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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: May 23, 2007

Project Title: Old Village Sanitary Sewer Extension

Description: The City of Lake Elmo, Minnesota is proposing to extend trunk sanitary sewer and water main along 30th Street, from Reid Park to Lake Elmo Avenue (County Highway 17), then south along Lake Elmo Avenue to 20th Street. At 20th Street, a sanitary sewer lift station will be installed with a forcemain pipe extending from the lift station south to connect to a new Metropolitan Council (MCES) interceptor sewer located at Hudson Boulevard (I-94). The sewer extension from I-94 to 30th Street is intended to provide city sanitary sewer service to the Village area.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be available for viewing at Lake Elmo City Hall.

RGU: City of Lake Elmo, MN

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Project Title: 50th Avenue NW Phase II EAW, Rochester, MN

Description: The City of Rochester has prepared an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the reconstruction of 1.2 miles of 50th Avenue NW from Valleyhigh Road (CSAH 4) to 51st Street/Nicklaus Drive, from a two-lane rural section to a four-lane urban facility with off-road trails and a roundabout at Badger Hills Drive. The roadway project also includes installation of storm sewer and two stormwater ponds; one stormwater pond is a regional pond that will outlet under 50th Avenue NW into a stilling basin within the adjacent Northern Hills Golf Course, a Section 4(f) property. A Net Benefits Programmatic Section 4(f) Evaluation was completed along with a Project Memorandum Update and the EAW for this project. A public hearing will be held in May 2007 for comments related to the Net Benefits Programmatic Section 4(f) Evaluation.

Anyone wishing to submit comments can request a copy of the EAW from the City of Rochester Public Works Office and send written comments to Dennis Hanson, City Council President at the address below. Written comments must be received by the City of Rochester by 4:30 p.m. on May 23, 2007.

RGU: City of Rochester City Council

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Rochester, MN 55904
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Project Title: Flagstaff Avenue Trunk Sewer

Description: The city of Farmington proposes to construct approximately 12,630 feet of trunk sewer line, primarily within Flagstaff Avenue, to serve the new Farmington Area High School and other future development in the area, including a portion of the city of Lakeville. The trunk line is anticipated to carry average daily flows of 0.045 million gallons per day initially, with an ultimate capacity of 2.6 million gallons per day.

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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Project Title: Highwater Ethanol, LLC

Description: Highwater Ethanol, LLC, proposes to construct a dry mill ethanol production facility (Facility) located in Redwood County, near the city of Lamberton, Minnesota. The Facility will have the capacity to produce approximately 75 million gallons per year of 200-proof ethanol, approximately 214,000 tons per year (TPY) of distiller's dried grains with solubles, and up to 146,000 TPY of wet distiller's grains with solubles (wetcake) for use as high protein animal feed. Highwater Ethanol, LLC, proposes to withdraw approximately 565 gallons per minute from two ground water sources.

In addition to the Environmental Assessment Worksheet, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency will soon release for public comment a draft Air Emissions Permit and draft National Pollution Discharge Elimination System/State Disposal System (NPDES/SDS) Permit for the proposed project. The contact person for the Air Emissions Permit is Jim Robin at 218-846-0748, and Jim Strudell at 651-296-7238 for the NPDES/SDS Permit.

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: Trophy Lakes IV Subdivision, Hollywood Township

Description: The proposed project consists of a 60-lot, residential development surrounding an artificial 42-acre lake on 160 acres in Hollywood Township, Carver County near the City of New Germany. The current use of the area is row crops. Access within the development will be provided by paved private roadway with two gated accesses at 62nd Street. Additional information can be found at www.trophylakeestates.com.

RGU: City of New Germany

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Project Title: South Washington School District No. 833, Third High School, Woodbury, MN

Description: The proposed project is located in Woodbury, east of Radio Drive and south of Bailey Road. The project will include construction of a new high school with associated parking and athletic facilities, expansion of the Bielenberg Sports Center, extension of Pioneer Drive, construction of a new public road through the site from Radio Drive to Pioneer Drive, construction of a portion of a future trunk sanitary sewer and all necessary public and private utilities.

