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# EQB MONITOR

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: May 5, 2010

### Project Title: **Broadway Avenue (CSAH 2) Project**

**Description:** The proposed project includes the reconstruction of Broadway Avenue from 19<sup>th</sup> Street SW to Centennial Drive, in the city of Forest Lake, Washington County. East of Interstate (I) 35, the existing five-lane undivided roadway will be modified to a four-lane divided roadway with channelized turn lanes and raised median. Additional improvements include replacement of the bridge over I-35, the installation of five traffic signals, exclusive turn lanes at key intersections, applied access management principles, sidewalks, and trails. Written comments on the Environment Assessment/Environment Assessment Worksheet (EA/EAW) should be submitted, prior to the close of the comment period on May 5, 2010, to the contact person listed below. An open/public hearing will be held Thursday, April 22, 2010 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Washington County Headwaters Service Center (19955 Forest Road N, Forest Lake, MN 55025). The open house will begin at 4:00 p.m. and the presentation will begin at 5:00 p.m.

**RGU:** Washington County

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<http://www.eqb.state.mn.us>

**Project Title: Mar-Kit Sanitary Landfill Expansion**

**Description:** The Mar-kit Landfill Board is proposing to expand the existing Mar-Kit Sanitary Landfill in Kittson County with a horizontal/vertical expansion to the east, redeveloping over two former, unlined waste areas. The former areas would be fully excavated with the wastes relocated onto modern, composite base liners, and the eastern area redeveloped for an ultimate additional 40 years of waste capacity.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Web site at the following: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>

**RGU:** Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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**Project Title: Highlevel Egg**

**Description:** IB Eggs, LLC is proposing to expand the existing Highlevel Egg layer hen total confinement facility in two phases. The existing facility includes east and west layer barns and is located in Section 13 of Eglon Township in Clay County. Each phase of the project will include replacing the existing battery cages in one of the layer barns with the installation of eight rows of a six-tiered cage system that includes a continuous air-drying manure system, installation of an overhead manure conveyor belt, and construction of a 64-foot by 200-foot dry manure storage barn, with a concrete slab floor, capable of storing manure for one year. Manure is to be composted and will be transferred to another party for land application to cropland. The existing number of animal units (AUs) at the facility is 720. The total number of AUs at the facility will be 1,394 after completion of the second phase, expected to occur in 2015.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Web site at the following: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>

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**Project Title: City of Plymouth Stream Stabilization Project**

**Description:** The City of Plymouth is proposing a stream stabilization project for Plymouth Creek. The Proposed Project would rehabilitate Plymouth Creek from West Medicine Lake Drive to approximately 1,000 feet north of 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue North by repairing erosion and stabilizing the streambank. In addition, approximately 1,500 feet of Plymouth Creek would be realigned to near its historical location. Proposed Project activities include excavation of a new stream channel (Phase 1) and streambank stabilization (Phase 2). Pending environmental review, construction is anticipated to begin summer of 2010.

**RGU:** City of Plymouth

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**Project Title: Canby Historic Property Demolition**

**Description:** Demolition of two contributing buildings in the Canby Historic Commercial District, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. The demolition will allow for the construction of a new 28 unit hotel. The buildings to be demolished are located at 115-125 First Street West.

**RGU:** City of Canby

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## **EAW NEED DECISIONS**

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

- Dale Vogt gravel pit, Rockwood Township Board. Proposer volunteered.

## EIS NEED DECISIONS

The 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 the *EQB Monitor*.

- Duluth City Planning Commission, Western Middle School for Independent School District 709, March 23, 2010 (January 25, 2010)

## PETITION 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.

- Dale Vogt gravel mine, Rockwood Township

## FINAL EIS AVAILABLE

### STATE OF MINNESOTA Office of Energy Security

Issued: March 26, 2010

### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

In the Matter of the Xcel Energy and Great River Energy Application for a High Voltage Transmission Line Route Permit for the Monticello to St. Cloud 345 kV Transmission and Substation Project in Wright and Stearns counties (PUC Docket Number: E002, ET2/TL-09-246)

