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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: January 23, 2013

Project Title: Winnemucca Farms Cass County Potato Farm, Cass County

Description: RD Offutt Company proposes to convert approximately 1,459 acres of commercial forest in Cass County, Minnesota, to an irrigated agricultural land use through the removal of standing timber and stumps, land cultivation and the installation of ground water irrigation equipment.

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Project Title: Bluewater Lodge Marina Expansion, Cass County

Description: Bluewater Lodge Resort is proposing to add a marina that would consist of two docks totaling 24 slips. Currently, there is one existing dock with 21 slips. The resort currently consists of 23 two-bedroom cabins and a conference center. The proposed dock areas would total 20,000 sq. ft.

RGU: Cass County

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Project Title: Cambria 2012 Facility Expansion, Le Sueur County

Description: Cambria manufactures natural quartz surface material at a facility in Le Sueur, MN. The Cambria project consists of a phased expansion of the facility to double production. Phase I consists of a 277,246 square foot expansion in 2012. The 96,875 square-foot 2013 Phase II expansion will cumulatively raise the facility expansion size above 300,000 square feet requiring the preparation of an EAW.

RGU: City of Le Sueur

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Project Title: Yoder Quarry, Winona County

Description: The proposed Yoder Quarry is for the primary purpose of mining silica sand, in Saratoga Township, Winona County Minnesota. This EAW is a mandatory submittal, summarizing and informing the public of the owner's intent. Materials will be trucked to processing facilities via CSAH 6, 29 and Interstate 90 to Winona. Please note: This is a re-publication of an EAW published in the October 15, 2012 EQB Monitor. The scope of the project has been altered since the initial publication of the EAW in that the site has increased by 50 acres.

RGU: Winona County

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Project Title: Dabelstein Quarry, Winona County

Description: The proposed Dabelstein Quarry is for the primary purpose of mining silica sand, in Saratoga Township, Winona County Minnesota. This EAW is a volunteer submittal summarizing and informing the public of the owner's intent. Materials will be trucked to processing facilities via CSAH 6, 29 and Interstate 90 to Winona. Please note: This is a re-publication of an EAW published in the October 15, 2012 EQB Monitor. The scope of the project has been altered since the initial publication of the EAW in that is proposing a greater depth of excavation.

RGU: Winona County

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SCOPING ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET (AS PER REQUIREMENTS IN MINN. R. 4410.3610, SUBP. 5A)

EAW Comment Deadline: January 23, 2013

Project Title: FMC Site Redevelopment

Project Description: The proposed project is the redevelopment of approximately 122 acres within the City of Fridley, MN, just south of I-694 and east of I-94 and the Mississippi River. An existing 1.8 M square foot munitions factory on the site is proposed for initial repurposing and eventual tear down and replacement. The final density on the site is anticipated to include a range from 1.59M to 1.84M square feet of industrial, office, and potentially retail uses.

RGU: City of Fridley

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EA/EAW NOTICES

Project Title: Highway 100 Reconstruction and Replacement of Four Bridges, St. Louis Park, Minnesota (SP 2734-33)

Project Description: This project is in St. Louis Park on T.H. 100 from West 36th Street to Cedar Lake Road. The project proposes reconstructing the T.H. 100 interchanges at Minnetonka Boulevard and at T.H. 7 / CSAH 25, and Minnetonka Boulevard interchanges; replacing four bridges on T.H. 100; adding auxiliary lanes on T.H. 100; and repairing/replacing pavement.

Environmental Assessment: A joint federal/state Environmental Assessment has been prepared by the Minnesota Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration. The Environmental Assessment describes the proposed project, impacts, and mitigation. This document also includes information on the Section 4(f) impacts and the preliminary *de minimis* finding, i.e., that no adverse impacts to the recreational facility would result from the proposed project (see *Section 4(f) de minimis explanation* below). Comments received during the public comment period regarding the project, and potential effects, will be taken into consideration by MnDOT and the Federal Highway Administration in making final determinations.

Copies of the EA are being distributed to agencies on the current MEQB document review list and others. The comment period will begin on December 24, 2012. Comments will be accepted through January 23, 2013.

The Environmental Assessment can be viewed on the project web-site:

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy100slp/> and copies are available for public viewing during regular business hours at the following locations:

- Minnesota Department of Transportation, Metro District, Water's Edge Building Lobby, 1500 West County Road B2, Roseville, MN 55113;
- Minnesota Department of Transportation Library, 395 John Ireland Boulevard, Saint Paul, MN 55155;
- Hennepin County Library, St. Louis Park Branch, 3240 Library Lane, St. Louis Park, MN 55426;
- Minneapolis Public Library, Technical & Science Division, Government Docs., 2nd Floor, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401-1992.

Public Hearing:

A public hearing (open-house format) will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the St. Louis Park City Hall, 5005 Minnetonka Boulevard, St. Louis Park, Minnesota 55416. Written and oral comments will be accepted during the hearing as part of the public record.

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RGU: Minnesota Department of Transportation

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Section 4(f) de Minimis Explanation

This project includes realigning a paved trail, which is a public recreational facility operated by the City of St. Louis Park. The multi-use paved trail runs for approximately a half-mile north and south along the east side of T.H. 100 from the Toledo Street cul de sac (on the north, just south of Minnetonka Boulevard) to Salem Avenue on the south (near CSAH 25). This trail is on MnDOT right-of-way. FHWA considers this a public recreational use facility and a Section 4(f) property.

