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CORRECTION: This bulletin includes a corrected comment deadline and project description for the Alternative Urban Areawide Review Draft Order/Scoping for the Minnesota Vikings Facilities and Mixed Use Development project

Changes are coming to the *EQB Monitor*!

- Starting with this publication, the *EQB Monitor* will now be published on a weekly basis. Submissions will now be due for the *Monitor* **by 4:00 pm on the Monday** one week prior to the intended publication date. Please see the [2016 EQB Monitor schedule](#) for additional details.
 - The *EQB Monitor* submission process is moving towards an **entirely electronic format**. The [EQB Monitor submission form](#) has been updated to standardize the submission process while also capturing more information regarding environmental review. We strongly encourage the use of the online submission form to submit notices to the *EQB Monitor*.
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Environmental Assessment Worksheets

The following EAWs have a comment deadline of February 2, 2016

Project Title: Shakopee High School Expansion

Project Description: Shakopee Independent School District 720 proposes to construct an approximately 335,000 square foot addition onto the existing Shakopee high school. In addition, approximately 80 acres of a 106-acre area south of County Highway (CH) 78 is proposed to be developed into an athletic complex.

The EAW is available to view electronically at www.shakopeemn.gov and during business hours at the following locations:

- Shakopee City Hall, 129 Holmes St. S, Shakopee, MN 55379
- Scott County Library - Shakopee, 235 Lewis St S, Shakopee, MN 55379
- Minneapolis Public Library, Government Documents, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota, MN 55401

RGU: City of Shakopee

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Project Title: Southern Minnesota Construction, Inc. Limestone Mine Expansion

Project Description: Nonmetallic mineral mining of a 7.82-acre site north of an existing mine and processing plant. The mining will remove overburden to expose limestone that underlies approximately 5.15 acres of the environmental study area, which will be conveyed to the existing processing plant at the same rate as it is currently operating. Reclamation will be concurrent with mining.

Draft EAW documentation can be found at the Owatonna Public Library (105 North Elm Avenue, Owatonna, MN 55060); Hennepin County Public Library (300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401-1992), Rochester Public Library, Reference Department (101 Second Street SE, Rochester, MN 55904) or at Steele County Planning and Zoning (physical address: 630 Florence Avenue, Owatonna, MN 55060).

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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*.

- Goodhue County, CSAH 24 Southeast Collector (SEC) - North Project, 12-1-15 (8-3-15)
- City of Chanhassen, TH 101 Improvements from CSAH 14 (Pioneer Trail) to CSAH 61 (Flying Cloud Drive), 11-23-15 (8-3-15)

Alternative Urban Areawide Review Draft Order/Scoping for a Large Project

Comment Deadline: February 3, 2016

Project Title: Minnesota Vikings Facilities and Mixed Use Development

Project Description: The 203 acre planned development site that is the subject of this AUAR is located in the City of Eagan at the southeast quadrant of the intersection of State Highway 149 and Interstate 494 between Lone Oak Parkway and Ames Crossing Road. An AUAR is being prepared for all 203 acres comprising the development site (AUAR area). The AUAR area is currently home to the vacant Northwest/Delta Airlines Headquarters building and the affiliated, and also vacant, Flight Simulator Building. The Minnesota Vikings desire to re-develop this site into a mix of retail, offices (medical office uses), hotel/conference facilities, multifamily residential units, an athletic/recreational complex with stadium and corporate facilities, together with trail, open space, water/wetland and other amenities.

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Alternative Urban Areawide Review Update

Comment Deadline: January 15, 2016

Project Title: Brooklyn Park Gateway

Project Description: The proposed Brooklyn Park Gateway project will entail the development of approximately 125 acres of land in the City of Brooklyn Park, MN. The land in question is generally situated in the southwest quadrant of the Trunk Highway 610 and Trunk Highway 169 intersection, with the western and southern study area boundaries defined by Jefferson Highway North and 93rd Avenue N (CR 30) respectively. A vast majority of the study area is currently active farm land, with the remaining land being occupied by a church, a school, and scattered home sites. Complete development of the site would result in a mixture of institutions, office, and residential uses; with a complementary amount of either retail or industrial warehousing/distribution depending upon the ultimate development scenario that is implemented.

Copies of the AUAR have been distributed to agencies listed on the most current Minnesota Environmental Quality Board distribution list. The AUAR may be accessed by anyone electronically on the City of Brooklyn Park's website; and paper copies are available for review at City Hall, the Brooklyn Park Library, and the Minneapolis Central Branch of the Hennepin County Public Library (300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis).

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Notices

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

MDA Notification	Applicant	Crop	Project Category	County(s)
15-NO-051	Bayer CropScience	wheat	Herbicide Tolerance, Agronomic Properties	Clay (3)

Bayer CropScience, filed a Notification for Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 15-NO-051. Notification is for genetically modified wheat, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic wheat, referenced as Application Number 15-308-103rm. Notification is for up to 50 acres each for 3 release sites in Clay County, MN. 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)
15-NO-052	Betaseed	wheat	Agronomic Properties	Clay (3), Dakota (2)

Betaseed, filed a Notification for Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 15-NO-052. Notification is for genetically modified wheat, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic wheat, referenced as Application Number 15-349-104r. Notification is for up to 10 acres each for 3 release sites in Clay County, and for 2 release sites in Dakota County, MN. 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)
15-NO-053	Betaseed	wheat	FR – Wheat Fungal Resistance	Clay (2), Wilkin (1), Dakota (2), Scott (1)

Betaseed, filed a Notification for Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 15-NO-053. Notification is for genetically modified wheat, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic wheat, referenced as Application Number 15-349-101r. Notification is for up to 10 acres each for 2 release sites in Clay County, 2 release sites in Dakota County, 1 release site in Wilkin County, and 1 release site in Scott County, MN. 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

Metropolitan Airports Commission - Assessment of Environmental Effects of the 2016-2022 Capital Improvement Program for MSP and Reliever Airports

On December 21, 2015, the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) recommended that no further environmental review of the 2016-2022 Capital Improvement Program was warranted based on the Assessment of Environmental Effects (AOEE) for Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. This determination was made following a public hearing held on November 2, 2015 and close of the 30-day written public comment period on November 12, 2015. During the public comment period two oral comments and eleven written comments were received.

You may find the Hearing Officers' Report regarding the AOEE at the following link:
http://metroairports.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=1&clip_id=1482&meta_id=11033