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## Environmental Assessment Worksheets

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### **Project Title: City of Nielsville Flood Control Levee Improvement Project**

**Project Description:** The City of Nielsville is located on the western edge of Polk County approximately 1.5 miles east of the Red River of the North. The proposed project will involve construction of an earthen flood control levee around the three flood-prone sides of the City to minimize future flooding impacts.

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## Scoping EAW and Draft Scoping Decision Document Available

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### **Project Title: Merriam Junction Sands Mining**

## and Processing Facility

**Project Description:** Merriam Junction Sands has revised the February 20, 2012, proposal to mine 982 acres. Merriam Junction Sands is proposing to develop approximately 682 acres of land in Louisville Township, Scott County for nonmetallic mineral mining and processing operations. Mining and processing operations include: stripping, blasting, dewatering, extraction, washing, drying, screening, rail load out and phased reclamation.

The Scoping EAW and Draft Scoping Decision Document are available on the Scott County website [www.co.scott.mn.us](http://www.co.scott.mn.us), or please contact the RGU for a copy of the documents.

A Public Scoping Meeting to receive comments on the EIS Scope will be held on Tuesday April 29, 2014. The meeting will be held from 5PM to 7PM in the Scott County Conference Center at 205 Fourth Avenue West, Shakopee 55379.

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### EIS Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental unit has determined the following projects 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.

- City of Woodbury, Compass Pointe, March 26, 2014 (February 3, 2014)
- Minnesota Department of Transportation, I94 Reconstruction St. Michaels to Rogers, March 24, 2014 (February 3, 2014)

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### Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Comment Deadline: May 29, 2014

## Project Title: Bottineau Transitway

**Project Description:** This Draft EIS describes the transportation and environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of a light rail transit (LRT) project to improve transit service in the Bottineau Transitway Corridor in Hennepin County, Minnesota. The proposed Bottineau Transitway project is a 13-mile corridor of transportation improvements that extends from downtown Minneapolis to the northwest, serving north Minneapolis, Golden Valley, Robbinsdale, Crystal, New Hope, Osseo, Brooklyn Park, and Maple Grove.

In the Draft EIS, the effects of the No-Build Alternative, Enhanced Bus/Transportation Systems Management Alternative, and LRT Alternatives are evaluated and compared across a range of subject areas related to both natural and man-made environments. All potentially significant environmental, social, economic, and transportation benefits and impacts of the proposed

alternatives are evaluated including transportation systems, land use, socio-economic conditions, air quality, noise, vibration, visual, ecosystems, water resources, historic resources, archeological resources, parklands, geology, hazardous/regulated materials, safety/security, public involvement, financial analysis, and indirect and cumulative effects.

#### **Documents Available for Public Review**

Copies of the Draft EIS are available for public review at the following locations:

- **Project website** - [http://bottineautransitway.org/2012\\_deis\\_documents.htm](http://bottineautransitway.org/2012_deis_documents.htm)
- **Hennepin County - 701 4th Avenue S., Suite 400, Minneapolis**
- **Metropolitan Council - 390 Robert Street N., St. Paul**
- **Maple Grove Library** - 8001 Main Street, Maple Grove
- **Osseo Library** - 415 Central Avenue, Osseo
- **Brooklyn Park Library** - 8600 Zane Avenue N., Brooklyn Park
- **Brookdale Library** - 6125 Shingle Creek Parkway, Brooklyn Center
- **Rockford Road Library** - 6401 42nd Avenue N., Crystal
- **Golden Valley Library** - 830 Winnetka Avenue N., Golden Valley
- **North Regional Library** - 1315 Lowry Avenue N., Minneapolis
- **Sumner Library** - 611 Van White Memorial Boulevard, Minneapolis
- **Hennepin County Public Library** - 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis
- **Minneapolis City Hall** - 350 South 5th Street, Room 203
- **Golden Valley City Hall** - 7800 Golden Valley Road
- **Robbinsdale City Hall** - 4100 Lakeview Avenue North
- **Crystal City Hall** - 4141 Douglas Drive North
- **Brooklyn Park City Hall** - 5200 85th Avenue North
- **Maple Grove Government Center** - 12800 Arbor Lakes Parkway N.

#### **Comment Period, Public Hearings and Instructions for Commenting**

**Comments on the Draft EIS will be accepted from April 11 through May 29, 2014.** Comments on the Draft EIS may be submitted through email, mail, or in person at one of the public hearings that will be held on the Bottineau Transitway.

Public open houses and hearings on the Draft EIS are scheduled as follows:

- **Wednesday, May 7, 2014**  
Golden Valley City Hall  
6:00 – 7:00 PM Public Open House  
7:00 PM Formal Public Hearing
- **Thursday, May 8, 2014**  
Urban Research and Outreach/Engagement Center (UROC)  
4:30 – 5:30 PM Public Open House  
5:30 PM Formal Public Hearing
- **Tuesday, May 13, 2014**  
Brooklyn Park City Hall  
4:30 – 5:30 PM Public Open House  
5:30 PM Formal Public Hearing
- **Wednesday, May 14, 2014**  
Crystal Community Center  
5:00 – 6:00 PM Public Open House  
6:00 PM Formal Public Hearing

**Auxiliary aides, services, and communication materials in accessible formats and languages other than English** can be provided by contacting Brent Rusco at the contact information provided below.

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The address to which written comments should be sent is:  
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### Draft AUAR Available

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## Project Title: Henry Study Area

**Project Description:** The City of Rogers is evaluating the environmental impacts of development of a 135 acre area in the west-central portion of the city north of I-94 and south of David Koch Avenue. The proposed land use in this study area is commercial, limited industrial, and single-family residential and anticipates future short-term and long-term roadway improvements.

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### Notices

## Notice of Environmental Assessment In the Matter of the Applications for a Route Permit for the MP Canisteo HVTL Project

PUC Docket Numbers: E015/TL-13-805

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) announces the release of the environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed MP Canisteo HVTL project.

Electronic versions of the EA, the scoping decision, route permit application and other documents relevant to this matter are available on the Minnesota Department of Commerce's

website: <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?id=33603>, and on the Department of Commerce eDockets website: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the Docket Number Year "13" and Number "805").

The Environmental Assessment is a written document that describes the human and environmental impacts of the transmission line project (and selected alternative routes) and methods to mitigate such impacts. Applications for high voltage transmission line route permits under the alternative permitting process require a public hearing upon completion of the EA pursuant to Minn. R. 7850.3800. A portion of the hearing must be held in a county where the proposed project would be located.

A copy of the EA will be placed in the following Libraries:

- Bovey Public Library, 402 2nd Street, Bovey MN
- Coleraine Public Library, Independent Building, 203 Cole Avenue, Coleraine MN

The public hearing will be noticed separately and in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 216E.03, subdivision 6.

If you have any questions about this document or would like more information, please contact the DOC EERA Environmental Manager: Bill Storm, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101; Tel: 651.539.1844; e-mail: [bill.storm@state.mn.us](mailto:bill.storm@state.mn.us).

## Minnesota Department of Agriculture Notification of Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms

<u>MDA Notification</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Crop</u>	<u>Project Category</u>	<u>County(s)</u>
14-No-053	Bayer CropScience	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerant	Becker,Clay(3), Dakota, Le Seuer, Polk, Redwood

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