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Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comment Deadline: August 5, 2015

Project Title: Solid Bottom Creek Restoration Project

Project Description: Solid Bottom Creek is a trout stream in Becker County that is eroding a steep hillside, contributing sediment to the stream and Elbow Lake. The DNR is proposing to move the stream away from the hillside, to reduce erosion and improve habitat conditions for brook trout and other species.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) is available for public review at:

- DNR Library, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-4025
- DNR Northwest Region, 2220 Bemidji Ave. Bemidji, MN 56601
- Minneapolis Central Library, Government Documents, 2nd Floor, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401-1992

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 "Solid Bottom Creek Restoration Project EAW" from the scroll-down list under "Environmental Review").

Additional copies may be requested by calling (651) 259-5082.

RGU: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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Written comments should be submitted to the RGU Contact Person. Electronic or e-mail comments may be sent to Environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us with "Solid Bottom Creek 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.

Project Title: Middle Rice Creek Restoration Project

Project Description: The Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) proposes Middle Rice Creek Restoration Project in the city of Arden Hills, within Ramsey County. The project aims to improve water quality, enhance ecological function, increase flood storage capacity, and improve aquatic habitat. The project includes the construction of 4,408 linear feet of natural channel and filling of 2,246 linear feet of existing ditched-channel, which was straightened in the early 1900s.

RGU: Rice Creek Watershed District

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Project Title: Owatonna Energy Station

Project Description: The Owatonna Energy Station is a proposed new electric generation power plant, located in Owatonna, Minnesota. The power plant will be owned and operated by the Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (SMMPA). SMMPA proposes to install four new 9,770 kilowatt Caterpillar natural gas fired electrical generating units within a new building at the facility location. The four new units will be used for electric energy production for use during peak demand periods and to back up intermittent resources such as wind and solar power generation. The Project would make the facility's electrical generating capacity 39.1 (nameplate) megawatts. An 800 kW diesel-fired generating unit is also proposed to provide emergency power to the facility in the event of a power outage.

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 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 MPCA's draft Air Emissions Permit will also be available for public comment beginning July 6, 2015. The contact person for the Air Emissions Permit is Eric Sulita at 651-757-2342.

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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Project Title: Wilmarth Ash Disposal Facility Expansion Project

Project Description: Xcel Energy (Proposer) proposes to expand the existing Wilmarth Ash Disposal Facility (Facility), a refuse derived fuel ash landfill located 3.5 miles southwest of Mankato, Minnesota, in Blue Earth County. The Proposer proposes a horizontal 4.1 acre cell expansion (Project) to increase the permitted capacity of the existing Facility. The Project would add approximately 13 years of site life to the Facility.

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 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 MPCA's draft Solid Waste Permit SW-298 will also be available for public comment beginning July 6, 2015. The contact person for the Solid Waste Permit is Sherri Nachtigal at 507-206-2600.

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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Environmental Impact Statement Decision

The noted responsible governmental unit has determined the following project does not require preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS). The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the environmental assessment worksheet (EAW) notice was published in the EQB Monitor.

- Scott County, Quarry Creek Stabilization, 6-16-15 (4-17-15)
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Final AUAR Adopted

Project Title: Fox Hollow - Adoption of Final AUAR

The City of St. Michael has prepared a Final Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) under the Minnesota Environmental Policy Act for the Fox Hollow property. The Final AUAR was sent to review agencies and no objections were raised. The City of St. Michael adopted the Fox Hollow Final AUAR on June 23, 2015.

RGU: City of St. Michael

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Project Title: O'Donnell-LaBeaux - Adoption of Final AUAR

The City of St. Michael has prepared a Final Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) under the Minnesota Environmental Policy Act for the O'Donnell-LaBeaux property. The Final AUAR was sent to review agencies and no objections were raised. The City of St. Michael adopted the O'Donnell-LaBeaux Final AUAR on June 23, 2015.

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AUAR Update

Comment Deadline: July 17, 2015

Project Title: Lino Lakes I-35E Corridor

Project Description: The I-35E Corridor Final AUAR was prepared for the City of Lino Lakes in 2005. The AUAR was subsequently updated in 2010. Since undeveloped areas still remain in the study area and the AUAR will expire in October 2015, the purpose of this document is to update the AUAR pursuant to Minnesota Rules.

The I-35E Corridor AUAR study area is approximately 4,500 acres and is located in the northeastern portion of the city. The AUAR included a review of three development scenarios. These three scenarios are being carried forward with this AUAR Update.

RGU: City of Lino Lakes

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Environmental Assessment

Comment Deadline: August 5, 2015

Project Title: Stockade 115 kV Transmission and Substation Project

Project Description: Great River Energy and Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Association are proposing to construct a new overhead 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line and substation that will provide electric power for a new Minnesota Pipe Line pumping station near Forest City, Minnesota.

This project includes Great River Energy building approximately 5.5 miles of 115 kV transmission line starting in Section 6 of Kingston Township and connecting to the proposed substation located south of the intersection of 305th Street and 670th Avenue in Section 22 of Forest City Township.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment for the project is available at the Meeker County website or address listed below.

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