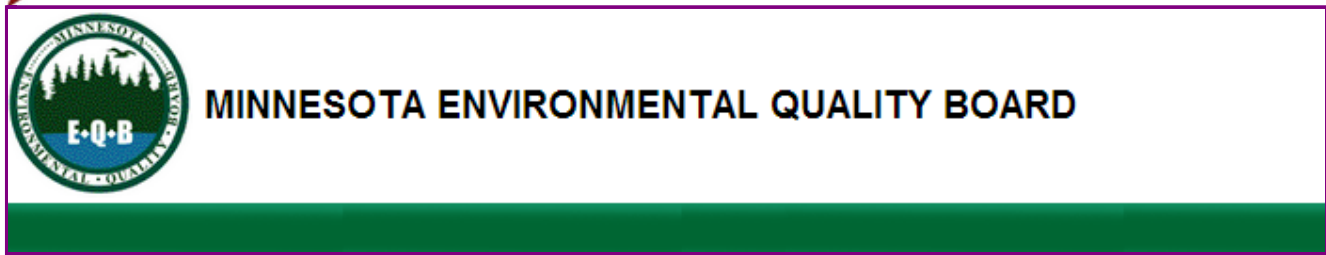


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EIS Need Decisions

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.

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Sparboe Farms, Inc. Prairie Complex Feedlot Expansion, Darwin Township, Meeker County, October 18, 2013 (August 2, 2013)
- City of Woodbury, Fields of Woodbury, City of Woodbury, Washington County, September 25, 2013 (August 5, 2013)
- City of Shakopee, Valley Park Business Center West, City of Shakopee, Scott County, October 1, 2013 (August 19, 2013)

AUAR Update Adopted

Project Title: West End AUAR Update

Project Description: The City of St. Louis Park has prepared a Draft Alternative Areawide Review (AUAR) Update under the Minnesota Environmental Policy Act for the West End Development. The AUAR Update was sent to review agencies and the comment period ended September 30, 2013. The City of St. Louis Park adopted the West End AUAR Update on October 7, 2013.

RGU: City of St. Louis Park

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Project Title: UMore Study Area

Project Description: The City of Rosemount has adopted their Final AUAR for the UMore Study Area.

RGU: City of Rosemount

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROGRAM CHANGES TO MINNESOTA'S LAKE SUPERIOR COASTAL PROGRAM

On June 24, 2013, Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program (MLSCP) announced that it was submitting to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office of Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) for review and approval changes to Minnesota's program. These changes included enforceable policies outlined in the 2004 update to the North Shore Management Plan, incorporation of four statutes and rules from Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program, and annual legislative updates to Minnesota's current enforceable policies since 1999.

On September 9, 2013, MLSCP received concurrence from the NOAA, OCRM that the changes are a Routine Program Change (RPC) under the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) and approved the incorporation of all but one of the changes as enforceable and non-enforceable policies of the MLSCP. OCRM did not approve Minnesota Statute 18C.60 "Phosphorous Turf Fertilizer Use Restrictions", subdivision 1 "Definition", which defines "turf" to include "property owned by federal, state or local units of government" since Minnesota has no regulatory authority over federal agencies under the CZMA. Federal consistency will apply to the approved changes to enforceable policies as of October 28, 2013. A copy of the changes (169 page table) can be viewed and downloaded on the internet by going to <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/lakesuperior/feis>, or by calling Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program at 218-834-1441.

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT AVAILABILITY

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern State Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy for Approval of Competitive Resources Acquisition Proposal and Certificate of Need Docket

PUC Docket No. E002/CN-12-1240

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Minnesota Department of Commerce has issued the environmental report (ER) for Xcel Energy's Competitive Resource Acquisition Proposal. The ER analyzes the potential human and environmental impacts of the competing proposals.

The ER, and all material constituting the official record for the certificate of need, can be found on the eDockets system at: <https://www.eDockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp>; search on the year "12" and number "1240."

Electronic versions of the ER and selected other documents relevant to this matter are available for viewing on the Department's energy environmental review and analysis website: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=33228>.

A print copy of the ER is also available for review at the Department of Commerce.

Questions about this docket or Commission process and procedure? Contact Commission staff member, Tricia DeBleekere (651-201-2254, tricia.debleeckere@state.mn.us).

Questions about Environmental Review? Contact Department staff member, Suzanne Steinhauer (651-539-1843, suzanne.steinhauer@state.mn.us).

This document can be made available in alternative formats; i.e. large print or audio tape by calling 651-539-1530.

Transgenic Herbicide Tolerant Canola - Commercial Use Exemption

Monsanto Company has requested an exemption from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Genetically Engineered Organism Release Permit for a canola event designated as MON 88302, which has been genetically modified to be tolerant to the herbicide active ingredient glyphosate. A determination of non-regulated status has been issued by USDA. Under this exemption from state permit, Monsanto will be allowed utilize this technology in without further regulation. For additional 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

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