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Environmental Assessment Worksheet

The following EAW has a comment deadline of May 4, 2016

Project Title: 600 Washington Avenue SE

Project Description: The 600 Washington Avenue SE project is a proposed 27-story, multi-use, transit-oriented development (TOD) located along the METRO Green Line LRT in Minneapolis. The project consists of a multi-family residential building with up to 450 residential units, approximately 12,500 square feet of commercial space on the ground floor and up to 201 enclosed parking spaces.

Copies of the EAW will be available for review at the downtown Minneapolis Central Library located at 300 Nicollet Mall, and in the office of the City's CPED, Land Use, Design and Preservation Section at 250 S. 4th Street, Room 300 Public Service Center. Notice will be published in the EQB Monitor on Monday, April 4th, 2016. Public comments on the EAW must be made within the 30-day comment period, which ends at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4th, 2016. It is anticipated that the Zoning and Planning Committee at its regular meeting on May 19th, 2016, or at a subsequent meeting, will receive a report and recommendation from City staff, hear comment from all parties and consider the adequacy of this EAW and the need for an Environmental Impact Statement for this proposal. The City Council will act on the recommendation of this Committee at a subsequent meeting on May 27th, 2016.

RGU: City of Minneapolis

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Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental unit has determined the following project 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*.

- Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Meadowbrook Golf Course and Minnehaha Creek Improvements, 2-3-16 (12-7-15)
 - City of Shakopee, Shakopee High School Expansion, 3-15-16 (1-4-16)
 - Steele County, Southern Minnesota Construction Inc. Limestone Mine Expansion, 3-22-16 (1-4-16)
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Notices

The Environmental Quality Board Seeks Public Comment on a Request for a Different Responsible Governmental Unit

On March 10, 2016, the Environmental Quality Board (“EQB” or “Board”) received a citizen request for a different responsible governmental unit (“RGU”) for the environmental review of the North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC’s proposed Sandpiper Pipeline and Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership’s proposed Line 3 Replacement Pipeline projects. More specifically, the citizen requests that the EQB relieve the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) of its current RGU status for the above-entitled projects and replace it with a joint RGU consisting of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (“PCA”) and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (“DNR”).

At this time EQB is gathering additional information on the merits of the request to designate a different RGU for the proposed projects. Consequently, **the EQB is providing a 30-day comment period, starting on Friday, April 1, 2016 through 4:30 pm on Monday, May 2, for additional information relevant to Minnesota Rules 4410.0500 and whether to designate a different RGU for the proposed Sandpiper Pipeline and the proposed Line 3 Replacement Pipeline.**

Comments may be provided to EQB in writing via email at Pipelines.EQB@state.mn.us or verbally at the regularly scheduled EQB Meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm. Board meetings are held in the lower level Board Room at the PCA office building located at 520 Lafayette Road North, Saint Paul, MN 55155.

The EQB will present a Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order which will come before the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board at its regular meeting on May 18, 2016.

For more information, please see the EQB website <https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/environmental-quality-board-seeks-public-comment-request-different-responsible-governmental>. Additionally, the EQB encourages citizens to register for GovDelivery at its website: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNEQB/subscriber/new>.

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

MDA Notification	Applicant	Crop	Project Category	County(s)
16-NO-032	Pioneer HI-BRED International	soybean	PQ-Altered Feed Properties HT-Herbicide Properties	Freeborn (2 locations) up to 5 acres each

Pioneer HI-BRED International, filed a Notification for Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 16-NO-032. Notification is for genetically modified soybean, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic soybean, referenced as Application Number 16-069-105n. For additional information contact Clifford Watrin, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531, clifford.watrin@state.mn.us

MDA Notification	Applicant	Crop	Project Category	County(s)
16-NO-033	Bayer CropScience	soybean	HT-Herbicide Properties IR – Insect Resistance	Becker, Big Stone, Clay (Up to 10 acres each)

Bayer CropScience, filed a Notification for Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 16-NO-033. Notification is for genetically modified soybean, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic soybean, referenced as Application Number 16-075-101n. For additional information contact Clifford Watrin, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531, clifford.watrin@state.mn.us

MDA Notification	Applicant	Crop	Project Category	County(s)
16-NO-034	Dow AgroSciences LLC	Corn	HT-Herbicide Properties IR – Insect Resistance	Fillmore (2), McLeod, Nicollet, Ottertail, Pope, Renville, Sibley, Stearns (2), Wilkin – Up to 9 acres each

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