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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET

EAW Comment Deadline: October 3, 2012

Project Title: Shamrock Recycling and Transfer Station Expansion Project

Description: Shamrock Recycling & Transfer, LLC (Shamrock) operates an existing recycling and transfer facility (Facility) located in Blaine, Minnesota. The Facility currently accepts construction and demolition (C&D) waste, recyclable materials, non-hazardous industrial wastes, appliances, and yard waste. The Facility currently is limited by its solid waste permit to a capacity of 500 tons per day (TPD) of C&D waste. The proposed project (Project) would result in the Facility being permitted to accept mixed municipal solid waste and single stream recycling material. The Project would also increase the Facility's permitted capacity from 500 TPD to 700 TPD of all these wastes.

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

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

In addition to the EAW, Shamrock's draft Solid Waste Permit will also be available for public comment beginning September 4, 2012. The contact person for the Solid Waste Permit is Lisa Mojsiej at 651-757-2373.

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Contact Person: Steve Sommer
Planner Principal
Environmental Review Unit – 4th Floor
Resource Management and Assistance Division
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
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St. Paul, MN 55155-4194
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steve.sommer@pca.state.mn.us

Project Title: Interstate 94/Brockton Lane Interchange Project (SP 2780-89 and SP 229-020-003)

Description: The I-94/Brockton Lane Interchange Project involves preservation of an interchange footprint along a new roadway alignment between Brockton Lane and CSAH 81 in the City of Dayton. Identification and preservation of this interchange footprint will support the long-term growth and land use plans for communities within the project area. The proposed I-94/Brockton Lane Interchange Project includes auxiliary lane improvements to I-94 within highway right of way from the Brockton Lane area to the future I-94/TH 610 interchange in the City of Maple Grove. The project is not currently programmed for construction.

Copies of the EAW, which documents the purpose and need for the project, alternatives evaluation process, and anticipated environmental impacts of the proposed interchange footprint, are available for public viewing beginning September 3, 2012 during regular business hours at the following locations:

- Dayton City Hall
12260 South Diamond Lake Road, Dayton, MN 55327
- Maple Grove City Hall
12800 Arbor Lakes Parkway North, Maple Grove, MN 55311
- Rogers City Hall
22350 South Diamond Lake Road, Rogers, MN 55374
- Maple Grove Public Library
8001 Main Street North, Maple Grove, MN 55369
- Rogers Public Library
21300 John Milles Drive, Rogers, MN 55374
- MnDOT Metro District Office
1500 West County Road B2, Roseville, MN 55113
- Project Website (<http://projects.srfconsulting.com/brockton/>)

To request the document in an alternative format, please contact the MnDOT Affirmative Action Office at 651-366-4718 or 1-800-657-3774 (Greater Minnesota); 711 or 1-800-627-3529 (Minnesota Relay). You may also send an e-mail to ADArequest.dot@state.mn.us. (Please request at least one week in advance).

To afford an opportunity for all interested persons to comment on the EAW, a public open house is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25, 2012, from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Dayton Senior Center, 18461 Dayton Street, Dayton, MN. Submitted comments will become part of the official project record.

Copies of the EA/EAW are being distributed to agencies on the current MEQB list and others. The EAW comment period will begin on **Monday September 3, 2012**. Written comments will be accepted through **Wednesday, October 3, 2012**. Comments should be submitted to the RGU contact listed below.

Project Proposer: City of Dayton

RGU: Minnesota Department of Transportation

Contact: Rick Dalton, Environmental Coordinator
Minnesota Department of Transportation
1500 West County Road B2, Mailstop 050
Roseville, MN 55113
651-234-7677
richard.dalton@state.mn.us

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AVAILABLE

Project Title: Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) 2020 Improvements

Description: The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) is proposing improvements at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport's Terminal 1- Lindbergh and Terminal 2-Humphrey to meet the forecasted needs of the Twin Cities metropolitan area through the year 2020. Proposed improvements at Terminal 1-Lindbergh include expanding and remodeling Concourse G, remodeling Concourse E, reconfiguring and/or expanding the terminal lobby and baggage claim area, expanding the arrivals curb, and constructing a new parking ramp. At Terminal 2-Humphrey, the proposed improvements include constructing new gates, providing auto rental facilities, expanding parking and improving the roadway access system to the terminal by reconstructing the 34th Avenue South/I-494 interchange and constructing a new Trunk Highway (TH) 5 /Post Road interchange.

