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Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comment Deadline: May 27, 2015

Project Title: Castle Rock Materials Sciota Quarry

Project Description: The Project is an expansion of an existing aggregates mine. Activities associated with the mining operation include stripping topsoil and overburden, blasting, excavation of sand and gravel and limestone, processing, including crushing, washing and screening, stockpiling, loading and site reclamation. The Project encompasses an existing 80 acre parcel with 34 acres permitted for mining. The expansion adds 80 acres to the site and increases the mining area to 129 acres.

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Project Title: Quarry Creek Stabilization Project

Project Description: Scott County proposes to stabilize erosion in a ravine system using a combination of runoff detention, grade control, and streambank treatments. Extreme rainfall in recent years has generated so much sediment that the bridge at County Road 6 has been

blocked multiple times. This causes road closures and maintenance costs. This project is located in Blakeley Township (T113N, R25W, sec. 3 & 10), Scott County, Minnesota.

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Project Title: Knife River Liechty Mining Expansion

Project Description: Knife River is proposing to expand the existing Liechty Pit from 30 to 88 acres of a 121 acre parcel. This non-metallic mineral mine produces sand and gravel. It is located in the Southeast Quarter, Section 25-141-46, Clay County, MN.

RGU: Clay County

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Project Title: St. Francis Wastewater Treatment Facility

Project Description: The existing St. Francis Wastewater Facility will be modified by constructing a new influent lift station and constructing a new treatment facility in the footprint of the existing secondary pond. The existing lift station building will be modified to house the influent valves and piping. Biosolids generated during the treatment of the wastewater will be stored onsite and land applied on the existing permitted land application sites. The existing blower building will be kept for air supply to the existing ponds. The Permittee is proposing to increase the average wet weather design flow discharge to Seelye Brook from 0.54 million gallons per day (mgd) to 0.81 mgd. The city will also be removing and properly closing its outfall to the Rum River, an Outstanding Resource Value Water.

The Permittee is proposing to increase the average wet weather design flow from 0.54 mgd to 0.814 mgd, and to eliminate the discharge outfall to the Rum River.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency website, at the following: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>. Written comments on the EAW should be submitted to Kevin Kain. A copy of the EAW may also be obtained by contacting Beth Tegdesch at 651-757-2100.

In addition to the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW), Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/State Disposal System (NPDES/SDS) Permit will also be available for public comment beginning April 27, 2015. The contact person for the NPDES/SDS Permit is Shauna Bendt at 651-757-2282.

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Project Title: Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Seneca Area Collection System Rehabilitation - Phases 3, 4, and 5

Project Description: The Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) will be replacing or rehabilitating 31,000 feet of wastewater pipe in the portion of the MCES sewer collection system located within the city of Burnsville. The collection system conveys wastewater to the MCES Seneca Wastewater Treatment Facility (Seneca WWTF) which is located in Eagan, Minnesota. The collection system is over 50 years old and present significant defects and potential for failure within the next 20 years. The work is to be done in three phases (Phases 3, 4, and 5). The work in Phases 3 and 4 will also address future wastewater capacity needs.

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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 EIS. The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the EAW notice was published in the EQB Monitor.

- Lake County SWCD, Knife River Bank Stabilization, 4-14-15 (3-2-15)
 - Martin, Jackson, Cottonwood, and Watonwan Joint County Drainage Authority, Establishment of Joint County Ditch No. 350, 4-10-15 (1-19-15)
 - City of Brooklyn Park, 610 West Apartments, 4-13-15 (2-16-15)
 - Lake Minnetonka Conservation District, T & T Boatworks Marina, 4-8-15 (3-2-15)
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Draft Alternative Urban Areawide Review

Comment Deadline: May 27, 2015

Project Title: Draft Elko New Market Alternative Urban Areawide Review

Project Description: As the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU), the City of Elko New Market has prepared a Draft Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) for proposed development east of the City and Interstate 35 (I-35). The 265-acre environmental study area includes a proposed light industrial project, the Ryan Companies Development, which is planned for subarea parcels subject to an orderly annexation agreement and totaling 125 acres.

Development Boundaries and Scenarios: Because the AUAR addresses a large project (the Ryan Companies Development), which on its own would trigger an Environmental Impact Statement, a Scoping AUAR was required. The purpose of the Scoping AUAR was to solicit comment on the development boundary and scenarios to be evaluated in the AUAR, prior to issuance of a final AUAR order. A notice of the Scoping AUAR was published in the EQB Monitor on February 2, 2015, and copies of the document were placed in the Technology and Science Library, the Elko New Market City Hall and Public Library, and the New Market Township Hall. The deadline for comments was March 4. Based upon the written comments received, the City of Elko New Market has prepared a Draft AUAR.

The development boundaries of the 265-acre AUAR study area include the proposed 125-acre Ryan Companies Development and 140 acres in surrounding parcels with potential for more commercial/light industrial development. The scale of the anticipated light industrial and commercial development ranges from maximums of 1.50M square feet in 2016 (at opening) up to 2.84M square feet by 2036.

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The public is invited to comment on the proposed development boundaries and scenarios to be evaluated in the AUAR prior to issuance of a final AUAR order. The comment period for the Draft AUAR will begin on April 27, 2015. Draft AUAR documentation will be posted at the City's Web Site: www.ci.enm.mn.us, or copies can be found at the Elko New Market Public Library, 110 J. Roberts Way, Elko New Market, MN 55054, at New Market Township Hall; 8950 230th Street East; Lakeville, MN 55044, or at City Hall; PO Box 99, Elko New Market, MN 55020.

Notices

Comment Deadline: May 7, 2015

Project Title: West St. Cloud to Quarry 115 kV Transmission Line Project

Project Description: Great River Energy is proposing to construct a new overhead 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line in St. Joseph Township. The two mile route will run from the new Quarry Substation in Section 24 to the West St. Cloud Substation in Section 12 of St. Joseph Township. The project also includes modifications to each substation, including expanding the fence of the West St. Cloud substation south 73 feet. A copy of the Environmental Assessment is available at the address below and on the Stearns County website at <http://co.stearns.mn.us/Environment>.

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Minnesota Department of Agriculture Notification of Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms

MDA Notification	Applicant	Crop	Project Category	County(s)
15-NO-045	Pioneer	corn	Markers, Insect Resistance	Blue Earth
15-NO-046	Monsanto	corn	Agronomic Properties, Herbicide Tolerant, Insect Resistance	Brown, Clay, Freeborn, Grant, Mcleod, Mower, Redwood, Rice, Steele, Waseca(2)
15-NO-047	Biogemma	corn	Agronomic Properties	Brown

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