RGU: City of Woodbury

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Project Title: Seven Springs III Rural Subdivision

Description: A 25-acre residential development is proposed for an area west of the city of Austin in Lansing Township, Mower County, Minnesota. The development will consist of 21 single-family residences on lots averaging 1.1 acres in size. Residences will be connected to one of two shared wells and shared septic systems.

RGU: Mower County

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Project Title: Tiller Corporation Sand and Gravel Mining Operation

Description: The project involves the extraction and processing of aggregates from a 20-acre parcel of property (subject property) adjacent to an existing sand and gravel mining operation. Stripping, extraction, limited processing and reclamation activities will occur on the proposed expansion area. Mining and reclamation of the property will facilitate overall end use grades of the area.

RGU: City of Elk River

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EA AVAILABLE**Project Title: Marshall Municipal Utilities 115 kV Transmission Line and Substation**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an Environmental Assessment for the proposed Marshall Municipal Utilities 115 KV Transmission Line and Substation project has been completed by the City of Marshall. The Environmental Assessment can be viewed online at:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/project.html?Id=18954>

Description: Marshall Municipal Utilities (MMU) plans to construct approximately 1.7 miles of double circuit 115 KV transmission line located primarily in MN Trunk Highway 23 right-of-way in the city of Marshall. The new line will serve to extend an existing MMU 115 kV line, in order to provide service to a new MMU substation. Also included in the project will be the removal of approximately 2.25 miles of existing overhead 13.8 kV distribution line. A new underground 13.8 kV line will be constructed to replace the overhead 13.8 kV distribution line.

The 115 kV transmission line will consist of narrow profile construction utilizing horizontal post insulators. All poles will be of steel construction. In addition, all structures will be self-supporting, without the use of guy and anchor attachments. The pole heights will range from 65 to 75 feet above the ground. The pole line will be generally centered 92 feet from the centerline of the northbound lane of MN Trunk Highway 23.

Comments on the Environmental Assessment will be accepted until May 4, 2007. Questions and comments should be directed to Brad Roos, General Manager, Marshall Municipal Utilities.

RGU: City of Marshall

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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.

- Waseca County, Borglum facility project
- Douglas County, Lake Mary Villas first supplemental C.I.C. plat project

EAW NEED DECISION

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

- White Bear lake City Council, City Project 06-06; Lake Avenue reconstruction, denied

EIS NEED DECISION

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*.

- Itasca County, Pet Crematory in Lake Jessie Township, Itasca County, project withdrawn

FINAL AUAR ADOPTED

Project Title: The West End Final AUAR

On behalf of the City of St. Louis Park, this serves as notice that The West End Final Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) and Mitigation Plan has been adopted by resolution. The St. Louis Park City Council passed the resolution April 9, 2007.

A proposed redevelopment is considered for a 48.6-acre parcel of land at the southwest corner of I-394 and Trunk Highway 100 in St. Louis Park, MN, with portions in Golden Valley, MN. Four build scenarios were considered, proposing a mix of office and commercial uses. A fifth scenario reflecting the current comprehensive plan was also considered. A Draft AUAR was distributed December 18, 2006, and comments were received through January 17, 2007. A public meeting was also held January 9, 2007. Response to Comments were provided in the Final AUAR, which was distributed March 19, 2007.

Per EQB requirements, 10 working days were given for review of the Final AUAR. Any objections by state agencies or the Metropolitan Council were to be filed with the City of St. Louis Park within this timeframe. No objections were filed. Four additional comments were received, and these were considered and addressed in an Addendum to the Final AUAR, which is available at the St. Louis Park Library (3240 Library Lane) and the

Science and Technology Library (300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis). The document is also available on the City of St. Louis Park Website at www.stlouispark.org.

