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# EQB MONITOR

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: March 28, 2007

**Project Title: Rosemount Business Park**

**Description:** Ryan Companies is proposing to develop 41.4 acres of agricultural land to a business park. There are two concepts for the project. Concept A involves developing 377,950 square feet of warehouse and 180,950 square feet of office space. Concept B involves developing 216,700 square feet of warehouse and 216,700 square feet of office space.

**RGU:** City of Rosemount

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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: Watopa Swine**

**Description:** Watopa Swine currently operates a 4,000-finishing hog and 200-sow (1,280 animal units) operation out of four old existing barns at this site located in the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 18 in Watopa Township of Wabasha County, Minnesota. The proposer plans to replace the four existing feedlot buildings with three new buildings that will house a total of 5,628 sows and 816 nursery pigs (2,270 animal units). Manure will be collected and stored in concrete pits beneath the barns, removed twice per year, and sweep injected at agronomic rates into designated cropland as fertilizer.

**RGU:** Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

**Contact Person:**

Kevin J. Kain, Project Manager  
Environmental Review and Operations Section  
Regional Division  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
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St. Paul, MN 55155  
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**Project Title: Flying Cloud Corporate Center**

**Description:** Redevelopment of the former Best Buy Headquarters property will include four office buildings for a total of 558,000 square feet of floor space, and about 2,350 parking stalls on 47.6 acres. Subsequent development phases could add on additional 56,000 square feet of commercial use and up to 132 condominium units.

**RGU:** City of Eden Prairie

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**Project Title: Construction of KJLY broadcast communications tower near Mapleton, MN**

**Description:** Construction of a 535-foot, guyed communication tower for the broadcasting of KJLY FM radio. KJLY is a listener supported, Christian radio station that is part of non-profit Minn-Iowa Christian Broadcasting, Inc. (MICB). MICB is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization. EIN: 41-1412836.

**RGU:** Blue Earth County

**Contact Person:**

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Blue Earth County Environmental Services  
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**Project Title: Copper Fields Development**

**Description:** The proposed project is to relocate approximately one mile of existing State Trunk Highway 27 farther from the shoreline of Lake Osakis and to remove approximately one mile of Todd County Road 55 in order to create 31 new buildable residential lots (19 lakeside, 12 backlots) and 5 non-buildable outlots.

**RGU:** Todd County

**Contact Person:**

Andrew Dahlgren, Zoning Administrator  
Todd County Planning and Zoning  
215 First Ave. So., Suite 201  
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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.

- Scott County, SCALE Facility Project, Sand Creek Township

**EAW NEED DECISIONS**

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

- St. Louis County Planning Commission, Preserve at Spruce Lake. Denied
- St. Louis County Planning Commission, Big Lake Wilderness Lodge. Denied
- City of Otsego, Eagle Trucking/Frattalone. Project withdrawn
- City of Mahtomedi, Old Wildwood Road Public Improvement 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*.

- Department of Transportation, TH 71 south of Bemidji from 7th Street to CSAH 9 (South Plantagenet Lake Road); February 9, 2007 (July 31, 2006)
- The Lake Minnetonka Conservation District, Trillium Bay Homeowners Association, Halstead Bay, Lake Minnetonka within the city of Minnetrista, Minnesota, January 10, 2007 (November 20, 2006).

## AMENDED EAW AND EIS NEED DECISION

In April 2003, Environmental Assessment Worksheets (EAWs) were completed and published for proposed gravel mining projects in section 13 of Dovre Township, 32 acres (Eagle Lake West Pit), and section 17 of Green Lake Township, 60 acres (CA Pit), Kandiyohi County, Minnesota. On July 28, 2003, the Kandiyohi County Board of Commissioners adopted findings of fact and made a negative declaration on the need for an EIS. A group of citizens took legal action in an effort to overturn the Board's negative declaration. In the Supreme Court's ruling, the action of the Board was partially affirmed and partially overturned. The portion of the Board action that was overturned was the consideration of the "cumulative potential effects of related or anticipated future projects." In ruling in this matter, the Supreme Court remanded the matter back to the county specifically to conduct a new EIS determination process in accordance with the standards set forth in the Court's opinion. In light of the limited scope of this published amendment, reviewers should limit their comments to consideration of the "cumulative potential effects of related or anticipated future projects" as it relates to the gravel mining projects in question.

Comments are due March 28, 2007.

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## FINAL AUAR ADOPTED

On behalf of the City of Rosemount, please be advised that the City Council adopted the Final AUAR for the CSAH 42/Akron Area on February 6, 2007. The final adopted document was the Final AUAR (FAUAR) dated December 2006.

Comments were received during the 10-day comment period from Mn/DOT, Dakota County, Metropolitan Council, and the US Corps of Engineers. These comments were reviewed by the City and some minor revision were made to a mitigation measure based on Mn/DOT's comments.

