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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: February 28, 2007

Project Title: Pete's Retreat

Description: Pete's Retreat is an existing 49-site campground located just north of Malmo, MN. The proposer plans to expand the campground by an additional 49 campsites (98 total). The entire site is located on 29 acres of previously agricultural/open land. Onsite sewer and water systems will service the expansion.

RGU: County of Aitkin

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Minnesota Environmental Quality Board
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St. Paul, MN 55155-1388
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<http://www.eqb.state.mn.us>

Project Title: Drahos Northwoods Development

Description: The 149-acre Drahos Northwoods Development residential development is proposed in First Assessment Township and will include 50 single family units, including 20 1.5-acre riparian lots, 10 2-acre non-riparian lots, and 20 2.5-acre non-riparian lots. All proposed lots will be serviced by individual water wells and septic systems. Lots will be accessed by a public road system running north to south through the property with two public cul-de-sacs. Anyone wishing to submit comments on the EAW can request a copy of the document from Crow Wing County and send written comments to Ms. Bonnie Finnerty at the address below. Written comments on the EAW must be received by Crow Wing County by 4:30 p.m. on February 28, 2007.

RGU: Crow Wing County

Contact Person:

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326 Laurel St.
Brainerd, MN 56401-3565
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Project Title: Lowell Franzen Feedlot

Description: Lowell Franzen is proposing the construction of a new swine gestation and farrowing facility in Section 30 of Lyle Township in Mower County. The total confinement, mechanically ventilated facility will consist of a gestation barn with a maximum physical capacity of 4,064 sows (1,626 animal units), and a farrowing barn with a maximum physical capacity of 768 sows (307 animal units) and 1,280 nursery pigs (64 animal units). Manure will be collected in reinforced concrete pits located beneath the barns. Each spring and fall, the manure will be pumped from the facility and injected at agronomic rates into designated cropland as fertilizer.

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Contact Person:

Joel Fischer, Project Manager
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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
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St. Paul, MN 55155
Phone: 651-296-8643

Project Title: St. Michael/Albertville High School

Description: ISD 885 proposes to build a high school in St. Michael located on agricultural property southeast of County Road 18 and 60th St. NE. The proposed school will be constructed to accommodate 2000 students, and includes adjacent parking and athletic fields. The school is projected to open in fall 2009.

RGU: City of St. Michael

Contact Person:

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Project Title: Hennepin Village Roadway Alternatives

Description: The city of Eden Prairie is considering closing or rerouting the intersection of Eden Prairie Road and Flying Cloud Drive. Six roadway alternates are being considered to provide for traffic flow and adequate emergency access. One of the alternates is a new crossing of Riley Creek upstream of Miller Spring.

RGU: City of Eden Prairie

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PETITIONS 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.

- City of Mahtomedi, Municipal Storm Sewer & Drainage project, south shore of Lost Lake
- St. Louis County, Big Lake Wilderness Lodge project
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Home Farms Technology Gasification System & Renville County Landfill Expansion

EAW NEED DECISIONS

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

- Cannon Falls City Council, Minnesota Malting property, January 11, 2007 (Denied)
- Red Wing City Council, Harbor View, January 10, 2007 (Ordered)

EIS ORDERED

Decision on Environmental Assessment Worksheet for Ryan Contracting Company Mining and Excavation Project

On January 16, 2007, the Prior Lake City Council reviewed the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the Ryan Contracting proposal located in Prior Lake. Based on the criteria listed in Minnesota Rules 4410.1700, Subd. 7, the Council determined there is a need for additional environmental review on this project. The city council ordered the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to address the following issues:

- a) Effects from additional traffic and number and size of the trucks on the adjacent roadway;
- b) Effect on the safety of people traveling in the vicinity with those trucks;
- c) Effects of higher noise decibels;
- d) Health effects of dust and diesel for a continuous four-year period on the church and the elderly who will be living there;
- e) Effect on surface water and groundwater in the vicinity;
- f) Effect on the SMSC drinking water supply that is within 100 yards of this area;
- g) Effects of stacking of trucks and accessing CSAH 42 from McKenna Road without traffic light;
- h) Potential enforcement issues as it relates to traffic generated by the mining operation on the other users in the area.

If you have any questions about this matter, please feel free to contact Jane Kansier, AICP, Planning Director at 952-447-9812.

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*.

- Waseca County Board, Clear Lake Trail with CSAH 13 & 4 Reconstruction, January 16, 2007, (November 20, 2006)
- Douglas County, Improvements to County State Aid Highways 42, 11, 34, Douglas County, January 9, 2007 (September 25, 2006)
- Minnetonka City Council, Data Park Expansion, November 20, 2006 (September 25, 2006)
- Lino Lakes City Council, Nature's Refuge, January 8, 2007 (October 23, 2006)
- City of Shakopee, The Bluff at Marystown, January 2, 2007 (April 24, 2006)

DRAFT AUAR AVAILABLE

Project Title: Sartell Section 34 & 35 Development Area AUAR

Description: The AUAAR describes multiple scenarios for developing a 186-acrs parcel that includes up to 824 residential housing units, up to 580,000 sq. ft. of commercial development, and appropriate open spaces.