It should be noted that specific measures of implementation will need to be required with the rezoning, PUD and plat approvals; adoption of the resolution for the AUAR does not confer any land use approvals or approval of any specific plans proposed by the developer.

Any questions should be directed to Meg McMonigal, Planning and Zoning Supervisor, at (952) 924-2573.

Project Title: Prior Lake Aggregate

The development of 288 acres of land in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 31, City of Savage, together with 194.7 acres of land in the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 6 in Credit River Township. The Mayor and Council of the City of Savage, Scott County, Minnesota hereby approve the final AUAR (Alternative Urban Areawide Review) and Mitigation Plan relating to the above described parcels of land.

NOTICES

Public Meeting Notice – Minnesota Forest Resources Council

The Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC) will meet on Wednesday, May 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Shoreview Community Center located in Cloquet, MN.

For more information, please contact Leslie McInenly at 651-603-6761 or visit the calendar on the MFRC Website at <http://www.frc.state.mn.us>.

Notifications of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
07-NO-034	Syngenta	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerance	Meeker, Renville
07-NO-035	Monsanto	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerance	Blue Earth
07-NO-036	University of Minnesota	Corn	Altered Gene Expression Herbicide Tolerance	Ramsey
07-NO-037	Pioneer Hi-Bred	Corn	Combinations of: insect resistance, herbicide tolerance, virus and fungal disease resistance, drought tolerance, yield enhancements, alterations and improvements to plant quality for food, feed and fiber.	Blue Earth, Clay (2), Freeborn, Kandiyohi (2), Meeker, Stearns, Steele, Wright

07-NO-038	Pioneer Hi-Bred	Soybean	Combinations of: insect resistance, herbicide tolerance, fungal disease resistance, drought tolerance, yield enhancements, alterations and improvements to plant quality for food, feed and fiber.	Blue Earth, Chippewa, Clay (2), Faribault, Freeborn, Kandiyohi (2), Lac Qui Parle, Meeker (2), Mower, Nicollet (2), Norman, Otter Tail, Pope, Ramsey, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Sherburne, Stearns, Steele, Stevens, Swift, Wilkin, Wright (2), Yellow Medicine
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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.

Transgenic Corn Rootworm Resistant Corn - Commercial Use Exemption

Syngenta Biotechnology, Inc. has requested an exemption from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Genetically Engineered Organism Release Permit for corn rootworm resistant progeny lines derived from transformation event MIR604. These progeny lines contain the stably integrated gene, *mcry3A*, isolated from *Bacillus thuringiensis*, which encodes the mCRY3A insect control protein that confers the corn rootworm. The corn lines containing this gene are no longer regulated under USDA/APHIS guidelines. Under this exemption from state permit, Syngenta Biotechnology, Inc. will be allowed to commercially use these corn rootworm resistant corn lines without further regulation. For additional information contact Mary Hanks, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 651/201-6277, mary.hanks@state.mn.us

Transgenic Corn Rootworm and Corn Borer Resistant Corn - Commercial Use Exemption

Syngenta Biotechnology, Inc. has requested an exemption from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Genetically Engineered Organism Release Permit for corn rootworm and corn borer resistant progeny lines derived from transformation events Bt11 and MIR604. These progeny lines contain both the stably integrated gene, *mcry3A*, isolated from *Bacillus thuringiensis*, which encodes the mCRY3A insect control protein that confers the corn rootworm, and gene, *Cry1Ab*, isolated from *Bacillus thuringiensis*, which encodes the Cry1Ab protein that confers resistance to corn borer. The corn lines containing these genes are no longer regulated under USDA/APHIS guidelines. Under this exemption from state permit, Syngenta Biotechnology, Inc. will be allowed to commercially use these corn rootworm and corn borer resistant corn lines without further regulation. For additional information contact Mary Hanks, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 651/201-6277, mary.hanks@state.mn.us