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Office of Energy Security (OES) has released the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Monticello to St. Cloud 345 kV Transmission and Substation Project. Copies of the FEIS can be obtained through the OES Project Manager and may be viewed at the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission web site:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=19957>

A hard copy is available for viewing at the following public libraries:

<b>Saint Cloud Public Library</b> 405 St. Germain Street West Saint Cloud, MN 56301	<b>Monticello Public Library</b> 200 West 6th Street Monticello, MN 55362
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<b>Elk River Public Library</b> 13020 Orono Parkway Elk River, MN 55330	<b>Buffalo Library</b> 18 NW Lake Boulevard Buffalo, MN 55313
<b>Stickney Crossing Library</b> 822 Clearwater Center Clearwater, MN 55320	<b>Al Ringsmuth Library</b> 253 North 5th Avenue Waite Park, MN 56387

**Project Description**

Xcel Energy and Great River Energy plan to construct and operate a new 345 kV HVTL between the existing Monticello Substation and a new Quarry Substation west of St. Cloud:

- Monticello Substation - Modifications will be made at the existing Monticello Substation to accommodate the proposed 345 kV transmission Line.
- Monticello to St. Cloud 345 kV Transmission Line - The proposed 28-mile line will be constructed primarily on single-pole, double-circuit capable, self-weathering or galvanized steel structures.
- Quarry Substation - The proposed Quarry Substation will be located west of the city of St. Cloud. The substation is proposed to be a 345/115 kV substation, ultimately up to 15 acres in size, to allow for the interconnection of the proposed 345 kV transmission line, an existing 115 kV transmission line and future high voltage transmission lines.

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

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
10-NO-038	Dow AgroSciences	Corn	Herbicide Tolerance	Renville
10-NO-039	Syngenta	Corn	Insect Resistance	Brown, Dakota (2), Faribault, Goodhue, Mower, Rice (2)
10-NO-040	M.S. Technologies	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerance Abiotic Stress Tolerance	Clay
10-NO-041	Monsanto	Corn	Herbicide Tolerance	Blue Earth, Brown,

			Drought Tolerance	Clay, Freeborn, McLeod, Mower, Renville, Rice Steele
10-NO-042	Pioneer	Corn	Insect Resistance	Blue Earth, Fillmore, Mower, Murray (2), Waseca
10-NO-043	Monsanto	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerance Modified Oil Composition	Clay (4), Grant
10-NO-044	Dow AgroSciences	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerance	Wilkin
10-NO-045	Monsanto	Corn	Drought Tolerance	Lincoln, Stearns, Stevens (2)
10-NO-046	Syngenta	Corn	Altered Seed Composition	Brown, Dakota, Faribault, Fillmore (4), Freeborn, Goodhue, Mower, Rice (2)
10-NO-047	Dow AgroSciences	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerance	Fillmore, Marshall, Polk (2), Renville, Sibley, Stevens, Wilkin
10-NO-048	Dow AgroSciences	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerance	Fillmore, Marshall, Polk (2), Renville, Sibley, Stevens, Wilkin
10-NO-049	Dow AgroSciences	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerance Insect Resistance	Fillmore, Marshall, Polk (2), Renville, Sibley, Stevens, Wilkin
10-NO-050	Dow AgroSciences	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerance	Fillmore, Marshall, Polk (2), Renville, Sibley, Stevens, Wilkin
10-NO-051	Syngenta	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerance	Becker
10-NO-052	Monsanto	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerance Increased Yield	Blue Earth, Clay (3), Grant, Redwood (3), Sibley
10-NO-053	Dow AgroSciences	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerance Selectable Marker	Fillmore, Marshall, Polk (2), Renville, Sibley, Stevens, Wilkin
10-NO-054	Monsanto	Soybean	Increased Yield Herbicide Tolerance	Blue Earth, Swift
<b>File Number</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Crop</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>County</b>
10-NO-055	Bayer	Corn	Improvements to Production	Stearns
10-NO-056	BASF	Canola	Herbicide Tolerance Improved Seed Composition	Benton, Freeborn, Norman, Otter Tail
10-NO-057	Syngenta	Corn	Insect Resistance	Brown, Dakota, Faribault, Goodhue, Mower, Rice (2)

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