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## EQB Environmental Review Survey

Starting July 1, 2016, the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) will be distributing online surveys to responsible governmental units (RGU) upon completion of the environmental review process. RGUs that have completed environmental review since the beginning of 2016 will also be invited to complete the environmental review survey. This ongoing survey will replace the year end survey distributed in 2015. Survey responses will be used to assess our customer service and identify opportunities to improve the EQB Environmental Review Program.

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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 Environmental Impact Statement. The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the Environmental Assessment Worksheet notice was published in the EQB *Monitor*.

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Proposed Polk County MSW Landfill Expansion and Proposed Gravel Mine, 5-25-16 (3-7-16)
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## 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](http://www.mn.gov/puc).

# In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy for a Site Permit for the 215 MW Black Dog 6 Project in Burnsville, Minnesota

**eDockets No.** E002/GS-15-834

**Please take notice** that the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) unit issued the environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed Black Dog Unit 6 Project in Dakota County, Minnesota.

The EA is a written document that describes the human and environmental impacts of the proposed project, and methods to mitigate such impacts.

Electronic versions of the EA and other relevant documents are available on the EERA website: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=34314>, and on the State of Minnesota eDockets system: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the year "15" and the number "834").

Printed versions of the EA will be available at the following locations:

- **Burnsville City Hall** – 100 Civic Parkway, Burnsville, MN
- **Burnhaven Library** – 1101 W County Road 42, Burnsville, MN

A public hearing for the proposed project will be held at Burnsville City Hall in Burnsville, Minnesota. Notice of this hearing will be issued separately and available on the websites noted above.

If you have questions about the EA or would like more information, please contact:

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This document can be made available in alternative formats, that is, large print or audio, by calling 651-539-1530.

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## Environmental Assessment/Environmental Assessment Worksheet

# Project Title: Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery – Duluth

**Comment Deadline:** July 6, 2016

**Project Description:** The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) is proposing the partial development of a 104-acre property previously owned by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for a new State Veterans Cemetery in Grand Lake Township, St. Louis County, Minnesota. The first phase of construction is anticipated to be completed by November 2017. A Draft Environmental Assessment (EA)/Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) has been prepared in compliance with federal and state environmental review regulations. The MDVA intends to issue a “Finding of No Significant Impact” (FONSI) and “Record of Decision” (ROD) following a 30-day comment period ending on July 6, 2016, providing there are no substantive comments which warrant further evaluation.

At the request of the MDVA, Stantec Consulting Services Inc. will assist in the collection of all comments and information requests for the Draft EA/EAW. A person may submit a comment or request a copy of the Draft EA/EAW materials electronically or via mail during the 30-day public comment period. To provide comments or request information electronically, email: [PikeLakeEAReview@stantec.com](mailto:PikeLakeEAReview@stantec.com). Hard copy requests or comments can be mailed to: Stantec Consulting Services Inc. c/o Seija Stratton, 2335 Highway 36 West, St. Paul, MN 55113-3819. All comments and requests must be received by the end of the comment period on July 6, 2016. Hard copies of the Draft EA/EAW will be available for public viewing at the Duluth Public Library and the Hennepin County Library - Minneapolis Central during the 30-day comment period.

**Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU):** Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs

**RGU Contact Person:**

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## Environmental Assessment/Environmental Impact Statement Draft

# Project Title: Detroit Lakes – Becker County Airport Runway 13/31 Shift/Extension & Associated Improvements

**Comment Deadline:** July 18, 2016

**Project Description:** The City of Detroit Lakes has prepared a draft State Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed runway project at Detroit Lakes – Becker County Airport (FAA identifier DTL). The proposed project falls within a mandatory EIS category under Minnesota Administrative Rule 4410, Section 4400, which declares that a State EIS is required “for construction of a paved and lighted airport runway of 5,000 feet of length or greater.”

Because the project will utilize Federal funding and therefore also requires a Federal Environmental Assessment (EA), the Federal EA will be utilized as the State EIS to reduce duplication between Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 116D, and the National Environmental Policy Act, United States Code 1976, Title 42, Sections 4321 to 4361, as permitted under Minnesota Administrative Rule 4410, Section 3900. The draft Federal EA / State EIS has been prepared to address issues identified in the final scoping decision document issued by the City of Detroit Lakes on August 17, 2015, and to satisfy standards identified in Minnesota Administrative Rule 4410, Section 2300.

The joint Federal EA / State EIS identifies a preferred alternative and evaluates the effects of this alternative on the surrounding natural, social, and economic environments. The proposed action includes the following:

- A shift, extension, widening, and reconstruction of the Airport's primary runway and parallel taxiway to meet FAA and MnDOT design standards and operator runway length requirements;
- Reconstruction of the primary runway to replace aging and deteriorating pavement.
- An instrument approach to the Airport's primary runway with precision CAT-I minimums (1/2 statute mile visibility and 200-foot cloud ceiling height) to meet MnDOT State Aviation System Plan (SASP) requirements;
- and Property acquisition to accommodate the runway and approach improvements.

Copies of the draft Federal EA / State EIS have been distributed to agencies listed on the current Minnesota EQB distribution list. These documents may be accessed electronically on the project consultant's FTP site at <ftp://DTL-EA:Detroit2014@ftp.meadhunt.com>. A copy may also be obtained by contacting Evan Barrett at 952-641-8820. The City of Detroit Lakes will host a public hearing to accept oral and written statements regarding the proposed project from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on July 6, 2016, at Detroit Lakes City Council Chambers, located at 1025 Roosevelt Avenue, Detroit Lakes, MN. The City will accept written statements from relevant local, State, and Federal government agencies, as well as from the general public, regarding the draft Federal EA / State EIS from June 6 through July 18, 2016. Comments should be directed to the RGU contact listed below.

**Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU):** City of Detroit Lakes

**RGU Contact Person:**

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## Alternative Urban Areawide Review Draft

# Project Title: Minnesota United MLS stadium and surrounding mixed-use development

**Comment Deadline:** July 6, 2016

**Project Description:** MUSC Holdings LLC (one of the Proposers) proposes to build a 20,000 seat professional soccer stadium with expansion and standing room capacity to accommodate a maximum of 25,500 visitors (plus 500 employees) in Saint Paul, MN. The AUAR area is bounded by University Avenue to the north, Snelling Avenue to the west, Pascal Street to the east, and St. Anthony Avenue to the south. Following stadium development, the remainder of the AUAR area will be redeveloped in a phased manner to accommodate mixed-use development including retail and service commercial, hospitality, residential, office, institutional uses and public and private open space. RK Midway (one of the Proposers) owns the remainder of the AUAR area.

**Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU):** City of Saint Paul

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