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Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comment Deadline: March 4, 2015

Project Title: Moller Gravel Pit

Project Description: The applicant is proposing to mine and process gravel and granular materials from the W 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 8, and the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 7, T120N, R34W, Kandiyohi County, Minnesota, as well as recycle road materials and produce hot-mix asphalt, reclaiming it to an acceptable condition.

RGU: Kandiyohi County Environmental Services

Contact Person: Gary Geer

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Project Title: Baers Poultry Co. (New Barn Expansion)

Project Description: Baers Poultry Co. (Proposer) is proposing to construct a new pullet raising barn and manure storage barn along with a new well (project), immediately east and adjacent to their existing pullet and manure barns (facility). The project is located in the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 24 in Eglon Township, Clay County. The existing facility has a 522 foot (') by 63' pullet total confinement barn which houses 135,000 pullets (405 Animal Units, or AUs), a 253' by 63' covered manure storage barn and a 10' by 10' compost handling area. The project will consist of the construction of a 460' by 59' pullet total confinement barn to house a maximum of 200,000 pullets (600 AUs) and a 200' by 40' roofed manure storage barn with concrete floors. A total confinement 6-row, 6-tier Univent Air Dry Manure system, which includes battery cages combined with a manure belt conveyor system and continuous manure air drying, will be installed in the constructed pullet barn. Power ventilation dries the manure to approximately 40% moisture. The manure will be routed from the pullet barn to the manure storage barn via a covered conveyor belt system. Because of the additional storage time in the manure storage barn, the manure will dry further, potentially down to 20% moisture. The manure will be then transferred and sold. After construction of the project, the maximum number of animals at the entire facility will be 1,005 AUs.

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 Nancy Drach. 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), the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's draft Feedlot Permit will also be placed on notice for public comment. The contact person for the Feedlot Permit is Scott Schroeder, and he can be contacted at 218-846-8134.

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Contact Person: Nancy Drach

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Project Title: Stemmer Ridge Road Trunk Sanitary Sewer Extension, Prior Lake, Minnesota

Project Description: The City of Prior Lake (the City) is proposing to extend the Stemmer Ridge Road trunk sanitary sewer. The sewer will serve 3,600 acres of current and future Prior Lake. The ultimate average daily flow is estimated at 2.9 million gallons per day (MGD). Wastewater will be conveyed to the Blue Lake Wastewater Treatment Facility in Shakopee.

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.

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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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 Transportation, Interstate 94 Reconstruction Project, 1-22-15 (7-21-14)
- Washington County, Lake Elmo Avenue (County Road 17) Corridor & Utility Improvements, 1-20-15 (11-10-14)

Scoping AUAR

Comment Deadline: March 4, 2015

Project Title: Scoping Elko New Market alternative Urban Areawide Review

Project Description: The action covered by this AUAR includes proposed development east of the City of Elko New Market and Interstate 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.

RGU: City of Elko New Market

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Final AUAR Available

Comment Deadline: February 13, 2015

Project Title: French Lake Industrial Center

Project Description: The proposed French Lake Industrial Center would entail the development of approximately 160.8 acres within the City of Dayton, MN. The land in question is generally bordered by French Lake to the east and Brockton Lane N. to the west, and is currently made up of open farm fields, wooded areas and wetlands. Complete development of the site would result in seven buildings containing 1.85M square feet of industrial warehousing and distribution space. The EAW Scoping process and comment period did not identify additional scenarios for study, so the single scenario studied by this AUAR focused on the City and Developer's shared vision for the land.

RGU: City of Dayton

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Notices

In the Matter of the Application for a Site Permit for the Aurora Distributed Solar Project

PUC Docket Number: E6928/GS-14-515

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) announces the release of the environmental assessment for the proposed Aurora Distributed Solar Project. Aurora Distributed Solar, LLC proposes to build an up to 100 megawatt (MW) distributed solar project at up to 24 locations in Benton, Blue Earth, Carver, Chippewa, Chisago, Dodge, Goodhue, Kandiyohi, Le Sueur, McLeod, Pipestone, Rice, Stearns, Waseca, Washington, and Wright counties.

Electronic versions of the environmental assessment, the scoping decision, site permit application and other documents relevant to this matter are available on the Minnesota Department of Commerce's website: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=33924>.

The environmental assessment is a written document that describes the human and environmental impacts of the distributed solar project and methods to mitigate such impacts.

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

MDA Notification	Applicant	Crop	Project Category	County(s)
15-NO-005	Pioneer	corn	Marker, Agronomic Properties, Herbicide tolerant, Transformation aids, Insect resistant, Fungus resistant	Blue Earth(2)
15-NO-006	Pioneer	corn	Marker, Herbicide tolerant, Agronomic Properties, Transformation aids, Product quality, Insect resistant, Fungus resistant	Blue Earth(2)
15-NO-007	Pioneer	corn	Marker, Herbicide tolerant, Insect resistant, Agronomic Properties, Insect resistant, Transformation aids	Blue Earth(2)

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

**Transgenic Herbicide Tolerant Cotton and Soybean -
Commercial Use Exemption Applications**

Monsanto has requested exemptions from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Genetically Engineered Organism Release Permit for cotton and soybean events designated as MON 88708 and MON 88701, respectively which have been genetically modified to be tolerant to the herbicide active ingredient dicamba. A determination of non-regulated status has been issued by USDA and the FDA consultation process has been completed for both events. For additional information contact Dr. Steve Malone, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531, stephen.malone@state.mn.us