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Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: MSP Terminal 1 – Lindbergh 2018 Passenger Service and Cargo Handling Enhancements

Comment Deadline: July 12, 2017

Project Description: The MAC is planning the MSP Terminal 1 - Lindbergh 2018 Passenger Service and Cargo Handling Enhancements project, which includes three components. The first component will upgrade the restrooms in Concourse F, the second will expand the main mall food court, and the third will expand the freight building on Cargo Road and consolidate the DHL functions from the existing DHL facility to the expanded freight building. Copies of the Draft Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) are being distributed to agencies on the current MEQB list and others. The Draft EAW is available on the MAC's website at: <https://www.metroairports.org/Airport-Authority/Metropolitan-Airports->

[Commission/Administration/Publications.aspx](#), under Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. A public hearing will be conducted on Monday, July 10, 2017, by the Metropolitan Airports Commission Planning, Development, and Environment Committee to receive comments on the Draft EAW. The meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, Room 3048A, Terminal 1-Lindbergh. Written comments must be submitted by July 12, 2017. Comments can be submitted in writing by US mail or email.

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Project Title: Campbell Dairy

Comment Deadline: July 12, 2017

Project Description: Riverview, LLP (Proposer) plans to construct a 9,500 animal unit (AU) dairy farm (8,674 head of cows and 1,180 head of heifers) in Section 35, Campbell Township, Wilkin County (Dairy). The cows will be housed in a cross-ventilated total confinement freestall barn with the manure and wastewater collected and stored in earthen basins with impermeable covers. The Proposer must obtain Minnesota Department of Natural Resources water appropriation permits to use groundwater for the Dairy. The Proposer plans to install and operate three groundwater production wells located at the Dairy, and two wells (Secondary Wells) approximately 3.5 miles east of the Dairy. The Proposer will transport water from the Secondary Wells to the Dairy by underground pipeline (Pipeline) by one of three proposed routes. The Dairy will use approximately 105 million gallons per year of water. The Dairy, Secondary Wells, and Pipeline collectively are the Project. 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. 29 (A), Animal feedlots

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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Project Title: Leilyn Hogs Feedlot Expansion

Comment Deadline: July 12, 2017

Project Description: Leilyn Hogs, LLC (Proposer) proposes to expand its existing 2,400 head swine finishing facility in Section 24 of Otisco Township in Waseca County (Existing Facility). The Proposer will construct one new barn to hold up to 2,400 finishing hogs (Proposed Facility). The Existing Facility plus the Proposed Facility (Project) will have a combined total maximum capacity of 4,800 finishing hogs (1,400 animal units (AU)). 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>

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Environmental Impact Statement Supplement Preparation Notices

Project Title: Southeast Mine

Comment Deadline: July 3, 2017

Project Proposer: Unimin Corporation

Location: Kasota Township, Le Sueur County

RGU: Le Sueur County

Le Sueur County will supplement the South Mine Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) determined adequate on December 18, 2012. The supplement will consider an additional phase called the Southeast Mine by preparing a Supplemental EIS (SEIS) document in accordance with the Minnesota Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) and Minnesota Rules 4410. The approximate date of completion of the Southeast Mine SEIS is December 2017.

Description of Situation Necessitating Preparation of the Supplement: Unimin Corporation proposes an additional phase of their South Mine for the continuation of open pit non-metallic mineral mining of the Jordan Sandstone to produce industrial sand. The additional phase will be known as the Southeast Mine. Previously identified mining and processing activities including blasting, extraction, crushing, dewatering, size classification, and reclamation will occur within the Southeast Mine. The additional phase encompasses 515.3 acres, located in parts of Sections, 5, 8, and 17, T109N, R26W, Kasota Township in Le Sueur County, Minnesota (Site), directly adjacent to the South Mine. The Project moves the mining limits south and east of the existing approved mining limits. The Project does not change the capacity of the processing plants nor does it change the procedures and methods used to mine or process the sandstone.

