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Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comment Deadline: January 21, 2015

Project Title: L&H Station

Project Description: The proposed L&H Station project would result in the redevelopment of an approximate six and one half-acre site adjacent to the LRT Station at Hiawatha and Lake Street in Minneapolis. This phased development is anticipated to be developed in four separate phases over ten years, and would provide at completion a total of 565 residential units, a 100,000 square foot office building, 16,075 square feet of commercial space, 840 off-street parking spaces and a public plaza/marketplace.

RGU: City of Minneapolis

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Special Instructions: This EAW and supporting information will also be available for review on the City of Minneapolis website: http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/planning/cped_eaw

Project Title: Summerlin

Project Description: Summerlin is a proposed single family residential neighborhood with 238 homes in the City of Woodbury. The 78.9 acre residential development will be served by a primary access off Dale Road and connect to the existing neighborhood to the west.

RGU: City of Woodbury

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Project Title: Flint Hills Resources – Tier 3 Clean Fuels Projects

Project Description: The Tier 3 Clean Fuels Projects involve refinery changes to meet the requirements of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Tier 3 gasoline sulfur standard, which targets improvements in ambient air quality. In order to produce gasoline meeting the Tier 3 standard, Flint Hills Resources (FHR) must remove and recover more sulfur from fuel blends, increasing hydrotreating (a process that removes sulfur). FHR also proposes to install a process to convert recovered gas containing sulfur and nitrogen into a salable aqueous liquid fertilizer, Ammonium Thiosulfate (ATS). Additionally, FHR is proposing to improve the refinery's sour water skimming and storage and switch to a more efficient amine solution in the existing amine units (for sulfur recovery).

A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency website, at the following: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>. Written comments on the EAW should be submitted to Kim Grosenheider. A copy of the EAW may also be obtained by contacting Beth Tegdesch at 651-757-2100.

In addition to the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW), the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's draft Air Emissions Permit will also be available for public comment beginning December 22, 2014. The contact person for the Air Emissions Permit is Tarik Hanafy at 651-757-2404.

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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Project Title: Flint Hills Resources – Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Cogeneration Project

Project Description: Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend, LCC proposes to construct a natural gas -based combined heat and power cogeneration facility, generating up to a net 49.9 megawatts of electricity to reduce electricity purchases from the grid and improve the efficiency of steam production at the refinery.

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EAW Need Decision

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

- Afton Wastewater Collection and Treatment System, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (Discretionary EAW prepared by the City of Afton)

EIS Need Decision

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.

- City of Rochester, South Branch Cascade Creek Stream Restoration Project, 10-6-14 (9-1-14)
- Cass County, Hiawatha Beach Resort Marina, 12-8-14 (9-29-14)

Draft EIS

Comment Deadline: February 5, 2015

Project Title: US Highway 53 Virginia to Eveleth

Project Description: This Draft EIS describes the transportation and environmental impacts associated with the pending termination of easement rights for a one and a half mile segment of the US 53 corridor where it crosses the United Taconite open-pit mine between Virginia and

Eveleth, Minnesota. Five potential alignments were evaluated in the Draft EIS: No Build Alternative, Existing US 53 Alternative, Alternative M-1, Alternative E-1A, and Alternative E-2.

Documentation regarding Section 4(f) recreational resource impacts is also included in the Draft EIS. The Federal Highway Administration intends to make a de minimis impact determination for the Iron Range Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area.

The Draft EIS may be accessed electronically on the project website (www.dot.state.mn.us/d1/projects/hwy53relocation), and paper copies will be available for review at the following locations:

- Eveleth Public Library, 614 Pierce Street, Eveleth, MN
- Gilbert Public Library, 17 N. Broadway, Gilbert, MN
- Mountain Iron Public Library, 5742 Mountain Avenue, Mt. Iron, MN
- Virginia Public Library, 215 5th Avenue S, Virginia, MN
- Duluth Public Library, 520 West Superior Street, Duluth, MN
- MnDOT – District 1 Duluth Office, 1123 Mesaba Avenue, Duluth, MN
- Hennepin County Library – Minneapolis Central, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN

Comments on the Draft EIS and Section 4(f) process will be accepted from December 22, 2014 through February 5, 2015 and may be submitted through email, mail, or in person at the open house/public hearing that will be held for this project.

The open house/public hearing is scheduled as follows:

Thursday, January 22, 2015
6:00-9:00 p.m. (presentation at 7:00 p.m.)
Mountain Iron Community Center
8586 Enterprise Drive South, Mountain Iron, MN 55768

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RGU: Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT)

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Draft AUAR (Ordered)

Comment Deadline: January 21, 2015

Project Title: O'Donnell-LaBeaux

Draft Order for Review: As the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU), the City of St. Michael is issuing this draft order for an Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) process on 78 acres of privately-owned land situated in the southeastern portion of the City of St. Michael, Wright County, Minnesota. This order specifies the boundaries of the geographic area and the anticipated nature, location, and intensity of development and associated infrastructure within those boundaries.

