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Environmental Assessment Worksheets

EAW Comment Deadline: October 2, 2013

Project Title: Sparboe Farms, Inc. – Prairie Complex Feedlot Expansion

Project Description: Sparboe Farms, Inc. proposes to expand an existing egg laying facility in Section 16, Darwin Township, Meeker County that currently contains 3,762 animal units (AUs) in 11 existing high rise style buildings and one new stacked cage building under construction. The proposed project includes the construction of two new stacked cage buildings after the demolition of four high rise style buildings resulting in a net increase of 554,272 hens (less than 5 pounds) or 1,663 AUs, for a total of 5,424 AUs.

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 Beth Tegdesch at 651-757-2100.

In addition to the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW), the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's draft NPDES/SDS Permit for the project will also be available for public comment beginning September 3, 2013. The contact person for the NPDES/SDS Permit is George Schwint at 320-441-6971.

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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EAW 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.

- City of Blaine, Ball Road Retail EAW, (Anoka County), August 16, 2013 (June 24, 2013).
- City of St. Cloud, Charcoal 3 Granite Quarry EAW, (Stearns County), August 12, 2013 (April 29 2013).
- Olmsted County, Lake Shady Dam Removal, August 13, 2013 (May 27, 2013).

Petitions Received

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 Department of Natural Resources, Northshore Mining Company Amendment to Permit to Mine.

Final Alternative Urban Areawide Review Available

AUAR Comment Deadline: September 16, 2013

Project Title: UMore Study Area AUAR

Project Description: The City of Rosemount has prepared the Final AUAR for the UMore Study Area. Responses to comments were incorporated into the AUAR. The AUAR reviews development scenarios and the no-build for a 4,900 acre area in Rosemount and Empire Township. Development includes different ranges of residential, commercial, and light industrial. The AUAR is available on the City's website at: <http://www.ci.rosemount.mn.us/AUAR>.

RGU: City of Rosemount

Contact Person: Mr. Eric Zweber
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City of Rosemount
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EIS Adequacy Decision

Project Title: Minnesota Multi-Purpose Stadium

As the designated Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU), the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority (MSFA) has determined that the Final EIS for the proposed Minnesota Multi-Purpose Stadium in Minneapolis, Minnesota, is adequate under the Minnesota Environmental Policy Act (Minn. Stat. ch. 116D) and the EQB rules implementing MEPA (Minn. R. ch 4410).

The Stadium will seat approximately 65,500 persons, with expansion up to 73,000 (maximum), and is for use by the Minnesota Vikings as well as other civic and community uses. The Proposed Project includes the Stadium structure and associated infrastructure improvements surrounding the Stadium site. The Stadium site is located from Park Avenue to 11th Avenue and 3rd Street to 6th Street on the current Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome site.

Copies of the Final EIS were distributed to agencies on the current Minnesota Environmental Quality Board list and to all persons and organizations that submitted substantive comments on the Draft EIS. The Final EIS was also available on the MSFA's website (www.msfa.com) and paper copies were available at the Minneapolis Central Branch of the Hennepin County Public Library (300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis). The Final EIS notice of availability was published in the August 5, 2013 EQB Monitor, and comments were received on the Final EIS through August 19, 2013. Five comment letters were received on the Final EIS. The Findings of Fact, Conclusions

and Order document (attached) includes comments received on the Final EIS, and responses. The Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order, along with the record supporting the MSFA's decision can be found on the MSFA's website (www.msfa.com).

Environmental Assessment Available

Project Title: The Minnesota Power 115kV High Voltage Transmission Line and Switching Station Environmental Assessment located in the City of Silver Bay.

Project Description: This Project falls under Minnesota Rules Chapter 7850.5300 Subp. 2. C. local review of transmission projects ranging between 100 to 200 kV. The City of Silver Bay (City) agreed to act as the lead local unit of government with jurisdiction to approve the Project. The proposed Project is located in Sections 31 and 32, Township 56N, Range 7W, in the City of Silver Bay, Lake County, Minnesota (Figure 2). The Project consists of constructing 0.7 miles of double circuit 115 kV HVTL west of Minnesota Power's existing 128 Line (see Figure 1). The proposed double circuit HVTL will begin at the proposed switching station and run 0.7 miles southwest until it intersects Minnesota Power's existing 42 Line just outside the existing Silver Bay Substation located at the North Shore Mining facility.

Copies of the EA, which documents the purpose and need of the project, along with the anticipated social, economic, and environmental impacts, are available for public review beginning September 2, 2013 at the City Hall, 7 Davis Drive, Silver Bay Minnesota 55614.

Comments may be submitted to Lana Fralich at the city office address or to email or fax. Comment Period Deadline: September 16, 2013

RGU: City of Silver Bay

Contact Person: Lana Fralich, City Administrator

City of Silver Bay
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Project Title: In the Matter of the Route Permit Application by Northern States Power Company for the Kohlman Lake to Goose Lake 115 kV Transmission Line Project

PUC Docket Number: E002/TL-12-1151

STATE OF MINNESOTA Department of Commerce

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Department of Commerce (Department) has issued the environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed Kohlman Lake to Goose Lake 115 kV transmission line project in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

Electronic versions of the EA, maps of the proposed project, and other documents relevant to this matter are available for viewing on the Department's energy facility permitting website: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?id=33013>, and on the State of Minnesota's eDockets system: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the year "12" and the number "1151").

Print copies of the EA will be available at the following libraries:

Ramsey County Public Library

2180 North Hamline Ave.
Roseville, MN 55113

White Bear Lake Public Library
4698 Clark Ave.
White Bear Lake, MN 55110

The EA analyzes the potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project and methods to mitigate such impacts.

