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Environmental Assessment Worksheet Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental unit has made a decision regarding the need for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet in response to a citizen's petition.

- City of Duluth, Kayak Bay Village Development (Mandatory EAW prepared by City of Duluth)

Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: Star Lake Casino Development

Comment Deadline: June 21, 2017

Project Description: Otter Tail County is announcing the release of an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the proposed Star Lake Casino Development (project). The proposed project is a resort with a gaming facility, hotel, restaurants, conference center, RV park, and associated support buildings and parking. The project incorporates potable water treatment and wastewater treatment systems. Connected actions involve a new transmission line segment, a new distribution substation, and replacement of an existing overhead transmission line with an underground transmission line, as proposed by Great River Energy and Lake Region Electric Cooperative. The new transmission line segment will serve the electric load for the proposed Star Lake Facility.

The EAW may be obtained from the May 22nd EQB Monitor (<https://www.egb.state.mn.us/egb-monitor>) and via the County's website (<http://www.co.otter-tail.mn.us/1263/Proposed-Shooting-Star-Casino-Resort>). The public comment period begins on May 22nd and ends June 21st, 2017. Written comments may be sent to: Bill Kalar Land and Resource Management Director Otter Tail County Government Services Center 540 West Fir Fergus Falls, MN 56537 or via email: bkalar@co.ottertail.mn.us

In addition to the written public comment period, a Public Information Meeting will be held June 15th at the Pelican Rapids School Auditorium from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The Public Information Meeting will provide the public an opportunity to participate in the public comment period with public testimony and an opportunity to gather information regarding the project. A decision about the need for a more detailed analysis of the potential impacts of the project through the completion of an Environmental Impact Statement will be made by the Otter Tail County Board following the close of the public comment period.

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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, Minnesota Municipal Power Agency – Chaska Energy Park, 5-4-17 (10-10-17)
 - City of Woodbury, Bridlewood Farms, 4-25-17 (2-20-17)
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Draft Environmental Impact Statements

Revisions to the Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Public Information Meetings for the Proposed Line 3 Pipeline Project

The Minnesota Department of Commerce has revised the above-noted notice, which was originally issued on May 15, 2017, to: (1) correct the address of the Staples Community Center and (2) identify several libraries by their complete and correct names. The revised notice is available on the Department's Line 3 website: www.mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/line3.

Notices

Notice of Public Comment on the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Noise Requirements for Type 1 Federal-aid Projects as per 23 CFR 772

This document describes an update to the implementation requirements set forth in 2010 by the Federal Highway Administration Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations part 77: Procedures for Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise and Construction Noise. These Noise Requirements also describe the implementation requirements set forth by Minnesota Statute 116.07 Subd. 2A: Exemptions from Standards, and Minnesota Rule 7030 Noise Pollution Control. The 2017 draft Requirement document is available at: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/environment/noise/policy/> Comments on the 2017 draft Requirements are due by Friday June 23rd, 2017 If you wish to provide comments, have any questions regarding this document, or would like more information, please contact Peter Wasko, MnDOT Office of Environmental Stewardship at 651-366-5801 or via email at Peter.Wasko@state.mn.us

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

MDA Notification	Applicant	Crop	Project Category	County(s)
17-NO-29	University of Minnesota	Soybean	AP – Agronomic Properties PQ – Processing Quality MG – Selectable Markers	Ramsey – (1 acre)

The University of Minnesota, filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 17-NO-29. Notification is for genetically modified soybean, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic soybean, referenced as Application Number 17-123-103n. 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