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Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental unit has determined the following project does not require preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the Environmental Assessment Worksheet notice was published in the EQB *Monitor*.

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Kasson Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements and Expansion, 9-6-16 (6-27-16)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Hidden Creek, LLC, 9-6-16 (7-18-16)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, R & R Hogs, 8-26-16 (7-4-16)

Petitions

The following petitions have been filed with the EQB requesting preparation of an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW). The EQB has assigned the indicated unit of government to review the petition and decide on the need for an EAW.

- City of Saint Paul, Zvago St. Anthony Park Project
 - Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, DNR Proposal to Stock Muskellunge in Gull Lake
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Alternative Urban Areawide Review Update

Project Title: Fischer Sand and Aggregate, LLP Updated Alternative Urban Areawide Review and Mitigation Plan

Comment Deadline: September 29, 2016

Project Description: The Fischer Sand Aggregate, LLP AUAR study area encompasses approximately 455.5 acres of land generally located south of CSAH 42, east of Flagstaff Avenue, north of CSAH 46, and west of CSAH 31; and 113.5 acres located south of CSAH 42, east of CSAH 31, north of 155th Street West, and west the Prairie Crossing residential development. The approved AUAR identified two that anticipated future development within the study area to include over 1,800 residential dwelling units and 3,000,000 sq. ft. of commercial/institutional uses. No changes occurred in the study area in the first five years after its adoption in 2007. Since 2012, mining of the east 113.5 acres completed and the property was reclaimed. The property was then re-designated on the 2030 Comprehensive Land Use Map and rezoned for single-family residential development, public park and storm water ponding, and expansion of the City's cemetery. This has resulted in the platting of the property into 264 single-family residential lots and 12 acres of public park/ponding area. In addition, the northwest corner of the project area 25 acres was re-designated on the 2030 Land Use Map and rezoned for commercial/retail uses. And finally, approximately 40 acres of the project area located north of CSAH 46 and west of CSAH 31 has been platted into 129-single-family residential lots and expansion of an existing storm water pond.

The comment period for the updated AUAR will remain open until September 29, 2016. Comments on the AUAR update and Mitigation Plan should be submitted to the City of Apple Valley Community Development Department, 7100 147th Street West, Apple Valley, MN 55124 or at commdev@ci.apple-valley.mn.us. This document is also available for review at the City of Apple Valley Community Development Department, 7100 147th Street West, Apple Valley, MN 55124 and www.cityofapplevalley.org

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Notice

Notice of Draft Comparative Environmental Analysis Availability and Public Comment Meeting for the Proposed Rochester Natural Gas Pipeline in Olmsted County

Issued: September 16, 2016

**NOTICE OF
DRAFT COMPARATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS AVAILABILITY
AND
PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING**

**In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation for a Route
Permit for the Rochester Natural Gas Pipeline Project in Olmsted County**

PUC Docket Number: G-011/GP-15-858

Meeting Information

DATE: September 28, 2016
TIMES: 2:00pm & 6:00pm
LOCATION: Kahler Apache Hotel
1517 16th Street SW
Rochester, MN

Submit Comments

Comment Period: Comments on the Draft Comparative Environmental Analysis must be received electronically or postmarked by **4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 7, 2016**. Please include the PUC Docket Number (15-858) in all communications.

Online: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/#comment>

Email: larry.hartman@state.mn.us

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Comments will be made available to the public via the Department of Commerce's websites, except in limited circumstances, consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. Personally identifying information is not edited or deleted from submissions.

Process Information

Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC) has applied to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for a route permit to construct approximately 13.1 miles of high pressure natural gas pipeline and associated facilities in and around Rochester, Minnesota. The Minnesota Department of Commerce (DOC) has issued a Comparative Environmental Analysis (CEA) in draft form that analyzes the potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project, and methods to mitigate such impacts. This public meeting has been scheduled to receive comments on the document, as well to explain the route designation process, present major issues, and respond to questions raised by the public.

In order to construct the project, MERC must obtain a route permit from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. Prior to its decision, DOC and the Public Utilities Commission will hold a joint public and evidentiary hearing for the project in the area. A notice of the public and evidentiary hearing will be issued separately.

For More Information

An electronic version of the draft CEA and other documents relevant to this matter are available for viewing at:

- the DOC's website: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=34318>
- the eDockets electronic filing system: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp>
(Use search terms "15" for the year, and "858" for the docket number)

Printed copies of the draft CEA are available at the following locations:

- Rochester Township Hall, 4111 SW 11th Avenue, Rochester
- Rochester Public Library, 101 2nd Street SE, Rochester

Project Contacts

Department of Commerce for questions regarding the DCEA or for more information:

Larry Hartman – Larry.Hartman@state.mn.us or 651-539-1839
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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for questions regarding the permit approval process:

Kevin George – Kevin.George@state.mn.us or 651-201-2251
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This document can be made available in alternative formats (i.e., large print or audio tape) by calling 651-539-1530.