RGU: City of Sartell

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AUAR ADOPTED

Project Title: Creekside Development Final AUAR—City of Sauk Rapids, MN

Description: The Sauk Rapids City Council approved the Final Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) for Creekside Development at their City Council meeting on Monday, January 22, 2007.

The Creekside AUAR study area consists of approximately 692 acres of land located north of County Road 3 and east of County Road 1 in the City of Sauk Rapids and Minden Township, Benton County, MN.

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FINAL EIS ADEQUACY DECISION

Project Title: 3 Bays on Vermilion

St. Louis County prepared an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for 3 Bays on Vermilion, a residential subdivision proposed by U.S. Steel Corporation (USS). USS proposes a subdivision of up to 170 single-family residential lots on approximately 1,400 acres of property on the south shore of Lake Vermilion in the town of Breitung, approximately two miles east of the city of Tower.

A Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet and a draft Scoping Decision were prepared to identify the issues and alternatives that would be addressed in the EIS. A notice of the availability of the scoping documents was published in the *EQB Monitor* on February 14, 2005. A public scoping meeting was held on Thursday, March 17, 2005 in the council chambers of the Biwabik city hall. A final Scoping Decision was issued and the EIS preparation notice was published in the *EQB Monitor* on August 1, 2005.

The Draft EIS was prepared to address the issues and alternatives raised in scoping and identify reasonable mitigation measures for identified adverse effects. Public meetings were held in Tower on December 6, 2005 and March 30, 2006 to solicit input during preparation of the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS notice of availability was published in the *EQB Monitor* on May 22, 2006. A public information meeting was held on June 22, 2006, and comments were accepted on the Draft EIS through July 7, 2006.

St. Louis County prepared a Final EIS, which included responses to all comments received during the Draft EIS review period. The Final EIS notice of availability was published in the *EQB Monitor* on December 18, 2006. St. Louis County accepted comments on the adequacy of the Final EIS through January 23, 2007. St. Louis County received five comments during the Final EIS review period.

On January 23, 2007, pursuant to the criteria prescribed in Minnesota Rules part 4410.2800, subpart 4, the St. Louis County Board determined the EIS is adequate. St. Louis County prepared a record of its decision and distributed it to all parties receiving copies of the Final EIS.

The contact person at St. Louis County is: Scott Smith, Physical Planning Manager, St. Louis County Planning Department, 100 Missabe Building, 227 West First St., Duluth, MN 55802; 218-725-5005.

DRAFT EIS AVAILABLE

Project Title: The Minnesota Urban Ballpark

Description: Hennepin County has prepared a state Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed construction of the Minnesota Urban Ballpark, a new 42,000 seat (maximum), open-air baseball stadium for use by the Minnesota Twins. The Project includes the Ballpark structure and associated infrastructure improvements surrounding the Ballpark Site. The Project Area is located one block northwest of the Target Center in Downtown Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.

Hennepin County will accept comments on the Draft EIS during the public review and comment period that concludes March 6, 2007. Written comments should be submitted to Chuck Ballentine, Deputy Coordinator, Hennepin County, Hennepin County Ballpark Project Office, 390 Grain Exchange Building, 400 South Fourth Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415. Comments may also be submitted via the Hennepin County website (<http://www.co.hennepin.mn.us>). Please click on the "On Deck" section of the Hennepin County website to submit comment.

Hennepin County will hold a public informational meeting for the purpose of considering public comments on the Draft EIS. The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 beginning at 2:30 pm in the Hennepin County Board Room, 24th Floor, Hennepin County Government Center, 300 South Sixth Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55487. Verbal and written comments on the Draft EIS will be accepted at the meeting.

Public review copies of the documents are available at all City of Minneapolis Public Libraries. The Central Library, located at 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, will have both a hardcopy version and an electronic version of the Draft EIS available. The other 14 Minneapolis Public Libraries will have electronic copies of the document available.

Public review copies of the Draft EIS will also be available at the Hennepin County Ballpark Project Office, 390 Grain Exchange Building, 400 South Fourth Street, Minneapolis; Hennepin County Environmental Services Building, 417 N. 5th Street, Suite 320, Minneapolis; and Minneapolis City Hall, 350 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis.

The document is also posted on the “On Deck” section of Hennepin County’s website at <http://www.co.hennepin.mn.us>

There are limited hardcopy versions of the Draft EIS available; however a CD-version of the full Draft EIS is available upon request by calling the Hennepin County Ballpark Project Office at 612-543-7275.

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NOTICES

Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Notifications of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
07-NO-002	Sygenta	Sugarbeet	Virus Resistance	Polk, Clay
07-NO-003	Monsanto	Canola	Herbicide Tolerance	Polk

For more information contact Mary Hanks, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651/201-6277, mary.hanks@state.mn.us .

EQB Monitor Publication Calendar for 2007

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31-2	January 8, 2007	January 15	February 14
31-3	January 22	January 29	February 28
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