This AUAR has been adopted and serves as the environmental review for the study area.

Please call Andrea Moffatt, Environmental Scientist at WSB & Associates, Inc., 763-287-7196, if you have any questions.

## **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION  
MINNESOTA DIVISION

Administrative Action  
Finding of No Significant Impact  
For Minnesota Project STPX 1907(028)

S.P. 19-670 & 188-020-17  
I-35/CSAH 70 Interchange Reconstruction  
From Laredo Path to Approximately 400' East of Kensington Blvd.  
In the City of Lakeville  
In Dakota County, Minnesota

The proposed project consists of reconstructing the existing I-35/CSAH 70 diamond interchange to a partial cloverleaf interchange. This includes reconstruction of a one-mile section of CSAH 70 with separated bicycle paths, bridge replacement over I-35, reconstruction of interchange ramps, realignment of Keokuk and Kensington Blvd., and construction of a park and pool lot. The proposed project also accommodates a future HOV bypass lane and future direct access ramp for transit from the park and pool to northbound I-35.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has determined that the proposed improvements, as described in the Environmental Assessment (EA), will have no significant impact on the human environment. This FONSI is based on the attached EA which has been independently evaluated by the FHWA and determined to adequately and accurately discuss the need, environmental issues, and impact of the proposed project and appropriate mitigation measures.

Dated: November 17, 2006

## NOTICES

### ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD VACANCIES

#### Qualifications and Information for the Minnesota Environmental Education Advisory Board

Qualifications for the Board include being a resident of Congressional District 1, 3, or 7. Should have a working knowledge of state and local environmental education efforts for both formal and non-formal education. Knowledge of Minnesota's EE community and the EE needs, strategies, and outcomes of statewide efforts versus program efforts. Knowledge and understanding of the GreenPrint, Environmental Literacy Scope and Sequence, SEEK, and the Environmental Literacy Report Card. Meetings are held in St. Paul the first Thursday of the month. Term would run until January 2008, with a potential of an extension to July 1, 2008.

For an application please go to [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us) or call the Minnesota Secretary of State's office at 651-296-2803.



### STATE OF MINNESOTA Minnesota Department of Commerce



## NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT AVAILABILITY

Issued: February 22, 2007

**In the Matter of the Certificate of Need Application by High Prairie Wind Farm II, LLC  
for the High Prairie Wind Farm II Large Wind Energy Conversion System  
MPUC Docket Number: PT6556/CN-06-1428**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Environmental Report (ER) for the High Prairie Wind Farm II Large Wind Energy Conversion System (LWECS) project has been completed and is available to the public. The ER addresses potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed LWEVS project and alternatives. Copies of the ER and other relevant documents are accessible at:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=18884>

Paper copies may be requested from the Minnesota Department of Commerce (DOC) staff listed at the end of this notice.

***Project Description***

The High Prairie Wind Farm II (Project) is a Large Wind Energy Conversion System of approximately 100.65 MW and will consist of up to 61 wind turbines. The turbines will be either the Vestas V82, 1.65-MW MK II or similar wind turbine mounted on freestanding tubular steel towers. The towers will be 80 meters (262 feet) in height. The rotor diameter will be 82 meters (269 feet), resulting in a maximum overall height of 121 meters (397 feet) when one blade is in the vertical position. The electrical collector system will consist of underground 34.5 kV collection lines and facilities providing step-up transformation. Power from the project will be delivered and sold to Great River Energy at the Adams Substation. A new project substation, located in Section 10 of Clayton Township and a new 161 kV transmission line, approximately three miles long, will be built to carry the power from the Project to the Adams Substation. The 161 kV transmission line project is being reviewed and permitted by Mower County and does not require a route permit from the PUC. The Project will include an underground 34.5 kV electrical collection system to deliver power from each turbine to the Project Substation as described above. Other Project associated facilities will include pad mounted step-up transformers and access roads.

***Proposed Site Location***

As shown on the accompanying map, the proposed project site is located in Mower County; portions of the project will be located in parts of Bennington, Clayton, Marshall and Grand Meadow Townships. The total project site area including the wind plant and land easements is approximately 13,000 acres. The total development consists of approximately 81 acres.

***PUC Review Process***

High Prairie Wind Farm II, LLC has submitted an Application for a Certificate of Need and Site Permit to the PUC. The DOC has been assigned the responsibility to conduct public meetings and environmental review of the proposed LWECS under the Wind Facility Siting process found in Minnesota Rules Chapter 4401.

The DOC has prepared an ER analyzing the environmental impacts and alternatives to the proposed LWECS. The ER considers issues related to the need for the project.

