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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: February 13, 2008

Project Title: New Sweden Dairy

Description: The project is a proposed expansion of an existing 600-head dry cow/pre-fresh heifer, dairy facility. With the new construction, the entire site will house 3,050 milking dairy cows, 731 dry cows, 905 pre-fresh dairy heifers, and 425 newborn to 2-month old dairy heifer calves. Additional earthen manure storage will be constructed and all liquid earthen manure storage will be covered by an impermeable cover. Biogas produced under the covers will be collected and flared. Holding and milking parlor facilities will also be constructed with dairy offices and an educational facility that will be a part of the University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine, providing student housing at the site for both formal training and continuing education opportunities for practicing dairy veterinarians.

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>.

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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Project Title: Lakes and Hills of Douglas County

Description: The Lakes and Hills of Douglas County is a 120-unit residential planned unit development located on approximately 131 acres in LaGrand Township of Douglas County. The phased project will include infrastructure and home construction, and is expected to be served by municipal sewer and a community well system.

RGU: Douglas County Land & Resource Management Department

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Project Title: ISD 728/Pouliot Mining Permit #8

Description: The subject is located on 100 acres in the center of the city of Otsego. The project consists of the excavation and export of approximately 946,460 cubic yards of sand and gravel. The site will be returned to farmland when the operation is complete.

RGU: City of Otsego

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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*.

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Newalta Dairy, LLC, January 4, 2008 (November 5, 2007).

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.

- Kanabec Township, Corey Owens Racetrack and Event Center project

NOTICES

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Decision to Terminate Preparation of White Earth ATV/OHM Trail Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

An Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) was completed in October 2002 for the White Earth ATV/OHM Trail Project. A 30-day public review and comment period for the EAW began on October 28, 2002 and ended on November 27, 2002. Numerous comments were received. Based on the environmental review proceedings, on December 27, 2007, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources adopted Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order which determined the need for an Environmental Impact Statement for the White Earth ATV/OHM Trail Project.

On December 30, 2002, a letter and the Record of Decision describing this action were sent. The letter stated that a discretionary EIS would be prepared based on the potential for significant environmental effects, with justification for this decision contained in the Record of Decision.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources decided to withdraw the project as proposed from further consideration and has no intention to proceed with this project. Therefore, there is no longer a need to complete an EIS. Considering the project's termination, the DNR is notifying individuals and agencies that participated in the review process.

Questions or inquiries regarding the decision to terminate the preparation of the EIS should be made to:

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