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Environmental Assessment Worksheets

The following EAWs have a comment deadline of September 7, 2016

Project Title: Fountain Lake Restoration Project

Project Description: The Fountain Lake Restoration Project is a combined Fountain Lake sediment dredging and Confined Disposal Facility (CDF) project located within and 2 miles north of the City of Albert Lea, Freeborn County, Minnesota. Approximately 1.7 million cubic yards of inert lake sediment will be hydraulically dredged and pumped to the 120-acre CDF.

The EAW is available to view electronically at www.shellrock.org under "Projects and Fountain Lake Restoration" and during business hours at the Shell Rock River Watershed District office, 214 West Main Street, Albert Lea, MN.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Shell Rock River Watershed District

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Project Title: Johnson Pork Producers, LLC

Project Description: Lucas Johnson (“Proposer”) proposes to expand their existing 720 Animal Unit (“AU”) (2,400 head) swine finishing facility in Section 21 of Frost Township in Faribault County (Facility). The Proposer originally constructed the existing Facility in 2015. The Proposer will construct one (1) new power-ventilated barn to house 720 AU (2,400 head) finishing hogs (Project). The Facility plus the Project will have a combined total capacity 1,440 AU (4,800 head) of finishing hogs. Identical to the construction of the existing Facility; the Project will include construction of a total confinement building; with an eight (8)-foot deep below grade reinforced concrete manure storage pit. The Proposer will store manure in the reinforced concrete pits beneath each of the two (2) barns.

A copy of the Notice of Availability and the EAW can be found on the MPCA website at the following address: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/topics/environmental-review/environmental-assessment-worksheets-and-environmental-impact-statements.html>

In addition to the EAW, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency’s draft NPDES Permit coverage will also be available for public comment beginning August 8, 2016. The contact person for the NPDES Permit is: Desiree Hohenstein Desiree.Hohenstein@state.mn.us

Mandatory Category Rule Citation: Minn. R. 4410.4300, Subp. 29 (A), Animal feedlots

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Environmental Assessment Worksheet Need Decision

The noted responsible governmental unit has made a decision regarding the need for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet in response to a citizen's petition.

- Wabasha County, Progressive Ag. Center Fertilizer Plant Construction Project (Denied)

Environmental Impact Statement Need Decision

The noted responsible governmental unit has determined the following project does not require preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the Environmental Assessment Worksheet notice was published in the EQB *Monitor*.

- Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs, Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery – Duluth, 7-27-16 (6-6-16)