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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*.

- City of St. Joseph, St. Joseph Distribution Center, 8-3-15 (6-8-15)
 - Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 21st Avenue West Aquatic Habitat Restoration Project, 12-28-15, First Amendment 2-2-16 (*Monitor* Publication 9-28-15)
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Notices

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

MDA Notification	Applicant	Crop	Project Category	County(s)
16-NO-003	Pioneer HI-BRED International	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerance, Insect Resistance, Feed Properties, Selective Marker	Clay (1), Redwood (1)

Pioneer HI-BRED International, filed a Notification for Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 16-NO-003. 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 16-015-108n. 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-004	Pioneer HI-BRED International	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerance, Feed Properties, Selective Marker	Clay (1), Redwood (1)

Pioneer HI-BRED International, filed a Notification for Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 16-NO-004. 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 16-015-109n. 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-005	Pioneer HI-BRED International	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerance, Feed Properties, Selective Marker	Clay (1), Redwood (1)

Pioneer HI-BRED International, filed a Notification for Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 16-NO-005. 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 16-018-101n. 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-006	Pioneer HI-BRED International	Corn	Selective Marker, Transformation Frequency	Blue Earth (2)

Pioneer HI-BRED International, filed a Notification for Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 16-NO-006. 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 16-017-102rm. 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-007	Pioneer HI-BRED International	Corn	Herbicide Tolerance, Selective Marker, Transformation Frequency	Blue Earth (2)

Pioneer HI-BRED International, filed a Notification for Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 16-NO-007. 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 16-017-101rm. 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-008	Rutgers University/University of Minnesota	Wheat	Disease Resistance	Dakota

Rutgers University, filed a Notification for Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 16-NO-008. 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 16-009-103rm. 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

Permit Application Acceptance In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for a Route Permit for the Rochester Natural Gas Pipeline Project in Olmsted County - Public Utilities Commission Docket Number: G011/GP-15-858

In an Order issued on February 3, 2016, the Public Utilities Commission accepted the application of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for construction of an approximately 13.1 mile natural gas pipeline and associated facilities west and south of the city of Rochester in Olmsted County. Public information meetings on the project have been scheduled for February 29, 2015.

For more information on the meetings or project, contact: Michael Kaluzniak, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, Saint Paul, MN 55101, 651-201-2257, mike.kaluzniak@state.mn.us.

Environmental Impact Statement Suspension - Rochester-Twin Cities Passenger Rail Corridor Investment Plan and Tier 1 EIS (Zip Rail)

Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has announced the suspension of work on the Rochester-Twin Cities Passenger Rail Corridor Investment Plan and Tier 1 EIS (Zip Rail) process that had a Final Scoping Decision Document issued on January 19, 2015. This project is a voluntary EIS under state environmental regulations. Public funding constraints, as well as private sector actions to undertake a similar project, have led to this decision. As the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU), MnDOT, along with its partner Olmsted County Regional Railroad Authority, determined that the most appropriate step is to suspend the Zip Rail EIS at this time.

MnDOT is also notifying interested individuals and agencies that participated in the environmental review process about the suspension of the EIS.

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