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## 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.

- Otter Tail County, Otter Tail County Ditch No. 70 Improvement, 11-18-14 (9-29-14)
- City of Cottage Grove, Riverstone Residential Development, 11-19-14 (9-29-14)
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Redpath Project, 12-1-24 (9-15-14)
- City of Corcoran, Schendel Development, 11-13-14 (9-29-14)

## EIS Adequacy Determination

### **Project Title: Advanced Disposal Environmental Services Rolling Hills Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Project**

On November 18, 2014, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Citizens' Board determined that the Advanced Disposal Environmental Services Rolling Hills Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Project EIS was adequate.

**RGU:** Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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## Final EIS Available

*Comment Deadline: January 7, 2015*

# Project Title: TH 41 Minnesota River Crossing

**Project Description:** The project proposes future construction of a new Minnesota River crossing connecting TH 169 and US 212 in the vicinity of the existing TH 41. The project is located within Scott County and Carver County, Minnesota. The project is being developed in a tiered process. Tier I identifies a corridor for preservation.

Copies of the FEIS which documents the purpose and need for the project, along with the anticipated environmental impacts, are available for public viewing beginning December 8, 2014 during regular business hours at the following locations:

- MnDOT Metro Office, 1500 West County Road B2, Roseville, MN 55113
- Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401
- Shakopee Library, 235 Lewis Street S, Shakopee, MN 55379
- Chanhassen Library, 7711 Kerber Blvd, PO Box 1130, Chanhassen, MN 55379
- Chaska Library, 3 City Hall Plaza, Chaska, MN 55318
- Project website: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy41bridge/>

To request the document in an alternative format, please contact the MnDOT Affirmative Action Office at 651-366-4718 or 1-800-657-3774 (Greater Minnesota); 711 or 1-800-627-3529 (Minnesota Relay). You may also send an e-mail to [ADArequest.dot@state.mn.us](mailto:ADArequest.dot@state.mn.us). (Please request at least one week in advance).

The FEIS comment period will begin on December 8, 2014. Written comments will be accepted through January 12, 2015. Comments will also be taken throughout the period established per the Federal Register process for a final environmental impact statement. Comments should be submitted to the RGU contact listed below.

**RGU:** Minnesota Department of Transportation

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## Notices

### MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

# NOTICE OF THE POWER PLANT SITING AND TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTING PROGRAM ANNUAL HEARING

**PUC Docket No. E999/M-14-887 and OAH Docket No. 11-2500-32013**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission will hold the annual public hearing on the Power Plant Siting and Transmission Line Routing Program at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, December 19, 2014, in the Large Hearing Room at the Commission's

offices, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55101. Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Barbara Neilson will preside.

The annual hearing is required by Minnesota Statute § 216E.07, which provides that:

The commission shall hold an annual public hearing at a time and place prescribed by rule in order to afford interested persons an opportunity to be heard regarding any matters relating to the siting of large electric generating power plants and routing of high-voltage transmission lines. At the meeting, the commission shall advise the public of the permits issued by the commission in the past year.

While the Commission grants permits for many different types of energy facilities, this hearing will focus on the process for siting large electric power plants and the routing of high-voltage transmission lines. Also, please be advised that any comments made in this proceeding will not be part of the record in any other Commission docket. Accordingly, if you have comments as to a specific project that is now under review, please be sure to submit those items during the comment period for that docket.

The agenda for the Annual Hearing is available on the Commission's website at [www.puc.state.mn.us](http://www.puc.state.mn.us) via the Commission's Calendar. ALJ Neilson will take oral or written statements from any person at the Annual Hearing. Written comments may also be submitted until 4:30 PM, January 30, 2015. Please refer to docket number E999/M-14-887 and OAH Docket 11-2500-32013 in all correspondence. Comments should be submitted directly to Judge Neilson at: The Honorable Barbara Neilson  
Office of Administrative Hearings  
PO Box 64620  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620  
Fax: 651-361-7936

Online at [www.mn.gov/puc](http://www.mn.gov/puc), select Comment on an Issue, find this docket, and add your comments to the discussion.

At the close of the written comment period, Judge Neilson will provide a written summary of testimony given at the hearing and comments received during the comment period to the Commission.

**Mailing List:** Sign up to receive notices about project milestones and opportunities to participate (meetings, comment periods, etc.). Contact [docketing.puc@state.mn.us](mailto:docketing.puc@state.mn.us) or 651-201-2234 with the docket number (14-887), your name, mailing address and email address.

Questions regarding this matter should be directed to PUC staff at (651) 296-0406 or via email at [consumer.puc@state.mn.us](mailto:consumer.puc@state.mn.us).

## **Notice of Public Comment on the Draft Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Noise Policy for Type 1 Federal-aid Projects as per 23 CFR 772**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that MnDOT is seeking comment on the draft MnDOT Noise Policy.

Electronic versions of the draft document are available for review at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/environment/noise/index.html> and on our public involvement page at [www.mndot.gov/publicinvolvement/hearings.html](http://www.mndot.gov/publicinvolvement/hearings.html). Please copy and paste the web address into your internet browser.

**Project Description:** This document describes an update to the implementation requirements set forth in 2010 by the Federal Highway Administration Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations Part 77: Procedures for Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise and Construction Noise. This Noise Policy also describes the implementation requirements set forth by Minnesota Statute 116.07 Subd. 2a: Exemptions from Standards, and Minnesota Rule 7030 Noise Pollution Control. To assist with reviewing, the draft document is presented with the verbiage changes highlighted.

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**Comment Period:** The Draft MnDOT Noise Policy will be available for public review and comment through January 7th, 2015.

**Contact Person:** If you wish to provide feedback, have any questions regarding this document or would like more information, please contact Marilyn Jordahl Larson, MnDOT Office of Environmental Stewardship, via telephone at 651-366-5801 or via email at [Marilyn.jordahl@state.mn.us](mailto:Marilyn.jordahl@state.mn.us)

**EQB Monitor Publication Calendar for 2015**

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