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Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Please note that the EAW described below has been withdrawn.

Project Title: Tire Aggregate, LLC

Project Description: The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) withdraws the Tire Aggregate, LLC EAW currently on public notice for a 30-day public comment period. The MPCA will keep all comments submitted during the current public comment period on file as part of the record. Within the next month, the MPCA will re-notice the EAW and draft Solid Waste Permit to coordinate a public informational meeting and provide a 45-day comment period.

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Project Title: City of Tracy - Construction of New Wastewater Treatment Facility

Comment Deadline: April 19, 2017

Project Description: The City of Tracy (Proposer) is proposing to construct a new three-cell clay-lined stabilization pond wastewater treatment facility (Project) in Monroe Township, Lyon County. The Proposer is proposing to construct the Project to replace its existing and aging pond wastewater treatment facility (existing WWTF). The Proposer will construct the Project to have an average wet weather design flow (AWWF) of 466,000 gpd (also referred to as 0.466 million gpd, or .466 mgd). The Proposer's Project will treat and discharge domestic strength wastewater to an unnamed intermittent stream that flows into Judicial Ditch (JD) 9, then into the Cottonwood River. After the Proposer completes the Project, the Proposer will decommission the existing WWTF.

In addition, the Proposer will be repairing, reconstructing, and enlarging its sewer collection system in order to eliminate wastewater bypasses and more effectively convey wastewater to the Project.

The Proposer previously completed a federal Environmental Report (ER) on the Project, including the Project, wastewater collection improvements, storm drainage improvements and water distribution system improvements. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)-Rural Development Program required the ER for funding the Proposer's activities. The MPCA has included the ER and information from the ER as applicable in this EAW.

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. 18 (B), Wastewater systems

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Project Title: Young Excavating Gravel Pit

Comment Deadline: April 19, 2017

Project Description: Young Excavating is proposing to use the new gravel pit as a source of aggregate for both contracted projects as well as resale purposes. The current site is approximately 81 acres and is comprised of two parcels roughly larger than 40-acres each that are forested upland with a few open areas, there are two small buildings on cinder blocks that appear to have been used as a hunting cabin and storage. No wetlands or other water features are present on the site. The proposed project will utilize the interior 72 acres of both parcels combined. A 50 ft. vegetated buffer will be maintained along the property boundaries.

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Alternative Urban Areawide Review Updates

Project Title: South Loop District AUAR Update

Comment Deadline: April 19, 2017

Project Description: An update to the South Loop District Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) has been prepared for review in accordance with Minnesota Rules 4410.3610. The South Loop District AUAR was originally adopted by the City Council in April 2002 and was updated in 2009 and 2012. To remain in effect, the AUAR must be update at least every five years. While the 2009 and 2012 updates focused on review of infrastructure improvements not considered in the 2002 AUAR; the current update is more comprehensive in scope. The area covered by the study has not changed, however, the development scenario studied has been modified to match updated development forecasts through 2040. It incorporates the findings of updates to several infrastructure forecast models, including: transportation, sewers, and stormwater management. It also references current development and environmental protection regulations adopted by the City and other regulatory agencies since the original AUAR was approved in 2002.

The updated AUAR and Mitigation Plan are available for public review from March 20 through April 19. The updated AUAR and Mitigation Plan are available on the City website at www.blm.mn/auar along with the original 2002 AUAR and the 2009 and 2012 updates.

Paper copies of the update are available at:

- Bloomington City Hall (Community Development Department) – 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN;
- Penn-Lake Library – 8800 Penn Avenue S., Bloomington, MN;
- Oxboro Library – 8801 Portland Avenue S., Bloomington, MN.

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Notices

Minnesota Department of Agriculture - Notification of Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms

MDA Notification	Applicant	Crop	Project Category	County(s)
17-NO-10	Betaseed Inc.	sugarbeet	HT – Herbicide Tolerance	Dakota (2 sites), Scott – Up to 10 acres each

Betaseed Inc., filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 17-NO-10. Notification is for genetically modified sugarbeet, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic sugarbeet, referenced as Application Number 17-061-102n. For additional information contact Clifford Watrin, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531, clifford.watrin@state.mn.us

MDA Notification	Applicant	Crop	Project Category	County(s)
17-NO-11	Betaseed Inc.	sugarbeet	PQ – Processing Qualities	Carver, Clay (4 sites), Dakota (2 sites), Goodhue (2 sites), Sibley, Wilkin – Up to 10 acres each

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MDA Notification	Applicant	Crop	Project Category	County(s)
17-NO-12	Syngenta Crop Protection LLC	Corn	IR – Insect Resistance HT-Herbicide Tolerance	Dakota, Faribault, Goodhue, Mower (2 sites), Rice, Waseca – Up to 10 acres each

Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC., filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 17-NO-12. Notification is for genetically modified corn, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic corn, referenced as Application Number 17-059-105n. For additional information contact Clifford Watrin, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531, clifford.watrin@state.mn.us