Environmental impact analyses were conducted in conformance with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) National Environmental Policy Act requirements, the Minnesota Environmental Policy Act requirements, and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. As a result of the analyses it was determined that the proposed improvements would result in minor impacts. In addition, the FAA found that no historic properties would be affected by Phase I of the proposed improvements.

Copies of the Draft EA/EAW are being distributed to agencies on the current Minnesota Environmental Quality Board distribution list, appropriate federal agencies and others as previously requested. The Draft EA/EAW is available for review on the MAC's website at <http://www.mspairport.com/about-msp/msp-2020-ea.aspx> and at the following locations:

MAC – General Office Building
Nokomis Library – Minneapolis
Augsburg Park Library – Richfield
Oxboro Library – Bloomington
Highland Park Library – St. Paul

Public open houses will be held on September 17 and 18, and October 1 to answer questions about the Draft EA/EAW. Immediately following the October 1 public open house, a public hearing will be held to accept verbal and written comments about the Draft EA/EAW.

Monday, September 17, 2012	Tuesday, September 18, 2012	Monday, October 1, 2012
Open House	Open House	Open House
5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Eagan Community Center	Lake Nokomis Community Center	Public Hearing
1510 Central Parkway	2401 E Minnehaha Parkway	7:00 pm -
Eagan, MN 55121	Minneapolis, MN 55417	MAC – General Office Building
		6040 28th Avenue South
		Minneapolis, MN 55450

RGU: Metropolitan Airports Commission

Contact: MSP 2020 Improvements Draft EA/EAW File
C/O Environment Department
Metropolitan Airports Commission
6040 – 28th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450-2799
612-726-8100
msp2020draftEAW@mspmac.org

EAW NEED DECISIONS

The noted responsible governmental unit has made a decision regarding the need for an EAW in response to a citizen petition.

- Houston County, Erickson Quarry Project, EAW Granted
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Full Circle Organics/Good Thunder Compost Facility, EAW denied

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, I-90/Dresbach Bridge and Approach Roadway Interchange Project Highway 52/65th Street Interchange Project (SP 8580-149), Dresbach Township, Winona County City of Rochester, August 22, 2012 (December 23, 2011)

DRAFT AUAR UPDATE AVAILABLE

The City of New Brighton is going through its second update of an Alternative Urban Area-wide Review (AUAR). In 2002, the City of New Brighton began acquiring properties in an effort to redevelop approximately 100 acres in the northwest quadrant of I-35W and I-694. After ten years the City has acquired all clean, contaminated, and suspected contaminated properties. Redevelopment of the site as parks, residential, commercial, and mixed land uses is the City's Preferred Alternative.

Comments may be addressed to:

Kenneth Nimmer, MPA, REM
Senior Environmental Specialist
Community Development – City of New Brighton
803 Old Highway 8 NW
New Brighton, MN 55112-2792
Ken.Nimmer@NewBrightonMn.gov
651-308-7932

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.

- Winona County, Nisbit Frac Sand Mine Proposal

NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

In the Matter of the Route Permit Application for the Black Dog to Savage

115 kV Transmission Line Project in Dakota County, Minnesota**PUC Docket Number: E002/TL-11-795 | OAH Docket Number: 11-2500-22932-2**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held on behalf of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) on the route permit application by Xcel Energy for the Black Dog to Savage 115 kV transmission line project. The hearing will be held at the time and location listed below. The hearing will continue until all persons have had the opportunity to offer testimony and ask questions and all other business has been concluded.

PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, September 11, 2012 -- 6:00 p.m.

