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EQB Announcements

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Governor's Committee on Pollinator Protection August 2, 2018

The Governor's Committee on Pollinator Protection will meet at MNDOT Training Facilities, 1900 County Rd I, Shoreview, MN 55126 on Thursday, August 2, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. For more information on this meeting, please see the meeting packet on the EQB website (<https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/governors-committee-pollinator-protection-0>).

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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, Klemmensen Brothers Feedlot Expansion Project, 7-19-18 (5-28-18)
 - City of Edina, Arden Park Restoration Project, 7-17-18 (5-28-18)
 - Scott County, County Highway 27 (CH 27) Reconstruction Project EAW, 6-8-18 (3-5-18)
 - Baytown Township, Orchard at Cahanes Farm Development Project, Baytown Township, Minnesota, 6-4-18 (4-16-18)
 - City of Shoreview, The Edison at Rice Creek, 7-16-18 (5-28-18)
 - City of Tower, Rose RV & Campground Park Need Decision, 7-9-18 (3-5-18)
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Alternative Urban Areawide Review Drafts

Project Title: Moorhead East Growth Area AUAR

Comment Deadline: August 28, 2018

Project Description: The City of Moorhead is completing a discretionary AUAR for over 4,000 acres in east Moorhead Township and the southern portion of the City of Dilworth. The total build out of the project area is not anticipated for over 20 years but is consistent with the land use pattern described in the Moorhead Growth Area Plan (GAP). This AUAR is being prepared to evaluate potential future growth and its associated impacts on a cumulative basis. Comments on the Draft AUAR are due on Tuesday, August 28.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Moorhead, MN

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Project Title: Moorhead South Growth Area AUAR

Comment Deadline: August 28, 2018

Project Description: The City of Moorhead recognizes the need for more detailed land use planning that facilitates development in a cohesive manner and ensures that the public infrastructure needed to support development is planned appropriately. The project area for the Moorhead South Growth Area AUAR encompasses over 3,600 acres in south Moorhead Township. While total build out of the project area is not anticipated until 2040 and beyond, the scenario reflects the land use pattern described in the Moorhead Growth Area Plan (GAP). Comments on the Draft AUAR are due by Tuesday, August 28.

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Alternative Urban Areawide Review Updates

Project Title: Moorhead North Growth Area AUAR

Comment Deadline: August 28, 2018

Project Description: The City of Moorhead is updating its 2009 AUAR for a project area that encompasses over 10,000 acres in Moorhead and Oakport Township. The full build out by 2040 development scenario is evaluated and reflects the land use pattern described in the Moorhead Growth Area Plan (GAP). Two concurrent but new AUARs are also under review for different project areas in the City of Moorhead and all three AUARs will be reviewed under the same process. Comments on the Draft AUAR Update for the Moorhead North Growth Area are due on Tuesday, August 28.

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Project Title: Gateway Study Area AUAR

Comment Deadline: August 13, 2018

Project Description: The City of Edina has prepared an Update to the Gateway AUAR. The original Update was adopted in 2007 and updated in 2013. The 135 acre project area is located between TH100, Fred Richards Golf Course, France Avenue, and the City of Bloomington border. The comment period is July 30 - August 10. The Update is available on the city's website at <https://www.edinamn.gov/546/Planning>

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Notice

Notice of Environmental Impact Statement Scoping Decision for the Huntley to Wilmarth 345 kV Transmission Line Project

The Minnesota Department of Commerce (Department) has issued the scoping decision for the environmental impact statement (EIS) to be prepared for the proposed Huntley to Wilmarth 345 kV transmission line project in south central Minnesota. The EIS will be prepared on behalf of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) by the Department's Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) staff. The EIS will address the potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project and alternatives to the project. The scoping decision identifies the routing alternatives that will be examined in the EIS. The decision also identifies the alternatives that will not be addressed. The scoping decision and other relevant documents are available on the Department's website: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities> and on the State of Minnesota's eDockets system: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the year "17" and the number "184" or "185").

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Minnesota Department of Commerce on behalf of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

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ER Guidance and Updates

Quick Reference: Environmental Assessment Worksheet Guidance

The EQB provides a number of written guidance documents including our Quick Reference: Environmental Assessment Worksheet document. You can find it here: <https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/documents/Quick%20Reference%20-%20EAW.pdf>

All of our guidance documents and videos are available on our website, <https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/>, under Environmental Review. EQB staff are also available to answer questions about Environmental Review at Env.Review@state.mn.us or 651-757-2873.