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# EQB MONITOR

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: June 2, 2010

### Project Title: Wireless Communication Tower Near Wright, Minnesota

**Description:** At their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, the Carlton County Board approved and authorized publication of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for a proposed 400 foot high, guyed, wireless communication tower on a 7.6 acre leased parcel located in the Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the South East  $\frac{1}{4}$ , of Section 5, Township 48N, Range 21W, also known as Lakeview Township.

The proposed communication tower requires construction of a 535 foot long, 12 foot wide access road from the North Finn Road to the tower site and construction of a 60' by 60' fenced equipment pad for ancillary telecommunications equipment. The project plan calls for up to four wireless carriers to locate antenna and equipment on the property after the initial construction phase. The project will generate truck traffic to and from the site and generate noise, dust and odors for short periods during construction.

Once construction of the tower and equipment pad is complete there will be short periods of activity when additional antennas are attached to the tower and equipment buildings are placed in the fenced area. The post construction phase will also generate small amounts of traffic to and from the site for maintenance activities.

The proposed tower will be 390 feet from the Tamarack River but meets all required setbacks for structures from the rivers edge. No wetlands will be impacted by the project. The project site is primarily cleared and currently used for agriculture. The tower is intended to provide existing development in the area with wireless communication services. The tower is required to have warning lights at the 200 foot and 400 foot levels. The tower will be visible to properties within one mile of the site, including Wright, Minnesota.

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The EAW identifies the environmental impacts of constructing and operating the wireless communication tower, and the impacts that are expected to occur after the project is complete. Copies of the EAW are available for review at the Carlton County Planning and Zoning Office, 301 Walnut Avenue, Room 101, Carlton Minnesota, during normal business hours and the Cloquet Library. The EAW can also be viewed on the Carlton County website at [www.co.carlton.mn.us](http://www.co.carlton.mn.us)

Written comments addressing the accuracy and completeness of the EAW should be submitted to Bruce Benson, Zoning Administrator at the Carlton County Planning and Zoning Office, 301 Walnut Avenue, Room 101, P.O. Box 220, Carlton Minnesota, no later than the close of business on June 2, 2010.

**RGU:** Carlton County Planning and Zoning Office

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**Project Title: Winjum's @ Izatys RV Park**

**Description:** Winjum's @ Izatys, LLC is proposing to replace the southerly nine holes of an existing golf course; "The Sanctuary" with 250 seasonal and transient RV sites. A recreational gathering building, swimming pool and play areas will be added along with water and sewer lines and a waste water treatment facility.

**RGU:** Mille Lacs County

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## NOTICES

**Minnesota Department of Agriculture**

## Notification of Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
10-NO-063	Pioneer	Corn	Enhanced Yield; Increased Nitrogen Use Efficiency and Yield; Drought and Heat Tolerance; Altered Fatty Acid Level, Feed Properties, Plant Development, Maturity, and Starch Content; Reduced Plant Growth; Transformation Aids and Markers	Blue Earth, Clay
10-NO-064	Pioneer	Corn	Altered Fertility	Kandiyohi

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](mailto:mary.hanks@state.mn.us) .

### Transgenic Insect Resistant Corn - Commercial Use Exemption

Syngenta has requested an exemption from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Genetically Engineered Organism Release Permit for a corn line, designated as transformation event MIR162, which has been genetically engineered for resistance to lepidopteran insect feeding. This corn line contains the stably integrated genes, *vip3Aa20*, derived from *Bacillus thuringiensis* strain AB88, a common soil bacterium, and *manA*, derived from *Escherichia coli* strain K-12, which encodes for a protein that was used as a selectable marker. The corn line containing these genes is no longer regulated under USDA/APHIS guidelines. The exemption also includes this corn line in combination with previously exempted lines designated as transformation events Bt11, MIR604, and GA21. Under this exemption from state permit, Syngenta will be allowed to commercially use this insect resistant corn line without further regulation. For additional information contact Mary Hanks, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 651/201-6277, [mary.hanks@state.mn.us](mailto:mary.hanks@state.mn.us)