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Environmental Assessment Worksheest

Comment Deadline: August 19, 2015

Project Title: R & R Thier Feedlots Inc.

Project Description: The Proposer is constructing a new total confinement beef cattle feedlot Facility ("New Facility"), with a maximum capacity of 6,000 AUs. The proposed New Facility is located in the south half of Section 22, Olney Township, and about one-half mile north northwest of the Existing Facility. The Proposer will house beef cattle in two constructed total confinement barns. The Proposer will store manure generated by the beef cattle in below-building reinforced concrete manure pits constructed below each barn. The Proposer will build a stormwater retention pond at the New Facility in order to collect precipitation-only runoff.

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

In addition to the EAW, the MPCA's draft Feedlot Permit will also be available for public comment beginning July 20, 2015. The contact person for the feedlot Permit is George Schwint at 320-894-5866.

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Project Title: Knowlton Creek Stream Restoration Project

Project Description: The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) proposes to restore and enhance habitat for trout and associated cold-water organisms, using Natural Channel Design techniques, to stabilize approximately 6,491 linear feet of Knowlton Creek and tributaries in Duluth, Minnesota. This project supports the Lower St. Louis River Area of Concern (AOC) Remedial Action Plan.

The MDNR will accept written comments on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) during the public review and comment period, which concludes Wednesday, August 19, 2015, at 4:30 p.m.

Written comments should be submitted to Ronald Wieland, EAW Project Manager, Environmental Policy and 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 "Knowlton 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.
- DNR Northeast Region, 1201 East Highway 2, Grand Rapids.
- Minneapolis Central Library, Government Documents, 2nd Floor, 300 Nicollet Mall.
- Duluth Public Library, 520 W. Superior St., Duluth.

The EAW is also posted on the MDNR's website. The URL will be <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/knowlton/index.html>

Additional copies may be requested by calling (651) 259-5157.

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Project Title: Schwinghammer Farm

Project Description: Schwinghammer Family Limited Partnership proposes to develop a 157.10 acre site to provide access roads, internal roads, and utility infrastructure for a future mixed-use development near the intersection of Stearns County Road 136 and 33rd Street South. The project would provide a school, residential lots, commercial lots, and apartment complexes.

RGU: City of St. Cloud

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Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) Need Decision

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

- City of St. Paul, 293 Commercial Street Demolition (denied)

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 Pollution Control Agency, St. Francis Wastewater Treatment Facility, 6-29-15 (4-27-15)
 - Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, City of Afton Wastewater Collection and Treatment System, 6-24-15 (3-2-15)
 - Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Seneca Area Collection System Rehabilitation, 6-30-15 (4-27-15)
 - Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Pillsbury A-Mill Artist Lofts Hydroelectric Project, 6-29-15 (5-11-15)
 - Minnesota Department of Transportation, Interstate 94/Highway 75 Interchange Reconstruction Project, 7-13-15 (5-25-15)
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Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet and Draft Scoping Decision Document

Comment Deadline: August 19, 2015

Project Title: Minnesota Valley Sand Silica Sand Mine

Project Description: The Scoping EAW and Draft Scoping Decision Document for Minnesota Valley Sands silica sand mine are now available for the 30 day scoping period.

Minnesota Valley Sand is proposing to develop approximately 170 acres of a 273 acre parcel of land in Louisville Township, Scott County for nonmetallic mineral mining and processing operations. Mining and processing operations include: stripping, blasting, dewatering, extraction, washing, drying, screening, rail load out, and phased reclamation.

The Scoping EAW and Draft Scoping Decision Document are available on the Scott County website www.co.scott.mn.us, or please contact the RGU for a paper copy of the documents.

A public scoping meeting to receive comments on the EIS Scope will be held Wednesday August 12, 2015. The meeting will be held as an open house from 4PM to 6PM in the Scott County Board Room on the second floor of the Courthouse at 200 Fourth Avenue West, Shakopee 55379.

Written comments can be submitted by August 19, 2015, to the address below.

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