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Environmental Assessment Worksheets (EAW)

Comment Deadline: September 16, 2015

Project Title: Otter Tail CSAH 38 Reconstruction Project

Project Description: The project is the reconstruction of CSAH 38 between Urbank and Parkers Prairie. Reconstruction will include pedestrian access improvements, widening of the shoulders, addition of turn lanes, and alignment adjustment of two horizontal curves to improve safety. The project will include the following major items: Grading, Aggregate Base, Bituminous Surfacing, Aggregate Shouldering, Culvert Replacement, Storm Sewer, Curb & Gutter, Sidewalk, and Lighting.

Otter Tail County will accept written comments on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) during the public review and comment period, which concludes Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. Written comments should be submitted to the contact person.

Copy of the EAW is available for public review at:

- Otter Tail County South Court Building, 505 South Court Street, Fergus Falls
- Fergus Falls Public Library, 205 E Hampden, Fergus Falls
- Minneapolis Central Library, Government Documents, 2nd Floor, 300 Nicollet Mall

Copy of the EAW will be posted on the Otter Tail County website at the following address: <http://www.co.otter-tail.mn.us/1137/CSAH-38-Project>

RGU: Otter Tail County

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Project Title: REG Albert Lea, LLC

Project Description: REG Albert Lea, LLC, operates a biodiesel production facility in Glenville, Minnesota and is proposing to increase the maximum biodiesel production rate from 31.5 million gallons per year (“MGY”) to 38 MGY. Biodiesel is an alternative fuel for use in diesel engines and produced from soybeans, used corn oil, and animal fats.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) 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 Charles Peterson. A copy of the EAW may also be obtained by contacting Beth Tegdesch at 651-757-2100.

In addition to the EAW, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency’s draft Air Emissions Permit will also be available for public comment beginning August 18, 2015. The contact person for the Air Emissions Permit is Bonnie Nelson at 651-757-2600.

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Contact Person: Charles Peterson, Planner Principal
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Project Title: Curt Schilling Swine Facility

Project Description: Curt Schilling (Proposer) proposes to expand his existing 2,400 head, swine finishing facility in Section 34 of Grand Prairie Township in Nobles County (Facility). The Proposer will construct one new power-vented building to store up to 2,400 finishing hogs (Project). The Facility plus the Project will have a combined total maximum capacity of 4,800 finishing hogs (1,440 animal units (AU)). The Proposer will store manure in reinforced concrete pits beneath each of the two buildings.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) 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 EAW, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's draft Feedlot Permit will also be available for public comment beginning August 18, 2015. The contact person for the Feedlot Permit is George Schwint at. 320-441-6971.

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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Project Title: Tamarack EAW

Project Description: Six parcels near Tamarack Road and I-494 are being planned for development. The development is anticipated to include the construction of a 155,000 square-foot retail store, 50,000 square-foot commercial area, open space/parkland, extension of Nature Path from Bielenberg Drive to the Tamarack Road/I-494 ramp intersection, and 158,500 square-foot mixed-use commercial development.

RGU: City of Woodbury

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Project Title: Weaver Bottoms Aquatic Habitat Restoration/Enhancement Project

Project Description: The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is proposing to restore and enhance aquatic habitat in Weaver Bottoms, a backwater area of Pool 5 of the Mississippi River in Wabasha County. The project will restore depth to a natural floodplain lake that has become filled with fine sediments over the past 80 years after navigation dams were built on the Upper Mississippi River. Sediment from approximately 20 acres of shallow water will be mechanically dredged and then trucked approximately 1/3 mile to be deposited at a ten-acre upland site on privately owned agricultural/pasture land. The MDNR will accept written comments on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet during the public review and comment period, which concludes Wednesday, September 16, 2015, at 4:30 p.m.

Written comments should be submitted to Charlotte Cohn, EAW Project Manager, Environmental Review Unit, Division of Ecological and Water Resources, Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN, 55155-4025. Electronic or e-mail comments may be sent to Environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us with "Weaver Bottoms Aquatic Habitat Restoration Project EAW" in the subject line. If submitting comments electronically, include name and mailing address. Written comments may also be sent by fax to (651) 296-1811.

A copy of the EAW is available for public review at:

- DNR Library, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155
- Minneapolis Central Library, Government Documents, 2nd Floor, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401
- DNR Central Region, 1200 Warner Road, St. Paul, MN, 55106
- DNR Lake City Area Office, 1801 Oak Street, Lake City, MN, 55041
- Rochester Public Library, 101 2nd Street SE, Rochester, MN, 55904
- Wabasha City Library, 168 Allegheny Avenue, Wabasha, MN, 55981

The EAW is also posted on the DNR's website at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/index.html>

(Click on "Public Input", then select "Weaver Bottoms Aquatic Habitat Restoration Project EAW" from the scroll-down list under "Environmental Review").

Additional copies may be requested by calling (651) 259-5072.

RGU: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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Project Title: Nine Mile Creek Stabilization Project: Edina

Project Description: The North Fork of Nine Mile Creek suffers from stream bank erosion. The proposed stream bank improvement project, within the city of Edina, involves channel realignment to a more stable meandering form, bank reshaping to shallower slopes, bank re-vegetation, channel toe stabilization and grade control.

RGU: Nine Mile Creek Watershed District

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CORRECTION

Project Title: TH 101 Improvements from CSAH 14 (Pioneer Trail) to CSAH 61 (Flying Cloud Drive)

The contact phone number previously published for this project EAW was incorrect. The correct phone number for Paul Oehme at the City of Chanhassen is 952-227-1169. All other information published on August 3 remains valid.

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Need Decision

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.

- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Chambers' Grove Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Project, 7-27-15 (5-25-15)
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Lock and Dam 1 Scour Repair, 8-6-15 (6-22-15)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Hawkins Inc. - Terminal 2 Expansion Project, 8-3-15 (6-22-15)

Notice of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Preparation

Project Title: Detroit Lakes Becker County Airport Runway Improvements

The City of Detroit Lakes will prepare a combined Federal Environmental Assessment (EA) / State Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for proposed improvements at Detroit Lakes – Becker County Airport (FAA identifier DTL). The proposed action for the project is expected to include the following:

- A shift, extension, widening, and reconstruction of the Airport's primary runway and parallel taxiway to meet FAA and MnDOT design standards and operator runway length requirements;
- Reconstruction of the primary runway to replace aging and deteriorating pavement;
- An instrument approach to the Airport's primary runway with precision CAT-I minimums (1/2 statute mile visibility and 200-foot cloud ceiling height) to meet MnDOT State Aviation System Plan (SASP) requirements; and
- Property acquisition to accommodate the runway and approach improvements.

A Final Scoping Decision Document (FSDD) for the proposed Airport improvements has been issued by the City of Detroit Lakes. The FSDD will be sent to the EQB distribution list and other interested parties, and will be posted on the City's website. The FSDD describes the purpose of and need for the proposed action; identifies alternatives to be developed and evaluated for the EA/EIS; and methods that will be used to study the potential environmental, economic, and social impacts of the proposed action. The FSDD takes into account agency and public comments received during the project scoping process and comment period from May 25 to July 9, 2015.

RGU: City of Detroit Lakes

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