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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 Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Steel Corporation Spider Creek Restoration Project, 9-28-17 (7-17-17)

Alternative Urban Areawide Review Draft

Project Title: Digi-Key Electronics Product Distribution Center Expansion AUAR

Comment Deadline: November 8, 2017

Project Description: The AUAR is being prepared in an area of approximately 170 acres in size, located in Thief River Falls, Pennington County, Minnesota. A proposed development in the AUAR area includes construction of a 1,000,000 square foot warehousing/ distribution building for a Digi-Key Electronics expansion. The size of the building is above the threshold for requiring an Environmental Impact Statement, but the City of Thief River Falls has opted for using the AUAR process as allowed by Minnesota rules. The AUAR presents two land use scenarios with one being mainly light industrial and industrial use with an area of manufactured home housing to the north. The other scenario has the same industrial use, but the northern area is a mix of high density residential and commercial.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Thief River Falls

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Notice

Project Title: Metropolitan Airports Commission/ Assessment of Environmental Effects of the 2018-2024 Capital Improvement Program for MSP and Reliever Airports

Project Description: Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.614 requires the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) to prepare an Assessment of Environmental Effects (AOEE) for projects in the Commission's seven-year Capital Improvement Program (2018-2024) for airports included in its system.

An EAW, EA or EIS has been previously prepared and a public hearing held for each MSP and reliever airport project in the 2018-2024 CIP that requires an EAW under Section 473.614. An assessment of the cumulative environmental effects of CIP projects at each affected airport in the system is presented in the AOEE.

A copy of the AOEE may be downloaded on the Internet at:

https://metroairports.org/Metroairports/media/Media/Documents/2018_AOEE_final.pdf

Additionally, a copy of the AOEE may be obtained by contacting Amie Kolesar, Metropolitan Airports Commission, 6040 South 28th Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55450; 612-794-9140. Comments concerning the AOEE may be given at a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, November 6, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in room 3048A, Mezzanine level, Terminal 1-Lindbergh, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, or in writing to Amie Kolesar at 6040 South 28th Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55450. Comments on the AOEE must be received by the close of business on Wednesday, November 8, 2017.

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