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Environmental review project notices

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MBE's Proposed Gravel Pit Project

Location: Buffalo Township, Wright County

Process: Citizen Petition

Step: Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) Assigned
RGU and Contact: Wright County, [Sean Riley](#), 763-682-7330

Union Stadium Village

Location: Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Process: Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)

Step: EAW Available

End of Comment Period: November 25, 2021

Project Description: This EAW studies the proposed Union Stadium Village development located at 2630 University Avenue Southeast in Minneapolis, MN. The project will remove an existing one-story building and construct a 617-unit apartment building with 4,625 square feet of first floor retail space. The building will consist of sixteen above ground floors including 3 levels of enclosed parking. It will share the city block with an existing 4-story mixed-use condominium building.

Link to Public Documents: [Union Stadium Village EAW](#)

Location of Public Documents: Public Service Building, 505 4th Avenue South, Room 320, Minneapolis, MN 55415

First Public Meeting Date, Time, Location: November 30, 2021, 1:30 pm, virtual

Second Public Meeting Date, Time, Location: December 10, 2021, 9:30 am, virtual

RGU and Contact: City of Minneapolis, [Hilary Dvorak](#), 612-673-2639

Dayton Park Industrial Center

Location: Dayton, Hennepin County

Process: EAW

Step: Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Need Decision

RGU Decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Record of Decision Date: October 12, 2021

Link to Public Documents: No link to documents provided. See RGU contact information below.

Location of Public Documents: Dayton City Hall, 12260 South Diamond Lake Road, Dayton, MN 55327

RGU and Contact: City of Dayton, [Tina Goodroad](#), 763-472-4589

Big Bend Wind Project, Associated Transmission Line, and Red Rock Solar Project

Location: Cottonwood, Martin, and Watonwan County

Process: Alternative Review

Notice Title: Notice of Substantial Changes and Comment Period on Re-Evaluation of the Environmental Assessment Scope

Notice Description: As a result of the Settlement Agreement, Amended Large Wind Energy Conversion System (LWECS) Site Permit Application, and substantial changes to the proposed project, the Department is seeking comment on the following:

- What additional potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project should be considered in the scope of the Environmental Assessment (EA), and/or the draft site permit?
- What are possible methods to minimize, mitigate, or avoid the potential impacts?
- Are there other ways to meet the stated need for the amended project, for example, a different size project or a different type of facility? If so, what system alternatives to the amended project should be studied in the EA?
- Should the Department maintain the system alternatives including turbine exclusion areas from the originally proposed layout of eight (8), ten (10), and eleven (11) miles from the Jeffers Petroglyphs site, as identified in the Department's EA Scoping Decision issued on August 24, 2021?

Project Description: The amended Big Bend Wind Project will generate up to 300 MW of electricity with 45 to 47 turbines, gravel access roads, underground and/or above ground electrical collection and communication lines, one O&M facility, a project substation, up to one meteorological tower, a SODAR or LIDAR unit, up to four Aircraft Detection Lighting System radars, and one temporary batch plant area.

The Red Rock Solar Project will generate up-to 60 MW solar energy on approximately 483 acres of land in Cottonwood County. The facility will include photovoltaic panels installed on a tracking rack system, electrical inverters, an electrical collection system, fencing, access roads, up to three weather stations, a project substation, and 10 stormwater drainage basins.

A 161 kV transmission line will interconnect the Big Bend Wind and Red Rock Solar Projects to the transmission grid. The proposed HVTL will be located in Cottonwood, Watonwan, and Martin Counties and would interconnect with the existing 345 kV transmission line at either the Crandall Switching Station or the Lakefield Junction Station, located in Martin County.

Link to Public Documents:

<https://apps.commerce.state.mn.us/eera/web/project/14153>

RGU and Contact: Department of Commerce, [Richard Davis](#), 651-539-1846

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