A public hearing presided over by an Administrative Law Judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings will be scheduled in March 2007 at a location near the proposed project area. Notice of the hearing will be published in local newspapers and mailed to persons receiving this notice by U.S. Mail and those who register their names on the project mailing list with the Department. Persons interested in adding their names to this mailing list should contact the DOC or register on the webpage cited below.

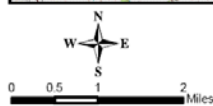
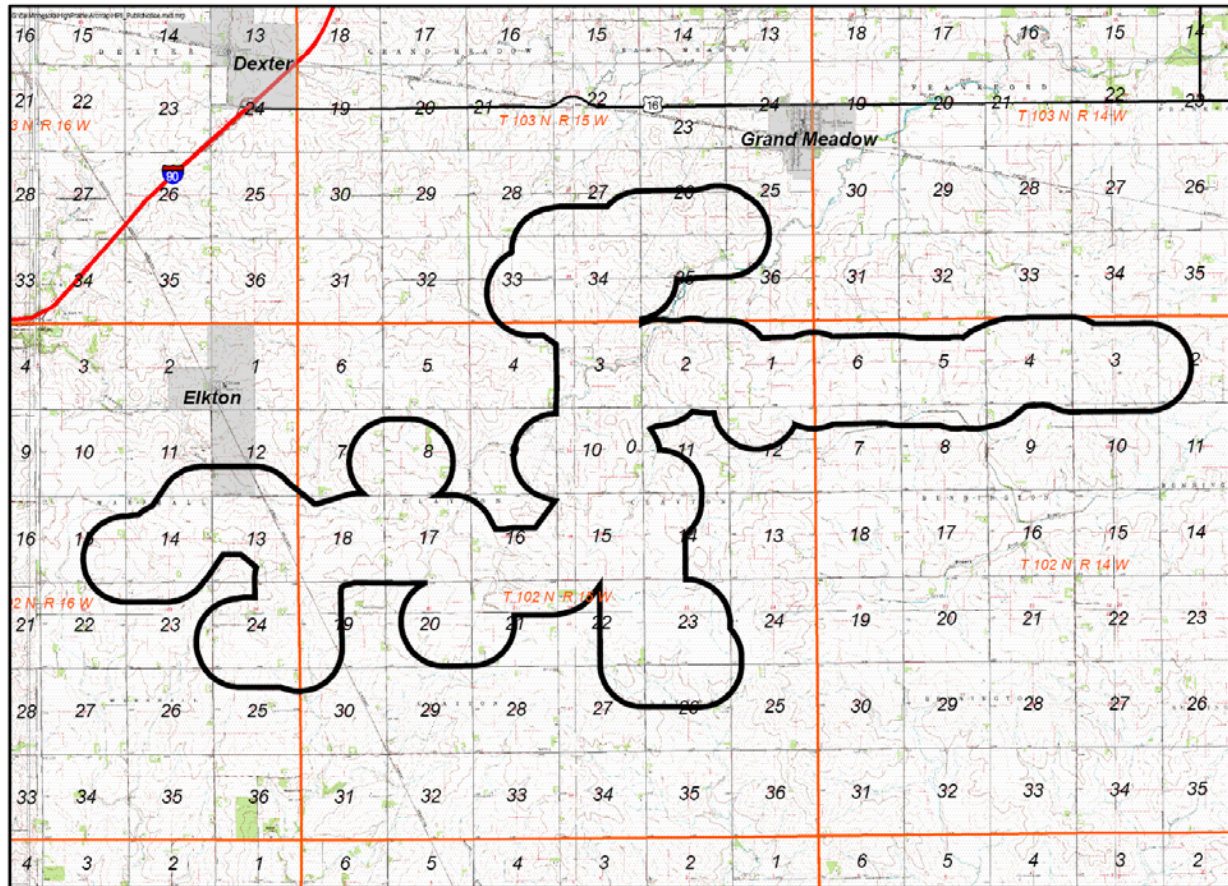
***Project Contacts and Information***

For more information about the process, the project or to place your name on the project mailing list, contact the DOC project manager, Jeffrey Haase (Tel: 651-297-5648 or [jeffrey.haase@state.mn.us](mailto:jeffrey.haase@state.mn.us)) or Larry Hartman (Tel: 651-296-5089 or [larry.hartman@state.mn.us](mailto:larry.hartman@state.mn.us)) Department of Commerce, 85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 500, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101-2198. Other contact information: Toll-Free Tel: 1-800-657-3794, Fax: 651-297-7891 or TTY: Minnesota Relay Service, 800-627-3529, and ask for the DOC.

The Environmental Report and other relevant documents are accessible at:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=18884>

### High Prairie Wind Farm II Proposed Site Location



High Prairie II Windfarm  
Project Area  
Mower County, Minnesota