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CORRECTIONS: The link to the EIS Preparation Notice for the Fargo-Moorhead Flood Risk Management Project has been updated. The corrected RGU for EIS Need Decision posted in the February 3, 2014 has been included.

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Environmental Assessment Worksheets

EAW Comment Deadline: March 19, 2014

Project Title: Elim Creek Restoration, Blackhoof Twp., Carlton County

Project Description: This project will remove three, 30 year old sediment control dams, restore 1/3 mile of Elim Creek, and address 956 tons of sediment erosion by restoring a natural geomorphic stream channel to alleviate continued long term sediment delivery. This will also mitigate additional sediment losses to the turbidity impaired Nemadji River.

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EIS Preparation Notice

Project Title: Fargo-Moorhead Flood Risk Management Project Clay and Wilkin counties, Minnesota (MN); Cass and Richland counties, North Dakota (ND)

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Fargo-Moorhead Flood Risk Management Project (Project) as proposed by the Project Proposer, the Flood Diversion Board of Authority (Diversion Authority). The Diversion Authority operates under a joint powers agreement to develop the project and its members include the City of Fargo, ND; the City of Moorhead, MN; Cass County, ND; Clay County, MN; the Cass County Joint Water Resources District; and the Buffalo-Red River Watershed District. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has partnered with the Diversion Authority to plan, secure funding for, and construct the Project. Operation of the Project would be the responsibility of the Diversion Authority.

The Project would be located in the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area, within the area from approximately 12 miles west to 6 miles east of the Red River and from 20 miles north to 20 miles south of Interstate Highway 94.

The DNR distributed a Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet (SEAW) and Draft Scoping Decision Document (DSDD) on April 15, 2013 to all agencies listed on the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) distribution list and all interested parties. Availability of the SEAW and DSDD were noticed in the April 15, 2013 EQB Monitor (Vol. 37, No. 8). The DNR held a public scoping meeting in Moorhead, MN on May 8, 2013 and accepted comments during a 30-day public comment period concluding on May 15, 2013.

The DNR considered comments on the proposed scope, made revisions to the DSDD, and issued a Final Scoping Decision Document (FSDD) on February 10, 2014. The FSDD identifies those project alternatives and issues that will be addressed in the EIS and presents a tentative schedule for EIS completion.

Summary of Final Scoping Decision: The EIS will address the following issues: potential environmental hazards due to past site uses; cover types; fish, wildlife and ecologically sensitive resources; nearby resources; compatibility with plans and land use regulations; impact on infrastructure and public services; cumulative potential effects; hydrology; socioeconomic impacts; dam safety; physical impacts on water resources; water-related land use management district; and mitigation effectiveness. A more detailed description of each of these topics can be found in the FSDD. The FSDD is posted on the DNR website, at the following location:

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/fm_flood_risk/index.html

The EIS will evaluate the following alternatives:

- **Base No Action Alternative:** Includes the potential flood risk reduction impact of already completed and currently funded projects such as levee construction and property buyouts. This option does not include emergency measures currently being pursued in the Project area as necessary due to flooding.
- **No Action Alternative (with Emergency Measures):** Includes the potential flood risk reduction impact of already completed and currently funded projects such as levee construction and property buyouts. This alternative also includes emergency measures currently being pursued in the Project area as necessary due to flooding and includes the definition of flood fighting measure identified in the USACE Final Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement (FFREIS).
- **Distributed Storage Alternative:** Includes flood barriers, watershed flood storage, wetland/grassland restoration, and nonstructural measures that combined may achieve the desired flood protection without a control structure or diversion channel.
- **Northern Alignment Alternative:** Moves the control structure and embankments north of the alignment in the proposed Project. This would potentially lessen social impacts in and around Comstock, Richland County and Wilkin County, but it would increase social impacts between the proposed alignment and the Northern Alignment Alternative.

EIS Schedule. The tentative EIS schedule includes Draft EIS publication in August 2014, Final EIS publication in November 2014, and determination of EIS adequacy in December 2014.

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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.

