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Updated Environmental Review Distribution List

The updated distribution list for environmental review documents is available on the [EQB website](#). Based on feedback from the EQB Environmental Review Survey, the distribution list has been reformatted to allow for easier distribution of environmental review documents. The updated list provides comprehensive steps on how to properly distribute documents for Environmental Assessment Worksheets, Environmental Impact Statements, and Alternative Urban Areawide Reviews.

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Environmental Assessment Worksheets

The following EAWs have a comment deadline of November 9, 2016

Project Title: Linwood Monroe Arts Plus Lower School Addition (Linwood School)

Project Description: St. Paul Public Schools is proposing partial demolition, renovation, and construction of an addition on Linwood School. The demolition will remove approximately 5,375 square feet of existing building. Approximately 38,972 square feet of floor space will be added to the building to address overcrowding and update the school to current educational standards. The EAW can be found on the City website at:

www.stpaul.gov/LinwoodSchoolEAW

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Saint Paul

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Project Title: Minnesota Municipal Power Agency - Chaska Energy Park

Project Description: The Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (Proposer) is proposing to build, own, and operate a new electric generating energy station (Project) in the city of Chaska (City), Minnesota. Once in operation, this new electric generating station is to be known as the Chaska Energy Park (CEP) Facility (CEP Facility). The Proposer, a municipal power agency, provides wholesale electrical generation and transmission service to 12 municipally-owned member utilities. The Project includes installation of five 9.341 megawatt (MW) Wartsila natural gas-fired reciprocating engines that are each paired with an electric generator for a total capacity of up to 46.705 MW. The Proposer will install the engines and generators in a new building (CEP Facility Building) and post-combustion catalytic air quality controls: selective catalytic reduction, and catalytic oxidation on the engines. Liquefied natural gas will be used as a limited back up fuel. The Proposer will interconnect the Project to the City's existing electric distribution system.

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

Mandatory Category Rule Citation: Minn. R. 4410.4300, Subp. 3, Electric generating facilities; Subp. 15 (B), Air pollution

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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Project Title: SP 034-605-030 Grading, Aggregate Base and Bridge No. 34J45

Project Description: A 3.2 mile portion of CSAH 5 will be reconstructed beginning at CSAH 40 and heading north to State Highway No. 9. The new centerline will remain very close to the existing with the exception of a few curve areas where geometrics will be improved.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Kandiyohi County Public Works

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Environmental Assessment Worksheet Need Decision

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

- City of Duluth, Proposed School Development near Snowflake Nordic Ski Center (Discretionary EAW prepared by the City of Duluth)

Notices

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION WRITTEN RE-EVALUATION OF THE 2004 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND RECORD OF DECISION

MORA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT: CROSSWIND RUNWAY CONSTRUCTION and EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING PRIMARY RUNWAY

The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public that the FAA has prepared a Written Re-evaluation of the 2004 Environmental Assessment and Record of Decision for the Mora Municipal Airport: Crosswind Runway Construction and Extension of the Primary Runway, and has determined that the preparation of a new EA is not necessary (September 16, 2016). The Written Re-evaluation/Record of Decision was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, FAA Orders 1050.1F, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures" and 5050.4B, "NEPA Implementing Instructions for Airport Actions".

A written re-evaluation was determined to be necessary for the 2004 Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for Mora Municipal Airport per Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 1050.1F, Environmental Impacts: Policies and

Procedures, Paragraph 9-2 and FAA Order 5050.4B National Environmental Policy Act, Chapter 1401 C (3). After further investigation, new information revealed that additional resource impacts beyond what was identified in the 2004 EA/FONSI would occur due to the project, thereby necessitating a re-evaluation of the EA.

The EA re-evaluation addresses undisclosed resource impacts that were not covered in the original 2004 EA/FONSI. Additional proposed environmental impacts are a result of further design changes and new endangered species listings since the 2004 EA/FONSI. Resource categories where a change may occur include the following:

1. Utilizing the construction limits, there is proposed to be a conversion of wetland types and additional wetland fill. The original 2004 EA unintentionally omitted this affected resource.
2. The butternut tree was not studied in the original 2004 EA. Since signing of the FONSI, the butternut tree was listed as endangered by the State of Minnesota.
3. The Northern Long Eared Bat (NLEB) was not analyzed in the original 2004 EA. Since FONSI signature, the NLEB was listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).
4. Filling and excavating of upland farmland.

Through analysis of new project impacts to environmental resources and comparing these impacts to what was originally identified in the original EA/FONSI, it was concluded that a new EA or supplemental EA is not warranted. Overall project impacts are minor in scope. The additional wetlands filled are permissible with the appropriate level of mitigation. Impacts to butternut trees were also permitted. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was consulted with under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act in which the USFWS concurred with the FAA's finding. The FAA provided updated project information to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the SHPO concurred that the original determination of No Historic Properties Affected is still valid. The Airport also investigated the possible presence of Native American burial mounds. Results of this investigation revealed that there was no evidence suggesting the presence of any archaeologically significant earthworks or burial mounds in this area. The MN State Archeologist and MN Indian Affairs Council both agreed with the findings. All of these impacts and analysis still fall within the general overall context of the original EA/FONSI.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment Re-evaluation/Record of Decision will be available for review at the following locations during regular business hours at FAA Airports District Office, 6020 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN; Mora City Hall, 101 Lake Street South, Mora, MN; and the Mora Public Library, 200 Maple Avenue West, Mora, MN.

To request a copy of the Re-evaluation/Record of Decision please submit request to Josh Fitzpatrick, FAA Environmental Protection Specialist at the contact information below.

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Metropolitan Airports Commission/Assessment of Environmental Effects of the 2017-2023 Capital Improvement Program for MSP and Reliever Airports

Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.614 requires the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) to prepare an Assessment of Environmental Effects (AOEE) for projects in the Commission's seven-year Capital Improvement Program (2017-2023) for airports included in its system.

An EAW, EA or EIS has been previously prepared and a public hearing held for each MSP and reliever airport project in the 2017-2023 CIP that requires an EAW under Section 473.614. An assessment of the cumulative environmental effects of CIP projects at each affected airport in the system is presented in the AOEE.

A copy of the AOEE can be downloaded on the Internet at:
<http://www.metroairports.org/Airport-Authority/Metropolitan-Airports-Commission/Administration/Publications.aspx>

Additionally, a copy of the AOEE can be obtained by contacting Amie Kolesar, Metropolitan Airports Commission, 6040 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55450; 612-794-9140. Comments concerning the AOEE can be given at a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, November 7, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in room 3048A, Mezzanine level, Terminal 1-Lindbergh, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, or in writing to Amie Kolesar at 6040 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55450. Comments on the AOEE must be received by the close of business on Wednesday, November 9, 2016.

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

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
16-NO-038	Bayer CropScience	Wheat	Agonomic Properties: Yield Enhancement Herbicide Tolerance	Clay (up to 4 sites)

For more information contact Clifford Watrin, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531, clifford.watrin@state.mn.us