The Southeast Mine is located within a county Mineral Resources Overlay zoning district. Current land use includes row-crop and pasture agriculture and a dimensional stone mining operation. Portions of the Site were previously considered for sandstone mining by another project proposer, and were discussed within the South Mine EIS, but not fully assessed. The SEIS is being undertaken at this time due to demand in the market, current production capabilities, and direct customer pressures. The Proposer has been conducting mining operations adjacent to this site for over thirty-five (35) years.

Unimin's application to amend Conditional Use Permit 29000 to include the Southeast Mine phase was tabled until preparation and review of an SEIS is complete.

Scope of Supplement: Alternatives, Issues, and Studies

Minnesota Rules Part 4410.3000, subpart 5, requires the scope of a supplement to an EIS be limited to alternatives, impacts, and mitigation measures not addressed, or inadequately addressed, in the final EIS. The scope will include the following, alternatives to be examined and topics to be analyzed as they relate specifically to the potential effects, (including cumulative effects), relevant to the additional Southeast Mine phase. Potential mitigation measures will be developed as needed based on the results of the individual analysis.

Alternatives – The SEIS will address mining & reclamation alternatives for two alternative mine plans.

Issues to Be Addressed: The SEIS will address the following topics:

- Permits – The SEIS will provide an overview of current permits and status held by the Proposer, as well as provide information regarding any needed amendments.
- Land Use & Cover Types – The SEIS will evaluate potential effects to existing and future land uses and cover types. .
- Fish, Wildlife & Ecologically Sensitive Resources – The SEIS will evaluate potential effects to fish, wildlife and other sensitive resources. The evaluation will include an Ecological Survey that identifies the presence of native plant communities, habitat, and State-listed threatened and endangered species. Impacts and mitigation alternatives will be identified.
- Physical Impacts on Water Resources – The SEIS will evaluate the hydrogeologic effects from the Project through a Hydrogeologic Investigation. Potential dewatering impacts to the Kasota 7 calcareous fen and other nearby surface water resources will be addressed. A Wetland Investigation will be updated and mitigation measures will be identified.
- Water Use – The Hydrogeologic Investigation will also evaluate the impacts from dewatering on surrounding drinking water wells and will include an update to the Well Inventory.
- Water Quality: Surface Water Runoff – The SEIS will evaluate erosion and sedimentation potential and address any changes to the existing surface water runoff. The Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan under the Proposer’s existing National Pollution Discharge Elimination System/State Disposal System (NPDES/SDS) permit #MN0053082 will be evaluated to address additional runoff and potential effects to downstream sources.
- Geologic Hazards and Soil Conditions – The SEIS will evaluate the potential for groundwater contamination due to existing and future land uses and best management practices to prevent soil and water contamination will be included.
- Traffic – The SEIS will evaluate any changes to traffic associated with the Project that may require amendments to the existing road relocation/temporary closure plan between the Proposer and Kasota Township.
- Solid Waste, Hazardous Wastes, Storage Tanks – The SEIS will evaluate any changes to existing solid waste, hazardous waste, or storage tanks from the Project.
- Odors Noise & Dust – The SEIS will evaluate the potential effects of noise and dust generated at the Site on nearby residents and discuss mitigation measures as may be needed.
- Nearby Resources – The SEIS will evaluate any additional historic and cultural resources identified on-site through a Cultural Resource Survey including an archaeological survey and above ground historic structure assessment.
- Visual Impacts – The SEIS will evaluate visual impacts to properties in proximity to the Project not fully assessed within the South Mine EIS.
- Cumulative Potential Effects – The SEIS will evaluate cumulative effects from dewatering operations at other mining facilities in the area.
- Socio-Economic Impacts – The SEIS will discuss the economic, employment, and social impacts of the proposed changes to the mine plan to the local community and economy.

Proposed Time Schedule for Preparation of the SEIS:

A tentative schedule for preparation for the SEIS has been developed. The schedule is subject to change as the process further develops:

Draft SEIS Development:	June – August 2017
Draft SEIS Comment Period:	August-September 2017
Final SEIS Development:	September – October 2017
Final SEIS Adequacy Decision:	November 2017

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