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Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comment Deadline: November 26, 2014

Project Title: Avonlea Residential Development

Project Description: The Avonlea residential development is proposed on approximately 470 acres of primarily agricultural land in the northern portion of Lakeville. The project proposes 832 single family lots and 249 multi-family lots. Approximately 171 acres of open space is also planned, which will include greenway corridors, parks, trails, wetlands, and stormwater basins.

RGU: City of Lakeville

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Project Title: 55th Street Extension and Broadway Avenue North Reconstruction

Project Description: The project includes a new alignment, a new river crossing over the South Fork Zumbro River, and reconstruction of Broadway Avenue North (CSAH 33). The project extends 55th Street from west of CR 133 (West River Road) to Broadway Avenue North at CR 124 (48th Street) for a distance of approximately 1.7 miles. Improvements to CR 124 extend eastward for approximately 0.4 mile. The project includes a four-lane expansion of

Broadway Avenue North from CR 124 south to CSAH 22 (37th Street) for a distance of approximately 1.3 miles.

The EAW, which documents the purpose and need of the project along with the anticipated social, economic, and environmental impacts, is available on the project website at <http://www.co.olmsted.mn.us/planning/trnsprtnplng/55stextstudy>. Copies of the EAW will also be available for review during business hours at the following locations:

- Rochester Public Library, **101 2nd Street SE**, Rochester, MN
- Olmsted County Planning Department, 2122 Campus Drive SE, Suite 100, Rochester, MN

To request the EAW document in an alternative format, please contact Mike Sheehan (contact information is below).

A public open house to review and comment on the EAW has been scheduled for Wednesday November 12, 2014 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at John Adams Middle School, 1525 31st Street NW, Rochester, MN. Verbal and written comments will be accepted.

Copies of the EAW are being distributed to agencies on the current Minnesota EQB list and other interested parties. The comment period will begin on **October 27, 2014**. Comments will be accepted through **November 26, 2014**.

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Project Title: The University of Minnesota, Twin Cities – Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Project

Project Description: The University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, intends to construct a new combined heat and power (CHP) facility at the existing Main Plant, located on the west side of the Minneapolis campus. The Main CHP

Project will consist of a 22.8 MW combustion turbine generator and 270,000 lb/hr of steam capacity.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency website, at the following: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>. Written comments on the EAW should be submitted to Kim Grosenheider. A copy of the EAW may also be obtained by contacting Beth Tegdesch at 651-757-2100.

In addition to the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW), the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's draft Air Emissions Permit will also be available for public comment beginning the week of October 27 or November 3rd. The contact person for the Air Emissions Permit is Bruce Braaten at 507-206-2607.

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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EIS Need Decisions

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, Elk River Wastewater Treatment Facility, 10-13-14 (9-1-14)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Heartland Corn Products Denatured Ethanol Storage Tank Addition, 10-20-14 (9-15-14)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Troy Phillips Swine Facility, 10-10-14 (8-18-14)
- City of Blaine, Parkside North Development, 10-16-14 (8-18-14)
- Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, Long Lake Creek Corridor Improvements Phase II, 10-9-14 (9-1-14)
- Hennepin County, CSAH 101 Improvements Project, 10-10-14 (7-21-14)

Final EIS Available

Comment Deadline: November 13, 2014

Project Title: Advanced Disposal Environmental Services Rolling Hills Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Project, Wright County

Project Description: Notice is hereby given that the Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) on the proposed Advanced Disposal Environmental Services Rolling Hills Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Project is available for public review. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is the Responsible Government Unit (RGU). The Final EIS will be presented to the MPCA Citizens' Board (Board) for a Determination of Adequacy at the regularly scheduled Board meeting on November 18, 2014.

Publication of this notice begins a public review period during which any person may submit comments on the adequacy of the Final EIS to the MPCA. Comments must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. on November 13, 2014, in order to be considered by the Board. All parties on the mailing list for this Project and any other interested parties who so request will also receive the Board memorandum and proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order that will be presented for approval and adoption by the Board. Any person may appear at the Board meeting and address the Board on the adequacy of the Final EIS.

