland@state.mn.us)

### ROTENONE APPLICATION PROJECTS PLANNED BY DNR SECTION OF FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

The DNR Section of Fisheries Management is planning a rotenone treatment on the lake below and tributaries of this lake:

Lake	DOW#	Township	Range	Sections(s)
Loon	81-0015-00	107N	22W	7, 18

The DNR Section of Fisheries Management is planning one lake reclamation project this fall. The project involves the application of cubed root (powdered) rotenone and a small amount of liquid rotenone applied via backpack sprayers and drip stations to eliminate or reduce less desirable fish species. Endangered or threatened species are not present in any of the lakes. Project goals include improved fish habitat and expanded angling opportunities. Specifics regarding the projects are as follows:

Rotenone application will be done by licensed pesticide applicators and target treatment concentration is 5 ppm. Black bullheads (*Ictalurus melas*) are the target fish species. Benefits of the project will be improved fish habitat and re-establishing an urban fishery in the City of Waseca with bluegill, black crappie, northern pike, and channel catfish.

For general information about this project, contact TJ DeBates, Waterville Area Wildlife Manager 507-362-4223, [timothy.debates@state.mn.us](mailto:timothy.debates@state.mn.us) or Brian Schultz, Southern Region Assistant Fisheries Manager 507-359-6026, [brian.schultz@state.mn.us](mailto:brian.schultz@state.mn.us).