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### Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comment Deadline: July 8, 2015

## Project Title: Rebco Pork II

**Project Description:** Rebco Pork, Inc. (Proposer) proposes to build two 102 feet x 204 feet total confinement buildings with 10 feet deep concrete manure storage pits below the buildings, along with a 20 feet x 48 feet composting building in Section 12 of Courtland Township, Nicollet County (Project). The proposed facility will house up to 4,800 market swine for a total of 1,440 animal units (AUs).

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 Feedlot Permit will also be available for public comment beginning June 8, 2015. The contact person for the Feedlot Permit is Richard Gruenes at 651-757-2751.

**RGU:** Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

**Contact Person:** Charles Peterson,  
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Environmental Review Unit – 4th Floor  
Resource Management and Assistance Division  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
520 Lafayette Road North  
St. Paul, MN 55155-4194  
651-757-2856  
[charles.peterson@state.mn.us](mailto:charles.peterson@state.mn.us)

## Project Title: Hansen Park Comprehensive Water Management Project

**Project Description:** The Rice Creek Watershed District has received Targeted Watershed Demonstration Project grant funds from the Board of Water and Soil Resources to complete a water quality improvement project. The project, when implemented within Hansen Park in New Brighton, will provide water quality benefits to Long Lake, Pike Lake & locally downstream, as well as flood control benefits to the surrounding region, among other environmental benefits.

**RGU:** Rice Creek Watershed District

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Rice Creek Watershed District  
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Blaine, MN 55449-4539  
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## Project Title: St. Joseph Distribution Center

**Project Description:** The Warehouse Distribution Center is proposed on approximately 98.92 acres of primarily agricultural land in St. Joseph. The project proposes a total gross building area of 745,000 square feet. The project will be serviced by municipal sewer and water.

**RGU:** City of St. Joseph

**Contact Person:** Judy Weyrens, City Administrator  
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St. Joseph, MN 56374  
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### Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental unit (RGU) 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.

- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Northshore Mining Company Progression of the Ultimate Pit Limit, 4-22-15 (9-15-14)
  - Minnesota Department of Transportation, TH 23 Passing Lanes from I-90 to Willmar, 6-1-15 (2-16-15)
  - Duluth Airport Authority, Duluth-Sky Harbor Airport Runway 32 Approach Obstruction Removal, 3-17-15 (7-7-14)
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## Notices

**Minnesota Department of Agriculture  
Notification of Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

MDA Notification	Applicant	Crop	Project Category	County(s)
15-NO-049	Dow AgroSciences	corn	Herbicide Tolerance, Agronomic Properties	Brown, Fillmore, Otter Tail, Pope, Redwood(2), Renville, Sibley, Stearns, Wilkin

For additional information contact Dr. Steve Malone, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-66531, [stephen.malone@state.mn.us](mailto:stephen.malone@state.mn.us)

Comment Deadline: July 21, 2015

## Notice of SDEIS Public Comment Period Extension

### Project Title: Southwest Light Rail Transit

**Project Description:** The Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) describes the transportation and environmental impacts associated with the construction of the approximately 16-mile Southwest Light Rail Transit (LRT) (METRO Green Line Extension) project as an extension of the METRO Green Line (Central Corridor LRT). The Southwest LRT would operate from downtown Minneapolis through the communities of St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka, and Eden Prairie, passing in close proximity to Edina.

On May 22, 2015, The U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) published a notice of availability in the Federal Register for the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Southwest Light Rail Transit Project for public review and comment. That notice stated that the public review and comment period would conclude on July 6, 2015. On May 25, 2015, a notice of availability for the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement was published in the EQB Monitor with the incorrect public comment deadline of June 24, 2015. On May 29, 2015, a full notice of availability was published in the EQB Monitor with the corrected initial public comment deadline of July 6, 2015.

The FTA and Metropolitan Council have since decided to extend the public comment period in response to requests from corridor stakeholders. The public comment period is extended from July 6, 2015 to July 21, 2015. No additional public hearings will be held.

