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## Environmental Assessment Worksheets

### Project Title: Fodness Gravel Pit

**Comment Deadline:** February 21, 2018

**Project Description:** Duinick, Inc. (Proposer) proposes to mine and process gravel and granular material, as well as product hot-mix asphalt, in the SE 1/4 of Section 29 of Battle Plain Township, T104N, R44W, Rock County, Minnesota. This is to be done over a period of approximately 20 years, but will depend on local demand for the materials available from this tract of property, and likewise reclaim the property to an acceptable condition. The overburden is to be removed and stockpiled on the edge of the pit, thus creating a visual and noise berm. A screening unit and crusher will be placed on site to process the mined materials into

aggregate products usable for a variety of projects. The mining and removal of aggregates from the site will cause the most physical shaping of the site. After the materials are processed, they will be hauled out by trucks. These materials may also be used in the production of asphalt or concrete using a portable plant brought on site. Extraction and processing of aggregates will continue through the entire site. As various areas of the site are completely finished being used for extraction, processing, or stockpiling, these areas will be reclaimed into an area suitable for wildlife habitat and development. This will include areas of upland, wetland, deeper open water, depending upon the location and depth of suitable gravel materials excavated at the site. As a minimum, all slopes will be shaped to a maximum of 18 percent slope, topsoil will be spread back on disturbed surfaces at a minimum depth of 4 inches down to the water line, and suitable vegetation planted, such as Mixture 100, according to the DNR's "A Handbook for Reclaiming Sand and Gravel Pits in Minnesota." Reclamation activities will progressively continue throughout the life of the operation. Copies of the EAW can be reviewed at the Rock County Land Management Office, 311 West Gabrielson Road, Suite 4, Luverne, Minnesota or the Rock County website at [www.co.rock.mn.us](http://www.co.rock.mn.us). Written comments, including name and mailing address, may be directed to: Eric Hartman, Rock County Land Management, 311 West Gabrielson Road, Luverne, Minnesota, 56156, or emailed to [eric.hartman@co.rock.mn.us](mailto:eric.hartman@co.rock.mn.us), and received no later than February 21, 2018.

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**Project Title: SKB Environmental Waste Exchange Excavation and Metal Recycling Facilities Development**

**Comment Deadline:** February 21, 2018

**Project Description:** SKB Environmental Inc. (SKB) is proposing to excavate 1.4 million cubic yards of sand and gravel from 52 acres of land located adjacent to the existing SKB disposal facility for the purposes of waste exchange, followed by the development of three buildings for processing recyclable metals and one building for maintenance activities. The comment period deadline is February 21, 2018.

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**Project Title: Anderson / Helmin Gravel Pit Expansion**

**Comment Deadline:** February 21, 2018

**Project Description:** Helmin Construction is proposing to expand their current 39-acre aggregate mining operation, operating under an Interim Use Permit (IUP) issued by Benton County, into a 90-acre mining operation by expanding to the North and East. The 51-acres to be added to the mining operation is mostly farmed, has 8 acres of trees and contains no wetlands. Helmin Construction produces aggregate products for sale to contractors and the public. The EAW is available for review at the Department of Development, 531 Dewey Street, Foley, MN and at the Foley Public Library, 251 N 4th St Ave, Foley, MN. Public comments should be submitted by February 21, 2018, to Roxanne Achman, Director, Benton County Department of Development, 531 Dewey St, Foley, MN 56329.

**Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU):** Benton County

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## Alternative Urban Areawide Review Draft Order and Scoping for Large Projects

### Project Title: Oakdale 3M Foundation Project AUAR

**Comment Deadline:** February 21, 2018

**Project Description:** The City of Oakdale is conducting an Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) as a result of a small area plan for the largest undeveloped parcel remaining in the City in the northeast quadrant of I 694 and CR 14, formerly part of the 3M campus. The eastern boundary of the area abuts the City of Lake Elmo. This scoping document is the first step in the process and the 30-day comment period will end on February 21, 2018.

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## Alternative Urban Areawide Review Adoptions

### Project Title: Cottage Grove Business Park Final AUAR

**Project Description:** On January 3, 2018, the City of Cottage Grove approved an Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) for their existing business park and an expansion area to the south. It analyzed two scenarios for a major technology center and major distribution use. Both scenarios are consistent with the 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

**Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU):** City of Cottage Grove

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## Notices

### **Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Notification of Request for Commercial Use Exemption of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

MDA Notification: CUE 17C002 Applicant: Bayer CropScience Crop: Canola Project Category: Male Sterility and Herbicide Tolerant (glufosinate-ammonium) GMO Event: MS11 Bayer CropScience, filed a request for a Commercial Use Exemption (CUE) for Genetically Engineered Organism (Event MS11) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number CUE 17C002. Notification is for genetically modified canola, with a USDA determination of nonregulated status dated July 26, 2017.

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### **Notice of Public Information Meeting and Comment Period for the Trimont Wind Repowering Project in Martin and Jackson Counties**

**Project Description:** Public Utilities Commission - Notice of Public Information Meeting and Comment Period on the Site Permit Amendment Application for the Trimont Wind Project in Martin and Jackson Counties, Commission Docket No. IP-6907/WS-13-258. The Commission is providing notice that it will hold a Public Meeting and Comment Period on the proposed Trimont Wind Repowering Project at 6PM on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at the Triumph Hall, 546 Main Street East in Trimont, Minnesota 56176. Trimont Wind is proposing to retrofit existing wind turbines by replacing or refurbishing turbine equipment. There are no changes proposed to the turbine locations or towers. Trimont Wind is requesting permit amendments to: increase the rotor diameter, the output of the turbines, and the project nameplate capacity, extend the permit expiration date and adjust permitted setbacks. Comments will be received until February 21, 2018 via various methods, as noticed in a January 24, 2018 notice. Documents can be obtained for the project at the Commission's website at [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc), select Search eDockets, enter the year (13) and the docket number (258), select Search.

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