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Environmental Assessment Worksheet

The following EAW has a comment deadline of April 6, 2016

Project Title: Polk County Proposed MSW Landfill Expansion and Proposed Gravel Mine

Project Description: Polk County (Proposer) operates an existing regional solid waste management facility at its Gentilly Solid Waste Landfill (Facility), eight miles east of Crookston. The Proposer's Facility is located on a contiguous 360 acre Polk County owned property (County Property). The Proposer plans to increase the municipal solid waste (MSW) landfill disposal capacity at the Facility by developing 13 acres within the 360 acre County Property (MSW Landfill Expansion). The Proposer also plans to operate a 115 acre sand and gravel mining operation (Gravel Mine) on other portions of the same 360-acre County Property.

A copy of the Notice of Availability and the EAW can be found on the MPCA website at the following address: <u>http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/topics/environmental-</u>review/environmental-assessment-worksheets-and-environmental-impact-statements.html

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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*.

• Douglas County, R and R Ready Mix-Grothen Pit, 2-16-16 (10-12-15)

Notices

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

MDA Notification	Applicant	Crop	Project Category	County(s)
16-NO-014	Monsanto	Corn	AP, FR, HT	Blue Earth, Brown (2), Clay, Dodge, Faribault (2), Freeborn, Grant (3), Mower, Rice, Steele, Waseca (2)

Monsanto Company, filed a Notification for Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 16-NO-014. 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 16-048-101n. For additional information contact Clifford Watrin, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531, <u>clifford.watrin@state.mn.us</u>

Minnesota Department of Agriculture -Commercial Use Exemptions

Commercial Use Exemption (16C001) to Monsanto Company, Genetically Engineered Corn Event MON 87403

Monsanto has requested an exemption from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Genetically Engineered Organism Release Permit for corn event designated as MON 87403 which has been genetically modified for improved ear biomass. A determination of non-regulated status has been issued by USDA and the FDA consultation process has been completed for the event. 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

Commercial Use Exemption (15C003) to Syngenta Seeds and Bayer Crop Science, Genetically Engineered Soybean Event SYHT0H2

Syngenta Seeds and Bayer Crop Science have requested an exemption from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Genetically Engineered Organism Release Permit for soybean event designated as SYHT0H2 which has been genetically modified for herbicide tolerance to three herbicide active ingredients, mesotrione, isoxaflutole, and glufosinate-ammonium. A determination of non-regulated status has been issued by USDA and the FDA consultation process has been completed for the event. 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

Commercial Use Exemption (15C005) to Syngenta Seeds, Genetically Engineered Corn Event MZHG0JG

Syngenta Seeds, Inc. has requested an exemption from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Genetically Engineered Organism Release Permit for a corn event designated as MZHG0JG which has been genetically modified to be tolerant to the herbicide active ingredients glyphosate and glufosinate-ammonium. A determination of non-regulated status has been issued by USDA and EPA registration for the transgenic event is not required because it is not considered a plant incorporated pesticide. 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.

Commercial Use Exemption (15C004) to Monsanto Company, Genetically Engineered Corn Event MON 87411

Monsanto has requested an exemption from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Genetically Engineered Organism Release Permit for corn event designated as MON 87411 which has been genetically modified for glyphosate tolerance and protection against corn rootworm. A determination of non-regulated status has been issued by USDA and the FDA consultation process has been completed for the event. 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