This draft AUAR order is issued to initiate scoping, which is required under Minnesota Rules 4410.3610, Subp. 5a because a specific development project proposed in the AUAR area exceeds the EIS threshold set forth at Minnesota Rules 4410.4400, Subp. 14a, and because that specific project covers at least 50 percent of the AUAR area.

Project Description: The AUAR area is bordered on the east by Labeaux Ave. NE (CSAH 19) and residential development, on the north and south by agricultural land and residential development, and on the west by Gonz Lake. The AUAR area includes one parcel of land (PID 114-500-231100) located at 2381 Labeaux Ave NE, within the south ½ of Section 23, T120N, R24W.

RGU: City of St. Michael

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EAEAW Available

Comment Deadline: January 21, 2015

Project Title: TH 22 Flood Mitigation Project

Project Description: Reconstruction of approximately 0.59 miles of Highway 22 as a rural two-lane roadway above the 100-year flood elevation of the Minnesota River and construction of an overflow bridge structure (approximately 105' 6" long) to maintain the flowable area of the river and floodplain.

RGU: Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT)

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Project Title: Anoka County State Aid Highway 14/125th Avenue NE Reconstruction Project

Project Description: The County State Aid Highway 14/125th Avenue NE Reconstruction Project is approximately 1.5 miles long and extends from Radisson Road (County Road 52) to just east of Harpers Street NE in the City of Blaine, Anoka County. The project proposes to reconstruct the highway as a four-lane divided section with left and right turn lanes at key intersections. New traffic signals are proposed at Cloud Drive and Harpers Street. Minor

improvements are included along Harpers Street between 125th Avenue NE/CSAH 14 and 126th Avenue NE. The improvements also include the construction of multi-use trails and sidewalks.

An Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) has been prepared that describes the proposed project, impacts, and mitigation.

Copies of the EAW are available for public review beginning December 22, 2014, at the following locations:

- Anoka County Library – Blaine Branch, 711 County Road 10 NE, Blaine, MN 55434;
- City of Blaine – City Hall: Engineering Division, 10801 Town Square Drive NE, Blaine, MN 55449;
- Anoka County Highway Department – Building Lobby, 1440 Bunker Lake Blvd., Andover, MN 55304;
- Minneapolis Public Library, Technical & Science Division, Government Docs., 2nd Floor, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401-1992;
- <http://www.sehinc.com/online/blaine14>

RGU: Anoka County

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711 or 1-800-627-3529 (Minnesota Relay). You may also send an email to ADArequest.dot@state.mn.us.

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Comment Deadline: January 30, 2015

Project Title: TH 1/169 Eagles Nest Lake Area Project

Project Description: The Minnesota Department of Transportation is proposing a transportation infrastructure maintenance and safety improvement project along 5.7 miles of TH 1/169. The project area extends from approximately 0.1 miles west of Sixmile Road to approximately 0.1 miles east of Bradach Road. The project includes pavement replacement, widening the shoulders, expanding the clear zones, adding turn/bypass lanes and passing opportunities, and realignment of portions of the highway.

The combined federal Environmental Assessment and State Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EA/EAW) describes the proposed project, impacts, and mitigation.

Copies of the EA/EAW are available for public review beginning December 22, 2014, on the project website at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d1/projects/Hwy169eagles/> and at the following locations:

- Ely Public Library, 224 East Chapman Street, Ely, Minnesota 55731
- Duluth Public Library, 520 W. Superior Street, Duluth MN 55802;
- MnDOT District 1 – Virginia Office Building Lobby, 101 N. Hoover Road, Virginia, MN 55792
- Minneapolis Public Library, Technical & Science Division, Government Docs., 2nd Floor, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401-1992;
- MnDOT Library, 395 John Ireland Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55155

The EA/EAW comment period will begin on December 22, 2014. Written comments will be accepted through 4:30 p.m., on January 30, 2015. Comments should be submitted to the MnDOT District 1 Project Manager listed below. To afford an opportunity for all interested persons, agencies and groups to learn more about the project, a public hearing/informational meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at the Vermilion Community College – Room CL104, 1900 East Camp St., Ely, MN 55731. The open house style meeting will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., with a presentation at 7:00 p.m. MnDOT representatives will be present to answer questions and receive comments on the preferred alternative and the assessment of environmental impacts in the EA/EAW.

RGU: Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT)

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Notice

Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Transgenic potato with low acrylamide potential and reduced black spot bruise - Commercial Use Exemption

Simplot Plant Sciences (J.R. Simplot Company) has requested an exemption from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Genetically Engineered Organism Release Permit for potato events designated as Innate™ potatoes (events E12, E24, F10, F37, J3, J55, J78, G11, H37, and H50). These genetic modifications result in potato lines with low acrylamide potential and reduced black spot bruise. A determination of non-regulated status has been issued by USDA. For additional information contact Dr. Steve Malone, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531, stephen.malone@state.mn.us

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