Burnsville City Hall
100 Civic Center Parkway
Burnsville, Minnesota 55337
952-895-4400

The purpose of the hearing is to gather public comments on the most prudent route and alignment for the Black Dog to Savage project and issues that should be addressed in a route permit for the project. Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Barbara Neilson will preside at the hearing. Any person who would like to comment on the route and alignment for the project or issues that should be addressed in a route permit may do so at the hearing or in writing to Judge Neilson.

The hearing record will remain open until **4:30 p.m., Friday, September 28, 2012**, for the receipt of written comments. Please include Commission Docket No. TL-11-795 on all comments. Comments should be mailed, emailed, or faxed directly to Judge Neilson at:

The Honorable Barbara Neilson
Office of Administrative Hearings
PO Box 64620
St. Paul, Minnesota, 55164-0620
Fax: 651-361-7936
Email: routecomments@state.mn.us

Conduct of Hearing. The public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Power Plant Siting Act (Minn. Stat. 216E, Minn. Rules 7850.3800). Members of the public will have an opportunity to offer testimony, submit materials into the record, and ask questions. Any person who wishes to ask a question, but does not want to ask the question personally, may submit it in writing to the ALJ who will then ask the question during the hearing. The hearing will continue until all persons have had the opportunity to offer testimony and ask questions. If necessary, the hearing may be recessed and continued by the ALJ.

At the close of the written comment period, Judge Neilson will provide a report including findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a recommendation to the Commission. Upon receipt of the ALJ's report, the Commission will make a final decision on the route permit application.

Request for Accommodation. Any person who needs an accommodation for a disability in order to participate in the hearing, and any person who requires an interpreter, including a foreign language interpreter, should promptly notify the Office of Administrative Hearings, PO Box 64620, 600 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620, Phone: (651) 361-7832 (voice) or (651) 361-7878 (TDD).

Environmental Assessment. Department of Commerce, Energy Facility Permitting (EFP) staff has completed an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed project. The EA analyzes the potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project as well as possible mitigative measures. 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=32529> and on the State of Minnesota eDockets system: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the year "11" and the number "795").

The EA is also available at the locations noted below:

Burnhaven Library
1101 County Rd 42W
Burnsville, MN 55306

Wescott Branch Library
1340 Wescott Rd.
Eagan, MN 55123

Project Description. Xcel Energy proposes to replace two existing 115 kV transmission lines with a new double circuit 115 kV line, approximately 4.2 miles in length miles, in Dakota County, Minnesota. The project will remove the two existing 115 kV lines from Black Dog Lake and will reroute the line to facilitate a quarry redevelopment project (see attached map). Xcel Energy indicates in its route permit application that the project is needed to replace aging and deteriorating wooden poles, and to meet North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) reliability requirements.

Xcel Energy has requested a route width of 750 feet for those portions of the transmission line east of Interstate 35 West (I-35W), and a route width of 400 feet for those portions west of I-35W. Xcel Energy has indicated that the new double circuit 115 kV line will require a right-of-way (easement) of 100 feet (50 feet on each side of the transmission line). Steel poles, ranging in height from 50 to 100 feet, will be used for the new line. Xcel Energy anticipates beginning construction of the project in late 2012.

Project Contacts. If you have questions or would like further information about this project, please contact:

Ray Kirsch, State Permit Manager
651-296-7588
raymond.kirsch@state.mn.us

Bill Storm, Public Advisor
651-296-9535
bill.storm@state.mn.us

Information about the project may also be obtained by contacting Tim Rogers of Xcel Energy at (612) 330-1955, timothy.g.rogers@xcelenergy.com, Xcel Energy, 414 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401.

Project Mailing List. Interested persons can add their names to the mailing list for this project by contacting the state permit manager or public advisor, or by registering on-line at:
<http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities>.

This document can be made available in alternative formats (i.e., large print or audio) by calling 651-296-0391 (voice). Persons with hearing or speech disabilities may call us through Minnesota Relay at 1-800-627-3529 or by dialing 711.

Project Overview Map --- Black Dog to Savage 115 kV Transmission Line Project

