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# EQB MONITOR

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS**

EAW Comment Deadline: February 27, 2008

### **Project Title: Minnesota River Valley Industrial Park**

**Description:** The proposed Minnesota River Valley Industrial Park business development includes approximately 45.8 acres north of County Highway 69 and west of Chaparral Avenue in Jackson Township, Scott County. This development will include 278,900+/- square feet of industrial/business space, and will be served by individual sewage treatment systems and wells.

**RGU:** Scott County

**Contact Person:**

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Minnesota Environmental Quality Board  
658 Cedar St., 300 Centennial Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155-1388  
Phone: 651-201-2480  
Fax: 651-296-3698  
<http://www.eqb.state.mn.us>

**Project Title: Andrusia Heights Subdivision**

**Description:** Andrusia Heights Subdivision is a proposed Single Family Residential (SFR) development on 88.6 acres in Ten Lakes Township in Beltrami County consisting of 28 lots on Lake Andrusia. Existing land use is primarily forestland and wetlands and occupies approximately 3,800 feet of shoreline on Lake Andrusia, a recreational development lake.

**RGU:** Ten Lakes Township

**Contact Person:**

Jim Baruth, Zoning Administrator  
14664 Old Lodge Dr. SE  
Bemidji, MN 56601  
218-335-0172

**Project Title: Southport Barge Channel Improvements**

**Description:** The project involves lengthwise dredging of the northerly half of the barge channel. After installation of sheetpiling along the northeasterly side of the channel, the resulting dock wall will facilitate barge access and improvement of the land behind it with grading, sanitary sewer, water, and a storm water treatment system.

**RGU:** City of St. Paul

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## POWER PROJECT EAS

**Project Title: Shingobee 115 kV Substation and Transmission Line**

**Description:** Itasca-Mantrap Cooperative Electrical Association (Itasca-Mantrap) is planning to construct and own a new 115 kV substation near Akeley in Hubbard County, Minnesota.

Great River Energy, wholesale power supplier to Itasca-Mantrap, proposes to construct, own, and operate approximately 3.5 miles of 115 kV overhead transmission line to energize this new substation.

Line construction will initially consist of approximately 2.8 miles of single circuit design that will tap an existing 115 kV transmission line that is owned and operated by Minnesota Power. Great River Energy will own the switch structure that will be located at the convergence of the new line and the existing transmission line. In the future, the transmission line will be extended approximately 0.75 mile to interconnect with the Minnesota Power Akeley Substation.

The new facility will meet the growing electrical demand in the area and increase reliability of the local system.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment for the project is available at:

Akeley City Hall  
25 Broadway St. E  
Akeley, MN 56433

**RGU:** Akeley Township

Comments may be submitted in writing to:

**Contact Person:**

Akeley Township  
Tom Beck, Town Clerk  
24707 Highwood Trail  
Akeley, MN 56433  
218-652-4027  
[tbeck@eot.com](mailto:tbeck@eot.com)

**Project Title: St. Lawrence 115 kV Substation and Transmission Line**

**Description:** Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative (MVEC) is planning to construct and own a new 115 kV substation near Jordan in Scott County, Minnesota.

Great River Energy, wholesale power supplier to MVEC, proposes to construct, own, and operate approximately 0.5 mile of 115 kV transmission line to energize this new substation. The line will be a single circuit design and will tap an existing transmission line near the substation that is owned and operated by Xcel Energy. Great River Energy will also own the switch structure that will be located at the convergence of the new line and the existing transmission line.

The substation and transmission line will initially be operated at 69 kV. When the transmission system is upgraded to operate at 115 kV in the future, a 115 kV transformer will be installed at the substation but no modifications to the transmission line will be required.

The new facility will meet the growing electrical demand in the area and increase reliability of the local system.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment for the project is available at:

Scott County Government Center  
Community Development Division  
Environmental Health Department  
200 Fourth Ave. W  
Shakopee, MN 55379-1220

**RGU:** Scott County

The EA is also available on the Scott County website: [www.co.scott.mn.us](http://www.co.scott.mn.us).

Written comments may be submitted to:

**Contact Person:**

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Scott County  
Community Development Division  
Environmental Health Department  
200 Fourth Ave. W  
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## PETITION FILED

The following petitions have been filed with the EQB requesting preparation of an EAW. The EQB has assigned the indicated unit of government to review the petition and decide on the need for an EAW.

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Home Farms Technology Gasification System & Renville County Landfill Expansion
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Midtown Eco-energy LLC facility

## EAW NEED DECISIONS

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

- Kanabec Township, race track project. Denied.

## EIS NEED DECISIONS

The responsible governmental unit has determined the following projects do 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*.

- Cass County, Shorewood, December 26, 2007 (December 4, 2006).

