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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: December 17, 2008

Project Title: Meyers Cozy Corner Campground Expansion

Description: The proposed project will include the addition of 120 recreational vehicle sites bringing the total number of sites in the campground to 297 sites. The campground is located on Long Lake in Eden Lake Township, Stearns County, Minnesota.

RGU: Stearns County

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Project Title: Kelly Aggregate, Inc.

Description: The Kelly Aggregate, Inc. project includes extracting and processing aggregates from both above and below groundwater from a 79.85 acre area, part of a 155.53 acre property. Mining activity includes stripping, extraction, processing, and stockpiling of aggregate, recycling of concrete and asphalt, and subsequent site reclamation, all of which will be done in phases.

A copy of the EAW is available for review at the Eureka Town Hall, 25043 Cedar Avenue, Eureka Township. The Town Clerk should be contacted in advance to determine Town Hall hours, at (952) 467-3736.

A copy of the EAW is available for review at the Farmington Library, 508 Third Street, Farmington. Library hours can be determined by calling the library at (651) 438-0250.

Written comments will be accepted through December 17, 2008. Comments should be directed to Nanett Sandstrom, Town Clerk, Eureka Township, P.O. Box 576, Lakeville, MN 55044, or via email to eurekatn@frontiernet.net

RGU: Eureka Township

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Project Title: Cedar Avenue Corridor Transitway Environment Assessment

Description: The Environmental Assessment (EA) is available for the portion of the Cedar Avenue Corridor Transitway which extends between 138th Street and County Highway 70 in the cities of Apple Valley and Lakeville in Dakota County, Minnesota. The proposed improvements include construction of shoulder-running Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) lanes, additional northbound and southbound lanes between 153rd Street and 160th Street, and several access modifications.

Copies of the Cedar Avenue Corridor Transitway EA are being distributed to those agencies on the current MEQB document review list and others. The comment period will begin on **November 17, 2008** and will extend through **December 17, 2008**. Copies of the EA are available for public review at the following locations:

- Dakota County Western Services Center, Transportation Department, Room 335 3rd Floor, 14955 Galaxie Avenue, Apple Valley, MN 55124
- Galaxie Avenue, 14955 Galaxie Avenue, Apple Valley, MN 55124
- Wescott Library, 1340 Wescott Road, Eagan, MN 55123-1029
- Heritage Library, 20085 Heritage Drive, Lakeville, MN 55044

Copies of EA are also available for public viewing and copying on the project website at www.dakotacounty.us, search "Cedar Avenue".

All comments should be directed to: Kristine Elwood, Cedar Avenue Project Manager, Dakota County Western Services Center, 14955 Galaxie Avenue, Apple Valley, MN 55124.

To afford an opportunity for all interested persons, agencies and groups to comment on the EA, a public hearing/open house meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, December 4, 2008 at the Dakota County Western Services Center, 14955 Galaxie Avenue, Apple Valley, MN 55124. The open house style meeting will extend from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Project representatives will be present to answer questions during the open house.

The EA is available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities by calling the Project Manager at 952-891-7104, or to individuals who are hearing or speech impaired by calling the Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529. Individuals with a disability who need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this public hearing should contact the Project Manager at least five days before the public hearing at the phone number listed above or through the Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529.

RGU: Dakota County

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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*.

- Sherburne County, Settlers Ridge/Glen, November 4, 2008 (September 8, 2008)
- Chisago County, Sno Barons Annual Hay Day Event, November 5, 2008 (August 11, 2008)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Bissonette Feed, October 30, 2008 (August 25, 2008)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Lake Minnetonka Area Regional Interceptor Improvements Project, October 27, 2008 (July 28, 2008)

EIS PREPARATION NOTICE

Project Title: Keetac Mine Expansion Project – St. Louis and Itasca Counties, Minnesota

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will prepare a joint state-federal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Keetac Mine Expansion Project. This project includes expanding an open-pit mine, re-starting an idle indurating line and upgrading of plant components. The project proposer is U. S. Steel Corporation. The proposed project is located north of the City of Keewatin on the border of St. Louis and Itasca counties. The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is the lead federal agency for the EIS.

The DNR distributed a Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) and Draft Scoping Decision Document on September 8, 2008 to all agencies listed on the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) distribution list, adjacent landowners and all interested parties. Availability of the Scoping EAW and Draft Scoping Decision Document were noticed in the September 8, 2008 *EQB Monitor* (Vol. 32, No. 18). The DNR held a public scoping meeting in Nashwauk, Minnesota, and accepted comments during a 30-day public comment period concluding on October 8, 2008.

The DNR and USACE considered comments on the proposed scope, made revisions to the Draft Scoping Decision Document, and issued a Final Scoping Decision Document on November 5, 2008. The Scoping Decision identifies those project alternatives and issues that will be addressed in the EIS and presents a tentative schedule for EIS completion.

Summary of Scoping Decision. The EIS will address the following issues: land uses; cover types; water-related land use management districts; erosion and sedimentation; surface water runoff; geologic hazards and soil conditions; solid wastes, hazardous wastes and storage tanks; traffic; odors, noise and dust; historic resources, farmland and trails; visual impacts; impact on infrastructure and public services; mineral fibers; fish and wildlife; state-listed (endangered, threatened or special concern) species, rare plant communities or other sensitive ecological resources; physical impacts on water resources; wastewaters; air source emissions, human health risk assessment; and potential cumulative effects including: the use of biomass as a fuel source; aquatic habitat and fisheries; mercury deposition and bioaccumulation in fish; wildlife habitat; threatened and endangered species and species of special concern; streamflow and lake level changes; inter-basin transfer of water, loss of wetlands; water use, visibility impairments in Class I areas; ecosystem acidification; effects on human and ecological health; climate change; and economic and social impacts. A more detailed description of each of these major areas can be found in the Final Scoping Decision Document. A copy of the Final Scoping Decision Document is posted on the DNR website, at the following:

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/keetac/index.html>

The EIS will evaluate the following alternatives:

Proposed Alternative. This project includes expanding an open-pit mine, re-starting an idle indurating line and upgrading of plant components. Waste rock stockpile areas would expand. The tailings basin would grow vertically and the footprint would increase slightly. One or more tailings thickeners would be added. Additional haul trucks, shovels and other equipment would be purchased and used. The crude ore storage building would be expanded. Additional water would be used. New air emissions control technologies would be added as well as plant energy efficiency technologies.

No Action Alternative. The EIS will describe the expected condition if the proposed project is not developed and the Keetac Mine continues operating without expansion.

Alternative Technologies. The EIS will evaluate the following alternative technologies:

- Air Emissions Control Technologies (Best Available Control Technologies), and
- Mercury Air Emissions control technologies.
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Site Design and Layout. The EIS will evaluate the following alternative site designs and layouts:

- Waste Rock Stockpile locations, and
- New snowmobile trails locations if trails are displaced.

Incorporation of Mitigation Measures. The EIS will consider the mitigations suggested through public comment.

EIS Schedule. The tentative EIS schedule includes Draft EIS publication in April 2009, Final EIS publication in July 2008, and determination of EIS adequacy in August 2008.

RGU: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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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, Blue Streak Dairy feedlot expansion, Benton County

NOTICES

Notification of Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
09-NO-001	Syngenta	Corn	Insect Resistance	Goodhue

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.