**RGU:** Metropolitan Council

#### **Documents Available for Public Review:**

The Supplemental Draft EIS is available for review online at <http://metro council.org/swlrtc/sdeis>. Hard copies of the Supplemental Draft EIS are available for public review at the following locations:

- **Eden Prairie City Hall:** 8080 Mitchell Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55344
- **Eden Prairie Public Library:** 565 Prairie Center Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55344
- **Minnetonka City Hall:** 14600 Minnetonka Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55345
- **Minnetonka Public Library:** 17524 Excelsior Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55345
- **Hopkins City Hall:** 1010 First Street South, Hopkins, MN 55343
- **Hopkins Public Library:** 22 Eleventh Avenue North, Hopkins, MN 55343
- **Edina City Hall:** 4801 West 50th Street, Edina, MN 55424
- **St. Louis Park City Hall:** 5005 Minnetonka Blvd, St. Louis Park, MN 55416
- **St. Louis Park Public Library:** 3240 Library Lane, St. Louis Park, MN 55426
- **Southwest LRT Project Office:** 6465 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 500, St. Louis Park, MN 55426
- **Minneapolis City Hall:** City Engineer's Office, 350 South Fifth Street, Room 203, Minneapolis, MN 55414
- **Minneapolis Central Library:** 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN
- **Walker Public Library:** 2880 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55408
- **Linden Hills Public Library:** 2900 West 43rd Street, Minneapolis, MN 55410
- **Sumner Public Library:** 611 Van White Memorial Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55411
- **Franklin Public Library:** 1314 East Franklin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55404
- **Metropolitan Council Library:** 390 Robert Street North, St. Paul, MN 55101
- **Minnesota Department of Transportation Library:** 395 John Ireland Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155
- **Minnesota Legislative Reference Library:** 645 State Office Building, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55155

#### **Comment Period, Public Hearings and Instructions for Commenting**

Comments on the Supplemental Draft EIS will be accepted from May 22 through July 21, 2015. Comments can be submitted by three methods:

Email: Written comments can be submitted to [SWLRT@metrotransit.org](mailto:SWLRT@metrotransit.org)

U.S. Mail: Nani Jacobson, Assistant Director  
Environmental and Agreements  
Metro Transit - Southwest LRT Project Office  
6465 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 500  
St. Louis Park, MN 55426

Public Hearings: Formal testimony at one of three public hearings in June. The public hearings will each be preceded by an open house, where people can learn more about the Southwest LRT Project and the Supplemental Draft EIS.

Public open houses and hearings on the Supplemental Draft EIS are scheduled as follows:

- Tuesday, June 16, 2015  
Hopkins Center for the Arts  
1111 Mainstreet  
Hopkins, MN 55343  
Open House: 5:00 PM  
Public Hearing: 6:00 PM
- Wednesday, June 17, 2015  
Eden Prairie City Hall  
8080 Mitchell Road  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344  
Open House: 5:00 PM  
Public Hearing: 6:00 PM

- Thursday, June 18, 2015  
Dunwoody College of Technology  
818 Dunwoody Blvd  
Minneapolis, MN 55403  
Open House: 5:00 PM  
Public Hearing: 6:00 PM

Translation services for non-English speakers and ADA accommodations will be provided on request. To request translation or ADA accommodations, please contact Dan Pfeiffer, Southwest LRT Assistant Public Involvement Manager, at 612-373-3897 or [Daniel.pfeiffer@metrotransit.org](mailto:Daniel.pfeiffer@metrotransit.org) at least five days prior to the hearing.

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Comment Deadline: September 18, 2015

## **Notice of Public Hearing and Comment Period: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Investigation into Environmental and Socioeconomic Costs Under Minn. Stat. § 216B.2422, Subd. 3**

**Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Docket Number: 80-2500-31888 and Minnesota Public Utilities (MPUC) Docket Number E-999/CI-14-643**

**Project Description:** The MPUC is providing notice of a public hearing and comment period regarding its reopened investigation into the environmental costs of four specific pollutants: carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), particulate matter less than 2.5 microns in diameter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>), sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), and nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>). In 1997, as required under [Minnesota Statute § 216B.2422, Subdivision 3](#), the MPUC established environmental costs of different methods of generating electricity. Starting in 2001, the values were increased each year to account for inflation.

The Commission has reopened this investigation which is focused on three technical questions.

1. Is the Federal Social Cost of Carbon reasonable and is it the best measure to determine the environmental cost of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)?
2. If not, what measure is better and why?
3. What are the appropriate environmental cost values for particulate matter less than 2.5 microns in diameter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>), sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), and nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) and why?

A public hearing will be held at the MPUC's Large Hearing Room – 3rd Floor, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101 on **August 26, 2015 at 2p.m.**

Comments will be received until **September 18, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.** Further information regarding how to provide comment and the public hearing is available at <http://mn.gov/puc/>, select [SpeakUp!](#). All documents filed in this docket are available via the Commission's website at <http://mn.gov/puc/>, select [Search eDockets](#), enter the year (14) and the docket number (463), select Search.

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