- Winona County, Trunk Highway 43 Winona Bridge Project, January 27, 2014, (September 30, 2013) *See also Notices for Fonsi
 - CORRECTED from Feb. 3, 2014 EQB Monitor: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Dem-Con Recovery and Recycling Facility Expansion, 1/22/2014 (11/11/2013).
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Notices

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
MINNESOTA DIVISION
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT & SECTION 4(t) DE MINIMIS
DETERMINATION**

Minnesota State Project Number 8503-46
Trunk Highway 43 Winona Bridge Project
In the City of Winona
Winona County, Minnesota

The proposed project consists primarily of rehabilitation and reconstruction of the existing Winona Bridge (Bridge Number 5900) and construction of a new two-lane parallel bridge. Improvements to the Winona/41h Street intersection, reconstruction of portion of 2^d and 3^d Streets, and reconstruction of the Trunk Highway 43/Latsch Island road are also among the project's scope of work.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has determined the proposed improvements, as described in the Environmental Assessment (EA) and the Findings of Fact and Conclusion (FOFC) will have no significant impacts to the human or natural environment. This Finding of No Significant Impact is based upon the EA which has been independently evaluated by FHWA and determined to adequately discuss the need, environmental issues, and impacts of the proposed project and appropriate mitigation measures.

Furthermore, this FONSI constitutes FHWA's determination of a de minimis impact to a Section 4(f) property: the Waterfront Trail. The Waterfront Trail is owned and managed by the City of Winona. A permanent easement over a portion of the trail is needed for construction and future bridge maintenance in perpetuity. The City of Winona concurred that the proposed project and mitigation measures will not adversely affect the features, attributes, or activities qualifying the Waterfront Trail for protection under Section 4(t).

The EA provides sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. The FHWA takes full responsibility for the accuracy, scope, and content of the EA for the subject project.

William Lohr, P.E., Field Operations Team Leader

Shawn Weinand for a Water Appropriation Permit

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
FOR THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

In the Matter of Application of Shawn Weinand for a Water Appropriation Permit.

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND ORDER FOR HEARING

TO: SHAWN WEINAND, and his attorney, JOHN C. KOLB, Rinke Noonan, Suite 300 U.S. Bank Plaza, 1015 W. St. Germain Street, P.O. Box 1497, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

NOTICE OF HEARING

SHAWN WEINAND ("Weinand") IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Department of Natural Resources ("DNR") has initiated this action pursuant to Shawn Weinand's ("Weinand") appeal of DNR's denial of his application for a groundwater appropriation permit.

ORDER FOR PREHEARING CONFERENCE

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a contested case prehearing conference will be held by telephone on Monday, March 10, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. The telephone number for the call is 1-888-742-5095, and the conference code is 544-169-9282#. All mail sent to the Administrative Law Judge assigned to this matter should be directed to P.O. Box 64620, St. Paul, MN 55164-0620.

ORDER FOR HEARING

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103G.311, a contested case hearing in this matter will be held at a time and place to be decided by the Administrative Law Judge at the prehearing conference.

The Chief Administrative Law Judge, Office of Administrative Hearings, has assigned this matter to Jeanne Cochran, Administrative Law Judge, Office of Administrative Hearings, P.O. Box 64620, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164, telephone (651) 361-7870.

