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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: March 10, 2010

Project Title: Parallel Taxiway Environmental Assessment

Description: The Fosston Municipal Airport is implementing a plan to increase safety at the Airport. This action includes construction of a parallel taxiway and the permanent elimination of approximately 8.7 acres of potential wildlife hazard attractants (wetlands) at the Fosston Municipal Airport.

RGU: City of Fosston

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NOTICE OF EIS PREPARATION

CITY OF SCANDIA
Washington County, Minnesota

Project Title: Zavoral Mine and Reclamation Project

Description: On April 21, 2009, the Scandia City County approved the Final Scoping Decision Document (SDD) for the Zavoral Mine and Reclamation Project EIS. The SDD was published in the EQB Monitor in September, 2009. Since that time, the project proposer, Tiller Corporation, has completed additional analyses at the Zavoral Mine site, and proposed changes to the project. The City has determined that the changes proposed Tiller for the Zavoral Mining and Reclamation project require changes in the alternatives, scope and schedule of the EIS. These changes have been incorporated in a Revised Final SDD. The Revised Final SDD was approved the City Council on January 19, 2010.

Summary of Amendment: Tiller Corporation has proposed to revise the Zavoral Mining and Reclamation Project to eliminate all aggregate processing activities (including washing) at the Zavoral site. Material mined at the Zavoral site will be transported primarily to the Scandia Mine site for use and /or processing at the Scandia Mine site. The Scandia Mine is located on Manning Avenue near 225th Street in the City of Scandia. EAW's were completed for mining and processing operations on that site in 1987 and updated to reflect current operations on that site in 1987 and updated to reflect current operations in 1999.

Based on the changes in the project, the number of alternatives evaluated in the EIS will be reduced from four to three. The preferred alternative has been revised to eliminate analysis of the impacts of processing activities at the Zavoral site to the Scandia Mine site for use and/or processing. The No Build alternative is unchanged. The third alternative will evaluate the potential impacts of a reduced timeframe for mining at the Zavoral site, from up to 10 years (Preferred Alternative) to up to five years.

The EIS issues analyses have been revised to analyze the potential impacts of the proposed mining and reclamation project at the Zavoral site, and the potential for impacts at the Scandia Mine site resulting from the transport of mined material from the Zavoral site to the Scandia Mine site. Significant changes have been made in the analyses for the Water Use and Traffic issues. The analysis of potential impacts at the Scandia Mine site will compare the potential impacts of the proposed activities at the site to the potential impacts analyzed in the EAW's completed for the Scandia Mine in 1987 and 1999 and to permits that are currently in place for the Scandia Mine site.

The Revised Final SDD and all other documents relating to the Zavoral Mine and Reclamation Project EIS Scoping Process are available on the City's website at: <http://www.ci.Scandia.mn.us>.

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NOTICES**Minnesota Department of Agriculture****Notification of Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
WITHDRAWN 10-NO-002	Monsanto	Corn	Combinations of the following traits: Increased Yield, Germination Rate, Protein, and Oil; Drought, Cold, Heat, and Abiotic Stress Tolerance; Altered Plant Development; Senescence, Seed Composition; Kernel Development, Nitrogen Metabolism, Feed Properties, and Fiber Quality; Reduced Environmental Stress; Disease Resistance; Method Development	Pennington, Polk, Red Lake
10-NO-003	Pioneer	Canola	Herbicide Tolerance	Norman

For more information contact Mary Hanks, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651/201-6277, mary.hanks@state.mn.us.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources**RECLAMATION PROJECTS PLANNED FOR LAKES
DNR DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE**

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife is planning a pond reclamation project this winter. The projects involve the application of rotenone or antimycin, federal and state registered pesticides, to eliminate or reduce less desirable fish species. Endangered or threatened fish species are not present in any of the lakes or ponds. Project goals include improved wildlife habitat and waterfowl production. Specifics regarding the projects are as follows:

Anderson C WPA, Becker County. Anderson C is a pond within the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Anderson Waterfowl Production Area. Two fish species, fathead minnows and brook sticklebacks, have moved into the pond. The arrival of fish into a fishless pond can lead to changes in water quality and plant communities that make it unsuitable for wildlife and waterfowl production. The USFWS has dropped the water level of Anderson C Pond by approximately 3 feet, and a barrier has been installed to prevent future fish movement into the basin. Rotenone will be applied under the ice in late February. The target concentration for this treatment is 5ppm. No fish species will be stocked in Anderson C Pond following the rotenone treatment. Removal of the

undesirable fish species should result in increased water quality, macrophyte growth, and benefits to waterfowl. Comments or questions on this project should be addressed to Jim Wolters, Area Fisheries Supervisor, 14583 County Hwy 19, Detroit Lake, MN 56501.