The 4(f) use is subject to the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (49 U.S.C. 303) and 23 U.S.C.138. Section 4(f) of the Act defines procedures required for addressing impacts to recreational and other public lands that would result from federally-funded transportation projects. In addition, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) Act of 2005, Section 6009, allows for determinations that certain uses of Section 4(f) land will have no adverse effect (*de minimis*) on the protected resource. Section 6009(a) requires that a public notice and opportunity for review and comment be provided for projects that are determined to have *de minimis* impact. In consultation with the City of St. Louis Park, the Minnesota Department of Transportation proposes a finding of *de minimis* impact to the paved trail. After an evaluation of the impacts of an action upon Section 4(f) resources, a finding can be made.

It is anticipated that reconstruction efforts on T.H. 100 would not impede activities nor adversely affect features or attributes of the paved trail. Reconstruction would move the trail east of its current alignment. The south terminus would remain unchanged. The north terminus would remain at the cul de sac on Toledo, although the cul de sac itself would be relocated south of its existing location. The trail segment within the project area has no at-grade crossings, and the trail is offset beyond the clear zone of mainline T.H. 100. This taking is proposed as a Section 4(f) *de minimis* taking, such that adverse impacts to the paved trail would not result from the proposed project.

Project Title: US Highway 10 Interchange with Anoka County State Aid Highway 83 (Armstrong Blvd) (State Project 0202-95), City of Ramsey, Anoka County

Project Description: Anoka County, the City of Ramsey and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) are proposing improvements at the intersection of U.S. Highway (US) 10 and County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 83 in an effort to provide added safety, increased multi-modal accessibility, and adequate mobility under both existing and future conditions.

Copies of the EA/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 December 24, 2012, at the following locations:

- Anoka County Highway Department: 1440 Bunker Lake Blvd NW, Andover, MN 55304
- City of Ramsey: 7550 Sunwood Dr. NW, Ramsey, MN 55303
- Rum River Library, 4201 6th Ave, Anoka, MN 55303
- Minnesota Department of Transportation Room 175 Transportation Building, 395 John Ireland Boulevard, Saint Paul, MN 55155
- In addition, a copy of the EA/EAW can also be viewed on the City of Ramsey Website at: <http://www.ci.ramsey.mn.us/US10-project-home>.

To afford an opportunity for all interested persons, agencies and groups to comment on the EA/EAW, an open house will be held January 9, 2013 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the City of Ramsey, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, MN 55303. The public hearing portion of the event will be from 6:00 pm to 6:15 pm.

The EA/EAW can be made available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities by calling Mark Lindeberg Project Manager at (651) 234-7722 or by contacting the Affirmative Action Office at 651-366-4723 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.

RGU: Minnesota Department of Transportation

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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.

- City of Wabasha, Superior Sand Systems (Wabasha County)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Tiller Corporation (Chisago County)

EIS ADEQUACY DECISION

Project Title: Unimin Corporation Proposed South Mine

The Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners announces that a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) prepared for Unimin Corporation's Proposed South Mine has been determined adequate on December 18, 2012 in accordance with Minnesota Rule 4410.2800.

The project proposes the continuation of the Unimin Corporation's open pit non-metallic mineral mining operation of the Jordan sandstone to produce industrial sand at the Kasota Plant. The expansion consists of approximately 1,188.06 acres located in parts of sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18; & 12, Kasota Township (T109N, R26W; 27W), Le Sueur County, Minnesota.

A 10-day public comment period on the adequacy of the FEIS ran from Monday, November 26, 2012 until Monday, December 10th, 2012. A notice was published in the November 26, 2012 issue of the EQB Monitor and a public notice was distributed to the St Peter Herald and the Mankato Free Press. Copies of the FEIS were available for public review at Le Sueur County Environmental Services, County Road #114, Le Center, the MN Valley Regional Library Reference Department, 100 E Main St, Mankato, and the St Peter Public Library, 601 South Washington Ave, St Peter. The FEIS was also made available on the County's website. Copies of the FEIS were also distributed to the EQB Distribution List and to those who commented on the Draft EIS. Le Sueur County received fifteen (15) comments during the FEIS comment period which were considered in the determination of adequacy.

The determination of adequacy by the Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners concludes the environmental review process for the Proposed South Mine in accordance with Minnesota Rule 4410.

NOTICES

ROTENONE APPLICATION PROJECTS PLANNED BY DNR SECTION OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

The DNR Section of Wildlife Management is planning a rotenone treatment on the water bodies below:

| Lake | DOW# | Wildlife Management Area | Township | Range | Sections(s) |
|--|----------|--------------------------|----------|-------|-------------|
| Channels/Ditches Connected to Big Slough | 51010500 | Hiram Southwick | 106N | 41W | 24 |

This project involves the application of 2.5% synergized liquid rotenone, a federally and state registered pesticide, to eliminate less desirable fish species in the tributaries (including ditches) flowing into the above water bodies. The treatment will be conducted in the winter/spring of 2012-13. Endangered or threatened species are not present in the proposed treatment areas. Project goals include removing undesirable fish species, primarily carp and bullheads, to improve water quality and wildlife habitat in these basins. Some of the water bodies are in drawdown so chemical application will be minimized and only are necessary in the deeper ditch channels flowing into the lake and any remaining water in the lake.

Rotenone application will be done by licensed pesticide applicators and by drip station. Target treatment concentration is 5 ppm. The current fish targeted are the exotic species carp (*Cyprinus carpio*) and black bullheads (*Ictalurus melas*). Benefits of the project will be improved water quality, re-establishment of desirable aquatic vegetation, reduction of plankton algae, and improved habitat for wildlife and waterfowl.

For general information about this project, contact Wendy Krueger, Area Wildlife Manager-Slayton/Marshall, wendy.krueger@state.mn.us, or Nicole Hansel-Welch, Shallow Lake Program Supervisor, nicole.hansel-welch@state.mn.us.

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