## **EIS NEED DECISION – POSITIVE DECLARATION**

The responsible governmental unit has determined the following project does require preparation of an EIS.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 08-03**

#### **RESOLUTION ORDERING THE PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON THE NORTHERN LIGHTS OVER ROOSEVELT LAKE SUBDIVISION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council (the “Council”) of the City of Emily, Minnesota (the “City”), as follows:

##### Section 1      Recitals.

- 1.01 On March 14, 2007, Chris Scott, City Lakes Investment Group LLC (the “Developer”), submitted an application for an approval of a preliminary plat of Northern Lights Over Roosevelt Lake Development. This would create 48 lots in a rural conservation subdivision.
- 1.02 On August 14, 2007, the City Council ordered the preparation of an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW).
- 1.03 On August 29, 2007, the City held a town hall meeting to hear and document preliminary concerns from the public. These concerns were used to inform the preparation of the EAW.
- 1.04 At the September 11 City Council meeting, the Council authorized the formation of an EAW review committee. The committee consisted of twelve individuals: three representatives of the petitioner, three representing the developer, five city officials and one former city official. The committee was to review the submissions of the developer and the work of the staff in preparing the EAW.
- 1.05 The EAW committee met four times in September and October to review the draft answers to the EAW questions. The committee directed edits to the document and, on October 29, 2007, voted that it was completed and ready for public comment.
- 1.06 On November 7, 2007, the Planning Commission reviewed the draft EAW document and voted to send it out for public comment.
- 1.07 The project summary appeared in the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) Monitor publication on November 19, 2007, beginning the public comment period. The public comment period ended on December 19, 2007. The City of Emily received 52 comment letters.

- 1.08 On January 2, 2008, the Planning Commission met in special session to review the public comments and draft responses. The Planning Commission approved the summary comments and responses.
- 1.09 On January 2, 2008, the Planning Commission recommended to the City Council that the City issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on the Northern Lights over Roosevelt Lake project. The recommendation includes the following conditions to mitigate impacts of the project:
1. The City of Emily will require that a reconnaissance survey by a qualified archeologist be performed as a condition of preliminary plat approval, that a report be provided to the City and that the recommendations of that report be reviewed by the City prior to final plat application.
  2. The number of boat slips will be limited to 16. To further control access to the docking facility, a lock or key-card system will be established to provide access to only those that have purchased one of the slips.
  3. A no wake zone shall be established around the proposed docking facility.
  4. All proposed shoreline recreational facilities, except for the 16 mooring slips, are prohibited.
  5. Property owners that purchase mooring slips shall receive information regarding best practices for safely crossing the highway.
  6. The City will require that the developer continue to coordinate with Mn/DOT and that Mn/DOT's recommendations be implemented, including:
    - a. The north approach/drop off area will not be allowed.
    - b. A northbound right turn lane and a southbound bypass lane must be constructed on TH 6 at the Smokey Hollow Road intersection.
    - c. Lighting and signs shall be installed as per Mn/DOT guidance.
    - d. Roadway and safety appurtenances will be installed as per Mn/DOT guidance.
    - e. Drainage patterns need to be perpetuated and erosion/sediment controlled. A drainage plan must be submitted to Mn/DOT for review.
    - f. No drainage ponds will be allowed in the right of way.
    - g. There will be no net increase in development drainage to the highway right of way.
    - h. Proposed development signs must be located outside of the right of way.
    - i. No fences or structures are allowed in the right of way.
    - j. No excavation or grade changes are allowed in the right of way.
    - k. All Mn/DOT permits must be obtained.
  7. All costs of compliance with Mn/DOT conditions shall be paid for by the developer.
  8. The City of Emily will require that the developer improve Smokey Hollow Road to the standards of Crooked Lake Township up to the entrance to the development.
  9. The City will require that the developer not burn but haul, chip or bury any vegetation that is cleared during road construction.

## Section 2 Findings.

- 2.01 The City of Emily finds that the Northern Lights over Lake Roosevelt project has the potential for the following significant environmental impacts:

- a. Type of Impact: Diminished water quality of the lake through increased activities in, on and around the shoreline and the lake associated with the proposed project.  
Extent of Impact: Roosevelt Lake  
Reversibility of Impact: Not reversible
  - b. Type of Impact: Pedestrian safety with the crossing of Highway 6.  
Extent of Impact: Intersection of Highway 6 and Smokey Hollow Road  
Reversibility of Impact: Not reversible
  - c. Type of Impact: Suitability of 48 wells within the proposed project area.  
Extent of Impact: The boundaries of the subject property as well as the existing wells located on adjacent properties.  
Reversibility of Impact: Unknown
  - d. Type of Impact: Suitability of 48 ISTS systems with secondary absorption areas.  
Extent of Impact: The boundaries of the subject property as well as those properties adjacent to the subject property.  
Reversibility of Impact: Unknown
  - e. Type of Impact: Location of all springs along and/or adjacent to Roosevelt Lake within the proposed project area.  
Extent of Impact: Shoreline of Roosevelt Lake and subject property  
Reversibility of Impact: Unknown
- 2.02 There are no related or anticipated future projects in this area of the City and thus there is limited potential for cumulative impacts.
- 2.03 The environmental impacts identified in 2.01 are not able to be mitigated by ongoing public regulatory authority.
- 2.04 The extent of the environmental impacts identified in 2.01 are not anticipated to be controlled through other programs or studies undertaken by public agencies or the project proposer.

Adopted by the Council of the City this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Council Member Rees and, upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Hite, Rees

And the following voted against: Hanson

WHEREUPON said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted and was signed by the Mayor and attested to by the City Clerk.

## NOTICES

### Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
08-NO-001	Pioneer	Corn	Herbicide Tolerance	Redwood Waseca

For more information contact Mary Hanks, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St. No., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6277, [mary.hanks@state.mn.us](mailto:mary.hanks@state.mn.us).