ALLEGATIONS

1. Weinand owns residential property located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 22, Township 135 North, Range 30 West, Cass County, Minnesota, which includes a golf course for his own use.
2. This property is crossed by Cory Brook, a trout stream designated by DNR pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 97C.005.
3. In January 2008, Weinand applied for a permit to appropriate water from two wells (referred to as the East and West Wells) for golf course irrigation.
4. DNR required Weinand to conduct an aquifer test in connection with his permit application.
5. Weinand's consultant completed an aquifer test in October 2009, and the test demonstrated that pumping the East and West Wells caused a drawdown in the water table aquifer and consequently negatively affected Cory Brook.
6. DNR denied Weinand's permit application on December 19, 2012.
7. Weinand appealed the permit denial on January 23, 2013, and the parties agreed to put the hearing process in abeyance to allow additional investigation.
8. In May 2013, Weinand drilled two new wells on his property (referred to as the North and South Wells), completed just below the aquifer in which the East and West Wells are completed.
9. Weinand conducted an aquifer test on the North and South Wells between June 4, 2013, and June 11, 2013.
10. The aquifer test showed that pumping the North and South Wells caused drawdown in the East and West Wells.
11. Based on this test, DNR concluded that the North and South Wells are hydrologically connected to, and cause impacts to, the trout stream.
12. DNR again denied Weinand's permit application on September 17, 2013.
13. On October 4, 2013, Weinand requested a contested case hearing on both permit denials.
14. DNR's denial of Weinand's permit application was reasonable for reasons including:
 - a. The requested groundwater appropriation has potential impacts to surface waters as described in Minn. Stat. § 103G.287, subd. 2 (2012)
 - b. The requested groundwater appropriation affects a trout stream designated as such by DNR pursuant to Minn. Stat. §97C.005 and is not a temporary appropriation as described in Minn. Stat. § 103G.285, subd. 5 (2012).
 - c. The requested groundwater appropriation would have a negative impact on the "availability, distribution, and condition of water and related land resources in the area" as described in Minn. R. 6115.0670, subp. 2(A)(1) (2013)
 - d. The requested groundwater appropriation would have "probable effects on the environment" that include "unavoidable detrimental effects" to Cory Brook as described in Minn. R. 6115.0670, subp. 2(A)(3) (2013).
 - e. The requested groundwater appropriation is not "reasonable, practical, and does not adequately protect public safety and promote the public welfare" as described in Minn.R. 6115.0670, subp. 3(A)(3) (2013).

ISSUES

1. Was DNR's decision to deny Weinand's permit application consistent with applicable statutes and rules, including Minn. Stat. §§ 103G.285 and 103G.287 and Minn. R. 6115.0670?

The relevant laws and rules include, but are not limited to, Minn. Stat. §§ 103G.285, .287, .311, and .315; and Minn. R. 6115.0600-.0810.

For a complete copy of the Notice and Order for Prehearing Conference and Hearing, contact Jill Schlick Nguyen, Assistant Attorney General, Minnesota Attorney General's Office, 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 1800, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101, telephone (651) 757-1325.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2014.

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

/s/ Tom Landwehr

Tom Landwehr
Commissioner of Natural Resources

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Notice of Permit Decision in the Matter of the Route Permit Application by Minnesota Power for the 39 Line 115 kV Transmission Line and Substation in St. Louis County, Minnesota

Public Utilities Commission Docket No. E-015/TL-12-1123

In an Order issued January 13, 2014, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission determined that the environmental assessment and the record had adequately addressed the issues identified in the scoping decision. The Commission issued a high-voltage transmission line route permit for the 39 Line Project, authorizing Minnesota Power to construct approximately three miles of 115 kilovolt transmission line in St. Louis County near the City of Eveleth.

Further information about the project and the route permit can be found on-line at:

<http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=32972> and on the eDockets system <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the year "12" and docket number "1123").

If you have any questions about this project or would like more information please contact Commission staff: Tricia DeBleeckere at tricia.debleeckere@state.mn.us or 651-201-2254.

Sandpiper Pipeline Project

NOTICE OF APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS

Issued: January 31, 2014

In the Matter of the Application of North Dakota Pipeline Company, LLC for a Pipeline

Routing Permit for the Sandpiper Pipeline Project

Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Docket Number: PL-6668/PPL-13-474

COUNT	CITY	MEETING LOCATION	DATE AND TIME
Polk	Crookston	Crookston Inn & Convention Center Ballrooms 1 and 2 2200 University Avenue	Monday, March 3, 2014 6:00-9:00pm
Polk	McIntosh	McIntosh Community Center 115 Broadway Northwest	Tuesday, March 4, 2014 11:00am-2:00pm
Clearwater	Clearbrook	Clearbrook City Hall Gymnasium 200 Elm Street	Tuesday, March 4, 2014 6:00-9:00pm
Hubbard	Park	Park Rapids Armory	Wednesday, March 12, 2014
Cass	Pine River	Pine River – Backus High School 1000 First Street North	Wednesday, March 12, 2014
Aitkin	McGregor	McGregor Community Center 41442 State Highway 65	Thursday, March 13, 2014
Carlton	Carlton	Carlton County Transportation Department	Thursday, March 13, 2014

Bad weather? Find out if a meeting is canceled – call (toll-free) 1-855-731-6208 or 651-201-2213 or visit www.puc.state.mn.us.