A copy of the Final EIS, which includes copies of the comments received and MPCA Responses to Comments, is available on the MPCA's Environmental Assessment Worksheets and Environmental Impact Statements webpage:

<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/topics/environmental-review/environmental-assessment-worksheets-and-environmental-impact-statements.html>

Comments on the Final EIS or request for copies of the Final EIS should be directed to Nancy Drach, Project Manager, MPCA Environmental Review Unit at 651-757-2317.

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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Scoping Decision Document and EIS Preparation Notice

Project Title: Gateway Corridor Project

Project Description: The Gateway Corridor project is a planned, approximately 12-mile transitway located in Ramsey and Washington Counties. The corridor runs generally parallel to I-94, connecting downtown Saint Paul with its East Side neighborhoods and the suburbs of Maplewood, Landfall, Oakdale, Lake Elmo, and Woodbury. The Gateway Corridor will connect the eastern parts of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area to the broader regional transit system through Union Depot multimodal transportation hub in downtown Saint Paul.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA); the Metropolitan Council; and the Washington County Regional Railroad Authority (WCRRA), serving on behalf of the Gateway Corridor Commission (GCC), have initiated the environmental review process for the Gateway Corridor project. Federal funding will be pursued for this project from FTA. As a result, FTA, designated as the lead federal agency for this project, is undertaking environmental review in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). As the local public agency sponsoring the project, WCRRA is complying with the requirements of the Minnesota Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). The FTA, Metropolitan Council, and WCRRA have determined that the Gateway Corridor project may have significant environmental impacts. To satisfy both federal and state requirements, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared for the Gateway Corridor project.

A Scoping Booklet was prepared, noticed in the EQB Monitor on March 3, 2014, and distributed to the EQB distribution list and other interested parties. The comment period was open from March 3, 2014 to April 16, 2014. During that time, two public Scoping open houses and a separate interagency Scoping meeting were held.

Since the close of the comment period, WCRRA, in consultation with the Metropolitan Council and FTA, has been reviewing the technical analysis completed and comments received and working through the project advisory committees established for the Gateway Corridor project (specifically, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Policy Advisory Committee (PAC), and Community Advisory Committee (CAC)). WCRRA, acting as the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) for the Draft EIS, passed a Scoping Decision Resolution on August 12, 2014.

Based on public and agency input and additional technical analysis, WCRRA has determined that the following alternatives will be evaluated in the Draft EIS:

- No-Build alternative
- Four dedicated bus rapid transit (BRT) alternatives on various alignments (A-B-C-D1-E1, A-B-C-D2-E1, A-B-C-D2-E2, A-B-C-D2-E3) and a managed lane BRT alternative in I-94

A light trail transit (LRT) alternative will not be studied in the Draft EIS.

In addition to the identification of alternatives advanced for further study in the Draft EIS, the Gateway Corridor Scoping Decision Document includes information in compliance with Minnesota Rules, part 4410.2100, subpart 6.

The Scoping Decision Document and EIS Preparation Notice will be distributed to the EQB distribution list and posted on the Gateway Corridor project website (<http://thegatewaycorridor.com/>). A press release will be provided to at least one newspaper of general circulation within Ramsey and Washington Counties.

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Petition

The following petition has been filed with the EQB requesting preparation of an EAW. The EQB has assigned the indicated unit of government to review the petition and decide on the need for an EAW.

- City of St. Paul, 293 Commercial Street Demolition

Notice

Minnesota Department of Agriculture Transgenic Herbicide Resistant Corn and Soybean - Commercial Use Exemption

Dow Agrosciences has requested an exemption from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Genetically Engineered Organism Release Permit for the following transgenic events: DAS-40278-9 corn, which is genetically modified to be resistant to phenoxy auxin broadleaf herbicides such as 2,4-D and acetyl coenzyme A carboxylase (ACCase) inhibitor grass herbicides such as quizalofop-p-ethyl; DAS-68416-4 soybean, which is genetically modified to be resistant to 2,4-D and glufosinate, and DAS-44406-6 soybean, which is genetically modified to be resistant to 2,4-D, glufosinate, and glyphosate. A determination of non-regulated status has been issued by USDA and the FDA consultation process has been completed for all three events. For additional information contact Dr. Steve Malone, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531, stephen.malone@state.mn.us