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Environmental Impact Statement 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 Minneapolis, Kraus-Anderson Block Redevelopment, 2-12-16 (12-7-15)

Environmental Assessment

There is no formal comment period for the Environmental Assessment (EA) below (Minnesota Rule 7850); however, persons may comment on the EA during the public hearing for the project. Public hearing dates, times, and comment periods are noted on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's calendar: www.mn.gov/puc

In the Matter of Mankato Energy Center II, LLC's Application for a Site Permit for the 345 MW Expansion of the Mankato Energy Center

Docket Number: IP6949/GS-15-620

The Minnesota Department of Commerce (Department) has issued the environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed Mankato Energy Center expansion project in Blue Earth County, Minn.

The EA analyzes the potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project and methods to avoid and mitigate such impacts.

An electronic version of the EA and other documents relevant to this matter are available for viewing on the Department's website: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=34238>, and on the State of Minnesota's eDockets system: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the year "15" and the number "620").

Print copies of the EA will be available at the following locations:

- Blue Earth County Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato, MN 56001
- City of Mankato, Intergovernmental Center, 10 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, MN 56001

A public hearing for the project will be held at 6:00 p.m. on March 7, 2016, at the Country Inn & Suites in Mankato, Minn. Notice of the hearing has been issued separately and is available on the above-noted websites.

If you have questions about the EA or would like more information, contact the Department's environmental review manager for this project, Ray Kirsch, 651-539-1841, raymond.kirsch@state.mn.us. Tracy Smetana is the public advisor for this project. Contact Ms. Smetana at 651-296-0406 (1-800-657-3782), consumer.puc@state.mn.us.

This document can be made available in alternative formats (i.e., large print or audio tape) by calling 651-539-1530.

Notices

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

MDA Notification	Applicant	Crop	Project Category	County(s)
16-NO-009, 16-NO-010, 16-NO-011, 16-NO-012	PioneerHI- BRED International	Corn	HT, AP, MG, OO	Blue Earth (2)

Pioneer HI-BRED International, filed a Notification for Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification numbers 16-NO-009, 16-NO-010, 16-NO-011, and 16-NO-012. Notification is for genetically modified corn, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic soybean, referenced as Application Number 16-015-103n, 16-015-104n, 16-015-105n, and 16-039-106n. 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-013	PioneerHI- BRED International	Corn	HT, MG, OO	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-013. Notification is for genetically modified corn, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic soybean, referenced as Application Number 16-039-103m. 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