Lakes Name	County	Township	Range	Sections
Anderson C Pond	Becker	139N	42W	1

For general information about any of these projects, contact John Hiebert, Warmwater Habitat Consultant, Box 20, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155.

ROTENONE APPLICATION PLANNED DNR DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife is planning rotenone treatments of Buffalo Lake (1030 acres), Waseca County (DOW #81008300) and several small wetlands less than 10 acres in total in Township 110, Range 22, Section 10 within the Boyd Sartell Wildlife Management Area in Rice County, and a 13 acre wetland (DOW # 51009100) within the Ellsborough Wildlife Management Area in Murray County.

These projects will include the application of 2.5% synergized liquid rotenone, a federally and stat registered pesticide to control carp and other fish. The chemical application will occur in sometime between January 2010 and April 2010. Rotenone distribution will be done under the ice by tank or backpack sprayer and by drip. Target treatment concentration will be 3-6 ppm of 2.5% liquid rotenone or a similar concentration of powdered rotenone, or a combination of liquid and powder. Smaller wetlands, ditches or drain tile outlets connected to the above water bodies maybe treated if necessary.

Endangered or threatened species are not known to be present in these water bodies. State threatened Blanding's turtles have been found near the Boyd Sartell Wildlife Management Area. Bald eagles next near the Boyd Sartell Wildlife Management Area but this project is not anticipated to have any negative impact on them. Colonial nesting water birds have been documented at or near both Buffalo Lake and the Boyd Sartell sites in the past but this project is also not anticipated to have any negative impacts on them. The project goal is to remove the undesirable fish species for the benefit of wildlife habitat.

For general information about this project, contact the Area Wildlife Manager at 507-455-5841 or the Shallow Lake Program Supervisor at 218-833-8626.

STATE OF MINNESOTA Office of Energy Security

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

**In the Matter of the Route Permit for a 345 kV Transmission Line from
Brookings County, South Dakota to Hampton, Minnesota**

PUC Docket Number: ET2/TL-08-1474

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Office of Energy Security (OES) announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed Brookings to Hampton 345 kV transmission line project.

Electronic versions of the FEIS are available for viewing and downloading on the Commission's website at <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=19860>, and on the Department of Commerce's eDockets website: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jspp> (enter year "08" and docket number "1474").

A copy of the FEIS will also be available at the public libraries in the cities listed below after January 29, 2010.

- Brookings, South Dakota
- Bird Island
- Montevideo
- Northfield
- Ivanhoe
- Belle Plaine
- Hutchinson
- Redwood Falls
- Chaska
- Shakopee
- Montgomery
- Farmington
- Le Sueur
- Saint Peter
- New Ulm
- Henderson
- Granite Falls
- Lakeville
- Marshall
- New Prague

Project Description. Great River Energy and Xcel Energy propose to construct and operate a 345 kV transmission line, between approximately 230 and 270 miles long, beginning at the state's western border near Hendricks, Minnesota, and ending south of the Twin Cities metro area near Hampton, Minnesota. The applicants have proposed two possible routes for the transmission line, a preferred and alternate route. In addition, 51 alternative route segments and 21 alignment alternatives suggested during scoping were evaluated. These routes cross portions of the following counties: Lincoln, Lyon, Yellow Medicine, Chippewa, Redwood, Brown, Renville, Sibley, Le Sueur, Scott, Rice and Dakota.

Project Contacts. If you have questions or if you would like further information about this project please contact: Scott Ek, Office of Energy Security, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101-2198, Phone 651-296-8813, Fax (*651-297-7891, scott.ek@state.mn.us).