Meeting Information:

- Citizens will have the opportunity to offer oral comments, written comments, or both into the record.
- Public Utilities Commission, Department of Commerce, and North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC (NDPC) staff will be available to answer questions about the permitting process and the project.
- Citizens who do not wish to speak may submit questions or comments in writing.
- Comments received at the meetings and during the comment period will be used to develop alternative routes for examination in the comparative environmental analysis.
- Each meeting will last until everyone at the meeting has the opportunity to speak, or until the scheduled end time, whichever comes first.
- The same information will be presented at each meeting.

Topics Open for Public Comment:

- Are there any alternative routes or route segments that should be considered?
- What human and environmental impacts should be studied in the comparative environmental analysis?
- Are there any specific methods to address these impacts that should be studied in the comparative environmental analysis?

Submit Comments, Alternative Routes or Route Segments

The comment period continues after the public meetings, through **April 4, 2014 at 4:30pm**. Any person may propose an alternative route or route segment. The proposal must:

- Be clearly identified on maps or aerial photos.
- Include an analysis of human and environmental impacts – unless mostly the same as information NDPC provided.

The Public Utilities Commission will meet to decide which route alternatives to consider as options in the comparative environmental analysis and the hearings. This decision will likely be made in May 2014.

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Please include the PUC Docket Number (13-474) in all communications.

Project Description

North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC (NDPC) proposes to build a crude oil pipeline:

- Approximately 612 miles long, from Tioga, North Dakota to Superior, Wisconsin
- Approximately 299 miles of the new pipeline would be located in Minnesota
- With a 24 inch diameter and a 225,000 barrels per day (bpd) capacity from North Dakota to Clearbrook, Minnesota
- With a 30 inch diameter and a 375,000 barrels per day (bpd) capacity from Clearbrook, Minnesota to Superior, Wisconsin
- With approximately 25 to 50 feet of new right-of-way and 40 to 70 feet of temporary right-of-way

The proposed project includes a new terminal facility near the existing terminal in Clearbrook, Minnesota.

The proposed project would be located in Aitkin, Carlton, Cass, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Polk, and Red Lake counties.

Process Information

Before the project can be built, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) must approve both a certificate of need and a pipeline route permit.

The certificate of need process determines the size, type and timing of the proposed pipeline and whether there is a better alternative for meeting North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC's stated need. The certificate of need is PUC Docket Number PL-6668/CN-13-473.

The pipeline route permit process designates the route for the pipeline and associated facilities and conditions for right-of-way preparation, construction, clean-up, and restoration. This process studies alternative routes and route segments for the pipeline.

At its January 16, 2014 meeting, the Commission determined the North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC's pipeline route permit application is complete. This means the company submitted all the information required to begin the review process. The Commission's decision-making process takes about twelve months.

The Department of Commerce will prepare a comparative environmental analysis for this project. The environmental analysis will review differences between the proposed route and alternative routes and route segments.

After the environmental analysis is completed, there will be public hearings about both the certificate of need and the route permit for this project. Citizens will have the opportunity to speak at the hearings, ask questions, and submit comments about the environmental analysis and about the project.

An Administrative Law Judge will use all the information in the record, including written comments and comments received at the public hearings, to write a report for the Commission. The report will include findings, conclusions, and recommendations about this project. After receiving the Judge's report, the Commission will schedule a meeting to make a final decision on this project, expected by January 2015.

Minnesota Statutes and Rules: The pipeline route permit application is being reviewed under Minnesota Statute 216G and Minnesota Rules Chapter 7852. The certificate of need application is being reviewed under Minnesota Statute 216B and Minnesota Rules Chapter 7853. Minnesota Statutes and Rules are available at <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/>.

