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Environmental Assessment Worksheet Need Decision

The noted responsible governmental unit has made a decision regarding the need for an EAW in response to a citizen's petition.

- City of Minneapolis, Alatus Tower Project (Denied)

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*.

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, City of Winsted, MN Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements, 4-22-16 (5-25-15)
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Notice

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources - Landowners Can Review Preliminary Buffer Map

Landowners can review the preliminary buffer map, which displays public waters and public ditches requiring protective buffers. The map is required by Minnesota's new buffer law.

The preliminary buffer map is available at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) website: www.mndnr.gov/buffers.

Landowners can work with their local soil and water conservation district or drainage authority to ensure the preliminary map accurately depicts public waters and public ditches.

"Specific questions about the map's depiction of waters and buffers on private land should go to [local soil and water conservation districts](#) or drainage authorities," DNR Buffer Mapping Project Manager Dave Leuthe said. "Soil and water conservation districts are ready to work with landowners on these issues."

The preliminary map displays public ditches only in counties and watershed districts that have submitted their data and had them incorporated into the map by the DNR.

A status map is available at www.mndnr.gov/buffers. The status map displays the progress of each Minnesota county and watershed district in getting their data on the preliminary buffer map. As of April 26, 84 of the 95 drainage authorities had submitted the required data.

Landowners in counties whose information is not yet displayed on the preliminary map should continue to check on the status of their county. The DNR is working with counties and watershed districts that have not yet submitted data. Their information will be added to the map as it becomes available.

A link to submit comments to the DNR about the buffer mapping project is available through May 31 at www.mndnr.gov/buffers.

Minnesota's buffer law establishes a requirement for perennial vegetation buffers of up to 50 feet along rivers, streams, lakes and public ditches to help filter out phosphorus, nitrogen and sediment. The Department of Natural Resources' role is to produce a map of the public waters and public ditches that require permanent vegetation buffers.