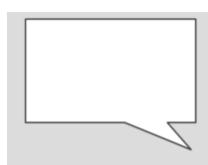
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Environmental Assessment Worksheet

The following EAW has a comment deadline of April 20, 2016

Project Title: Lindbo Landing Marina Multiple Dock License

Project Description: The Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD) has received a new multiple dock license application from Lindbo Landing Marina. The proposal is to reconfigure and reconstruct the existing seasonal multiple dock utilizing LMCD Ordinance 217 for Qualified Commercial Marinas. Lindbo Landing Marina is located on Echo Bay at 285 West Point Road, Tonka Bay, MN 55331.

RGU: Lake Minnetonka Conservation District

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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*.

Anoka County, CSAH 116 Reconstruction Project, 2-16-16 (2-16-15)

Notices

Preapplication Public Informational Meeting - PolyMet Mining, Inc., NorthMet Mining Project

On Tuesday April 19, 2016, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) is holding a Preapplication Public Informational Meeting in Aurora, Minnesota regarding PolyMet Mining, Inc.'s (PolyMet's) proposed NorthMet Mining Project. Prior to submittal of a permit to mine application, in accordance with Minnesota Rule 6132.1100, the DNR must hold a public informational meeting and invite the participation of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), Environmental Quality Board (EQB), and the local unit of government.

The purpose of this meeting is to meet the requirements of Minnesota Rule by informing the public that a permit to mine application may be submitted and providing an overview of the permitting process. The meeting is being held in Aurora to facilitate local government participation.

The Preapplication Public Informational Meeting will take place as follows:

Date:

Tuesday April 19, 2016

Time:

6:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Formal Presentation at 6:30
Open House throughout the meeting

Location:

Mesabi East High School (http://www.mesabieast.k12.mn.us/) 601 North 1st St. West, Aurora, MN 55705

The meeting will include both a formal presentation and an open house. The formal presentation will provide an overview of the proposed mining project and the permit to mine process. The presentation will also provide a brief summary of the other state permits that may be required for the project. State agency staff and the proposer will be available in an open house format throughout the meeting to answer questions about the permit to mine process and other permit processes, such as tailings dam safety, water quality, air quality, wetlands, and others.

This meeting is being held to provide information about the permitting process. Permit applications have not yet been submitted for the project. Formal public comment on permits is not taken at this point in the process. However, if applications are received, there will be future opportunities to both obtain information about applications and review and comment on draft

permit decisions.

State agencies are currently developing a centralized website for the PolyMet permitting process. DNR will announce the availability of this website once it is completed. The website will include directions on how to sign up for updates on the permitting process through the State's GovDelivery system.

Project Overview

The proposed NorthMet mine project would be located in the St. Louis River watershed on the eastern edge of the Mesabi Iron Range, about 6 miles south of Babbitt and about 1 mile south of the existing iron-ore Northshore Mine. The ore would be processed at a former industrial site, the LTV plant in Hoyt Lakes.

The total project area would include the open pit mine, a processing plant, tailings basin and an existing 7-mile-long railroad corridor for ore transport between the mine and the processing plant.

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

MDA Notification	Applicant	Crop	Project Category	County(s)
16-NO-024, 16-NO-029	Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC	Corn	IR, HT 16-NO-024, 16-NO-029	Blue Earth, Dakota, Faribault, Goodhue,
			IR – Insect Resistance HT – Herbicide Tolerance	Mower, Rice (Up to 10 acres each)

Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC, filed a Notification for Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification numbers 16-NO-024, and 16-NO-029. Notification is for genetically modified corn, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic corn, referenced as Application Numbers 16-055-101n, and 16-061-106n. 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-025	Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC	Corn	IR – Insect Resistance	Freeborn (up to 5 acres)

Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC, filed a Notification for Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification numbers 16-NO-025. Notification is for genetically modified com, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic com, referenced as Application Number 16-057-106n 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-026	Bayer CropScience LP	Soybean	HT – Herbicide Tolerance	Big Stone Clay (up to 10 acres each)

Bayer CropScience LP, filed a Notification for Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification numbers 16-NO-026. 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 16-057-107n. 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-027	Betaseed Inc.	Sugarbeet	PQ – Feed/Food Properties	Clay (2) 15 acres Clay (3) 10 acres Dakota (2) 10 acres Goodhue (1) (10 acres) Scott (1) (10 acres) Wilkin (1) 15 acres
				Wilkin (1) 10 acres

Betaseed Inc., filed a Notification for Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification numbers 16-NO-027. Notification is for genetically modified sugarbeet, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic sugarbeet, referenced as Application Number 16-060-103n. 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