Eminent Domain: If issued a route permit by the Commission, NDPC may exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire land for this project, under Minnesota Statute 117.49.

Any new easement or right-of-way agreements reached between NDPC and landowners before a pipeline route permit is issued will not be considered in the Commission's final decision.

How to Learn More

Department of Commerce Project Website:

<http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=33599>

Project Mailing List: Sign up to receive notices about project milestones and opportunities to participate (comment periods, public hearings, etc.) by contacting the Public Advisor (see below).

Full Case Record: View all documents filed in the certificate of need (Docket 13-473) and route permit (Docket 13-474) dockets at www.puc.state.mn.us, select "Search eDockets," enter the year (13) and the docket number (473 or 474), select "Search."

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7. Select Save

Community Locations: View the route permit application at the following locations in communities crossed by the proposed pipeline:

- City Clerk
 - County Auditor
 - Township Clerk
 - Public Library
1. Aitkin Public Library, 110 1st Avenue NE, Aitkin
 2. Bagley Public Library, 21 Main Avenue N, Bagley
 3. Brainerd Public Library, 416 S 5th Street, Brainerd
 4. Carlton Public Library, 310 Chestnut Avenue, Carlton
 5. Cloquet Public Library, 320 14th Street, Cloquet

6. Crookston Public Library, 110 N Ash Street, Crookston
7. Duluth Public Library, 520 W Superior Street, Duluth
8. East Grand Forks Campbell Library, 422 4th Street NW, East Grand Forks
9. Fertile Public Library, 101 S Mill Street, Fertile
10. Fosston Public Library, 403 N Foss Avenue, Fosston
11. Gonvick Lake Agassiz Regional Library, 170 Main Street, Gonvick
12. McIntosh Public Library, 115 Broadway NW, McIntosh
13. McGregor Public Library, 111 E Center Avenue, McGregor
14. Outing Volunteer Library, 6300 Woods Bay Drive NE, Outing
15. Park Rapids Area Library, 210 W 1st Street, Park Rapids
16. Pine River Public Library, 212 Park Avenue, Pine River
17. Red Lake Falls Public Libraries, 105 Champagne Avenue SW, Red Lake Falls
18. Walker Public Library, 207 4th Street, Walker

Available on CD: You may contact North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC to request the certificate of need and route permit applications on CD (see below). **North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC Project Information** www.enbridge.com/SandpiperProject or 1-855-788-7805

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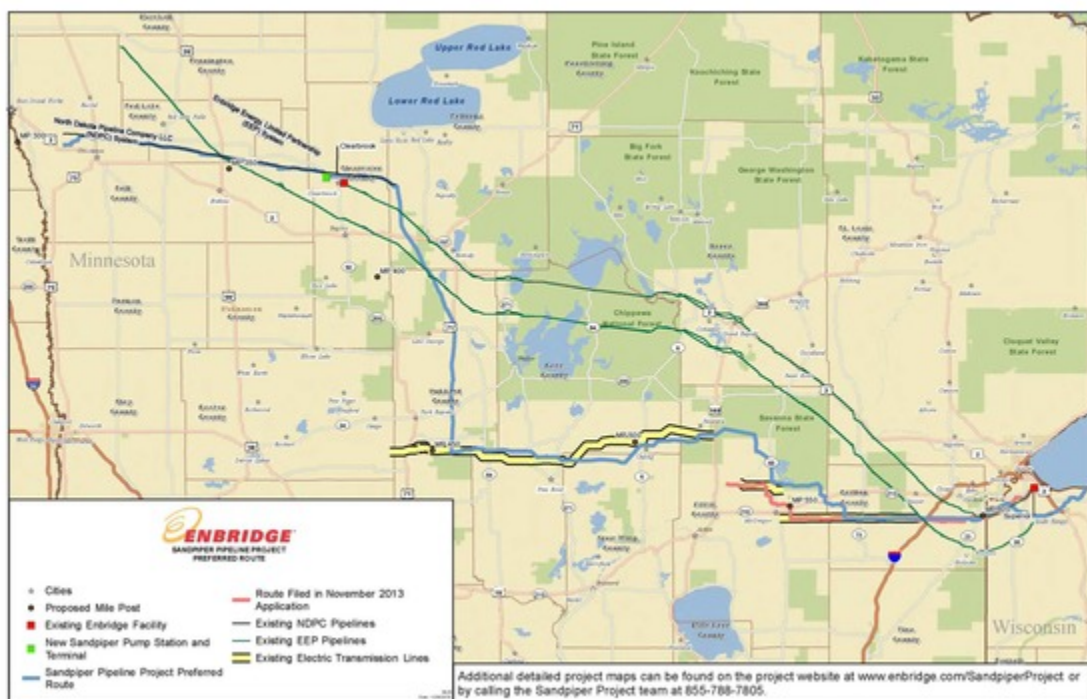
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North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC Project Contact