A public hearing for the project will be held at 6:00 p.m. on September 10, 2013, at the Best Western Plus White Bear Country Inn, 4940 Highway 61 North in White Bear Lake, Minnesota. Notice of the hearing will be issued separately and will be available on the above-noted websites.

If you have questions about the EA or would like more information, please contact the Department's environmental review manager for this project, Ray Kirsch, 651-539-1841, raymond.kirsch@state.mn.us.

Project Title: US Highway 53 Virginia to Eveleth Amended Scoping Decision Document

Project Description: As the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU), the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has prepared an Amended Scoping Decision Document (ASDD) for the US Highway 53 Virginia to Eveleth project. A Scoping Decision Document (SDD) was published in September 2012 that provided a summary of the Scoping process findings and documented the proposed scope and focus of the EIS. Since the SDD was distributed, more detailed study of the Draft EIS alternatives and respective impacts has been performed. The initial findings regarding cost and feasibility of some of the Build Alternatives led the RGU to 1) reconsider some Scoping alternative alignments that had been dismissed from further consideration in the Draft EIS during the 2012 Scoping process (specifically alternatives W-1 and E-1) and 2) assess whether minor alignment modifications to some alternatives would make them more feasible/cost effective. This ASDD describes the additional Scoping-level reassessment of alternatives and resulting revisions to the alternatives that will be carried forward for study in the Draft EIS, including identification of any pertinent social, economic, and environmental issues.

The ASDD will be distributed to local governments, regulatory agencies, persons who commented on the Scoping Document, and others in accordance with the EQB requirements and will also be posted on the project webpage at www.dot.state.mn.us/d1/projects/hwy53relocation. The document is also available for public viewing at the following locations:

- Eveleth Public Library, 614 Pierce Street, Eveleth, MN
- Gilbert Public Library, 17 N. Broadway, Gilbert, MN
- Mountain Iron Public Library, 5742 Mountain Avenue, Mt. Iron, MN
- Virginia Public Library, 215 5th Avenue S, Virginia, MN
- Duluth Public Library, 520 West Superior Street, Duluth, MN
- Minnesota Department of Transportation – District 1 Duluth Office, 1123 Mesaba Avenue, Duluth, MN
- Minnesota Department of Transportation – District 1 Virginia Office, 101 N. Hoover Road, Virginia, MN

Contact: Roberta Dwyer, Project Manager
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 Duluth, MN 55811
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To request an ASL interpreter or other reasonable accommodation, call Janet Miller at 651-366-4720 or 1-800-657-3774 (Greater Minnesota); 711 or 1-800-627-3529 (Minnesota Relay). You may also send an email to janet.rae.miller@state.mn.us. Please make requests at least one week in advance.

Notices

Rotenone Application Project Planned By DNR Section of Fisheries Management

The DNR Section of Fisheries Management is planning a rotenone treatment on the pond below:

Lake	DOW#	Township	Range	Sections(s)
Olander Pond	18-0091	46N	29	24

The DNR Section of Fisheries Management is planning a reclamation project this fall. The project involves the application of cubed root (powdered) rotenone by boat to eliminate or reduce competing fish species in a walleye fingerling rearing pond. Endangered or threatened species are not present in the pond and the basin is isolated with no inlet or outlets. Project goals include improved production of walleye fingerlings in the pond that are being impacted by competing species. The fish that are produced in the pond will be stocked in area lakes to provide expanded angling opportunities. Specifics regarding the projects are as follows:

Rotenone application will be done by licensed pesticide applicators and target treatment concentration is 4 ppm. Golden shiner, *Notemigonus crysoleucas*, and black crappie, *Pomoxis nigromaculatus*, are the target fish species. Benefits of the project will be improved production in a rearing pond that has a long history of walleye fingerling production, but has recently become contaminated with shiners and crappie by unknown means. Further use of the pond for fingerling production is not possible without removal of these species. By treating the pond in the fall of 2013, the pond can be used again for fingerling production in 2014.

For general information about this project contact:
 Marc Bacigalupi – Area Fisheries Manager, 218-833-8636

Rotenone Application Project Planned By DNR Section of Fisheries Management

The DNR Section of Fisheries Management is planning a rotenone treatment on the pond below:

Lake	DOW#	Township	Range	Sections(s)
Slough Pond	86-0078	121N	25	27, 28

The DNR Section of Fisheries Management is planning a reclamation project this fall. The project involves the application of cubed root (powdered) rotenone by boat to eliminate or reduce competing fish species in a walleye fingerling rearing pond. Endangered or threatened

species are not present in the pond and the basin is isolated with no inlet or outlets. Project goals include improved production of walleye fingerlings in the pond that are being impacted by competing species. The fish that are produced in the pond will be stocked in area lakes to provide expanded angling opportunities. Specifics regarding the projects are as follows:

Rotenone application will be done by licensed pesticide applicators and target treatment concentration is 4 ppm. Yellow Perch (*Perca flavescens*) are the target fish species. Benefits of the project will be improved production in a rearing pond that has a long history of walleye fingerling production, but has recently become contaminated with yellow perch. Further use of the pond for fingerling production is not possible without removal of these species. By treating the pond in the fall of 2013, the pond can be used again for fingerling production in 2014.

For general information about this project contact:

Joe Stewig – Area Fisheries Manager or Mark Pelham Fisheries Specialist 763-675-3301

Notification of Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
13-NO-075	Scotts – Miracle Gro	Kentucky bluegrass	Herbicide Tolerant	Ramsey

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