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This document can be made available in alternative formats (e.g., large print or audio) by calling 651-296-0406 (voice). Persons with hearing or speech disabilities may call us through their preferred Telecommunications Relay Service.

If any reasonable accommodation is needed to enable you to fully participate in these public meetings (e.g. sign language, foreign language interpreter, large print materials), please contact the Commission at 651-296-0406 or 1-800-657-3782 at least one week in advance of the meeting.



Minnesota Department of Agriculture Notification of Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms

Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Date: February 10, 2014

Please publish the following notices in the February 17, 2014 EQB Monitor. Thank you.

Minnesota Department of Agriculture Notification of Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms

MDA Notification	Applicant	Crop	Project Category	County(s)
14-NO-021	Dow AgroSciences	soybean	Herbicide Tolerant	Benton, Dakota(2), Fillmore(2), Freeborn, McLeod, Olmsted(2), Redwood, Sherburne, Sibley, Waseca, Winona
14-NO-022	Dow AgroSciences	corn	Herbicide Tolerant	Benton(2), Brown, Cottonwood, Dakota(2), Fillmore(3), Freeborn, McLeod, Olmsted(2), Redwood(2), Sherburne, Waseca(2), Wilkin, Winona
14-NO-023	Dow AgroSciences	soybean	Herbicide tolerant	Blue Earth, Chippewa, Fillmore, Grant, Jackson, Kittson, Lac Qui Parle, Otter Tail, Polk(3), Renville(3), Swift, Traverse, Wilkin
14-NO-024	Syngenta	corn	Agronomic Properties, Processing Quality	Blue Earth, Dakota, Goodhue, Mower(2), Rice, Waseca
14-NO-025	Syngenta	corn	Insect Resistance, Herbicide Tolerant	Blue Earth, Dakota, Goodhue, Mower(2), Rice, Waseca
14-NO-026	Syngenta	corn	Herbicide Tolerant	Blue Earth, Dakota, Goodhue, Mower(2), Rice, Waseca
14-NO-027	Syngenta	corn	Insect Resistance, Herbicide Tolerant	Blue Earth, Dakota, Goodhue, Mower(2), Rice, Waseca
14-NO-028	Syngenta	corn	Agronomic Properties	Blue Earth, Dakota, Goodhue, Mower(2), Rice, Waseca
14-NO-029	Syngenta	corn	Agronomic Properties	Blue Earth, Dakota, Goodhue, Mower(2), Rice, Waseca

For additional information contact Dr. Steve Malone, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-66531, stephen.malone@state.mn.us

Transgenic Herbicide Tolerant Soybean - Commercial Use Exemption

Bayer CropScience, LP and M.S. Technologies, LLC have requested an exemption from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Genetically Engineered Organism Release Permit for a soybean event designated as FG72, which has been genetically modified to be tolerant to the herbicide active ingredients glyphosate and isoxaflutole (IFT). A determination of non-regulated status has been issued by USDA and the FDA consultation process has been completed. This requested exemption includes a condition that will limit use of FG72 to research and development field trials, and seed production until the completion of EPA and state registration of IFT for use on IFT-tolerant soybeans. 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