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RE: Dakota County Comments on the Application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission by Greater Minnesota Transmission, LLC for the Cannon Falls Natural Gas Pipeline Project (Docket PL-6580/GP-06-931)

Dear Mr. Storm:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the application for a pipeline routing permit from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission concerning the Cannon Falls Natural Gas Pipeline Project (PUC Docket PL-6580/GP-06-931).

The pipeline routing permit has been reviewed by staff in the Physical Development Division. Our comments are included with this letter. In addition, we have also attached a series of maps and tables that further explain our comments.

We look forward to working with you as this project moves forward. If you have any questions, please call me at (952) 891-7033.

Sincerely,

  
Lynn Moratzka, Manager  
Office of Planning

Encl

cc: Dakota County Board of Commissioners  
Brandt Richardson, County Administrator  
Greg Konat, Director, Physical Development



## **Dakota County Comments: Cannon Falls Natural Gas Pipeline**

### **Section 1.5 - Other Permits Required**

The proposed pipeline route crosses County roads 47, 66, 81, and 85. Road crossing permits will be required when working within the County right of way.

Please note that Clayton Avenue should be identified as County Road 81. (Ref Map A-1)

### **Section 4.1.2 Potential Impacts and Planned Mitigation Measures**

The application states:

*All adjacent and intersected streets and highways along the pipeline route will be kept open during construction.*

In addition, the Dakota County Transportation Department will require traffic control plans as part of the permitting process. Permit forms can be found online on the Transportation Department website.

### **Section 4.2 - Natural Environment**

#### **Environmental Review**

The project area includes an approximate 13-mile section from Cannon Falls to 180<sup>th</sup> Street, including a 500-foot wide west to east easement. Should additional information be needed regarding sites referenced in this report, please contact the Dakota County Environmental Management Department at (952) 891-7557.

#### **Waste Sites and Spills**

Nine waste sites were identified directly adjacent to the proposed pipeline route. Forty-four waste sites were identified within approximately one mile of the project area. A waste site is an area where solid or hazardous wastes are disposed, where hazardous materials are spilled or leaked, or where contaminants are leached or otherwise released into the environment. Waste sites range from well known to unknown, recent to very old, surficial to buried, small to large, inert to reactive, and relatively safe to hazardous. Environmental contamination affects the air, land, surface water, and groundwater and may seriously impact plants, animals, and humans. In short, a site is any waste disposal or contaminant release potentially impacting the environment and threatening public health and safety.

One MPCA (Minnesota Pollution Control Agency) VIC (Voluntary Investigation and Cleanup Program) site, one MPCA Dump site and one MPCA CERCLIS site was identified within approximately one mile of the project area. One MPCA Dump site was identified directly adjacent to the project area.

Four MPCA LUST (Leaking Underground Storage Tank) sites were identified within approximately one mile of the project area.

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Fourteen MPCA Spill sites were identified within approximately one mile of the subject property. Five Spill sites were identified directly adjacent to the project area.

Two Solid Waste Facilities were identified within approximately one mile of the subject property. One closed unlicensed facility was identified directly adjacent to the project area.

Please refer to the attached tables for more information regarding the above-referenced sites and to the attached Environmental Assessment Figure for locations of the above-referenced sites.

The Greater Minnesota Transmission, LLC, should be aware that if development occurs on, adjacent to, or near a potentially impacted site, soil and groundwater impacts may be encountered that are not known or identified due to down-gradient migration of groundwater and surface water. Due to the potential to encounter impacts from adjacent sites, a radius of approximately one mile has been used as the standard search radius for this environmental assessment. It is also possible that sites will be encountered that have not been identified and are not known sites. Should impacted soil or water be encountered during this project, a site investigation and remediation may be required, in accordance with MPCA Guidelines and Dakota County Ordinances.

### **Hazardous Waste Generators and Tanks**

Nine hazardous waste generators, with 39 active waste streams permitted, were identified within approximately one mile of the project area.

Nineteen MPCA Registered Tanks were identified within approximately one mile of the project area.

Refer to the enclosed tables for additional information on the above referenced sites. The sites referenced above are located on the attached Environmental Assessment figure.

### **Wells**

Two hundred ninety-one registered wells were identified within approximately one mile of the project area. Refer to the attached table for a listing of the identified wells. Well locations are presented on the attached Environmental Assessment figure.

Since 1974, all water wells constructed in Minnesota have been required to meet the locational and constructional requirements of the Minnesota Well Code. Wells are used for domestic and municipal drinking water supply, water quality monitoring, and irrigation. As wells age, they may deteriorate and lose their ability to keep surface contaminants and contaminated groundwater from impacting deeper aquifers. Because of these concerns, Dakota County requires that at the time of property transfer, unused wells either be sealed or registered annually. State law requires that a seller who fails to properly disclose a well, may be liable for well sealing costs for up to six years after the date of the sale.

### **Pipelines**

Existing pipelines were identified in the project area. Existing pipelines were identified within one mile of the project area. Contact the pipeline owners for accurate locations and specifications.

### **Mining**

Active mining is present in the project area; contact the Dakota County Public Services and Revenue Department for additional information at (651) 554-6610.

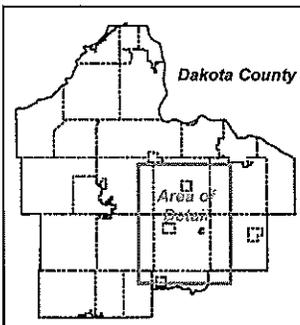
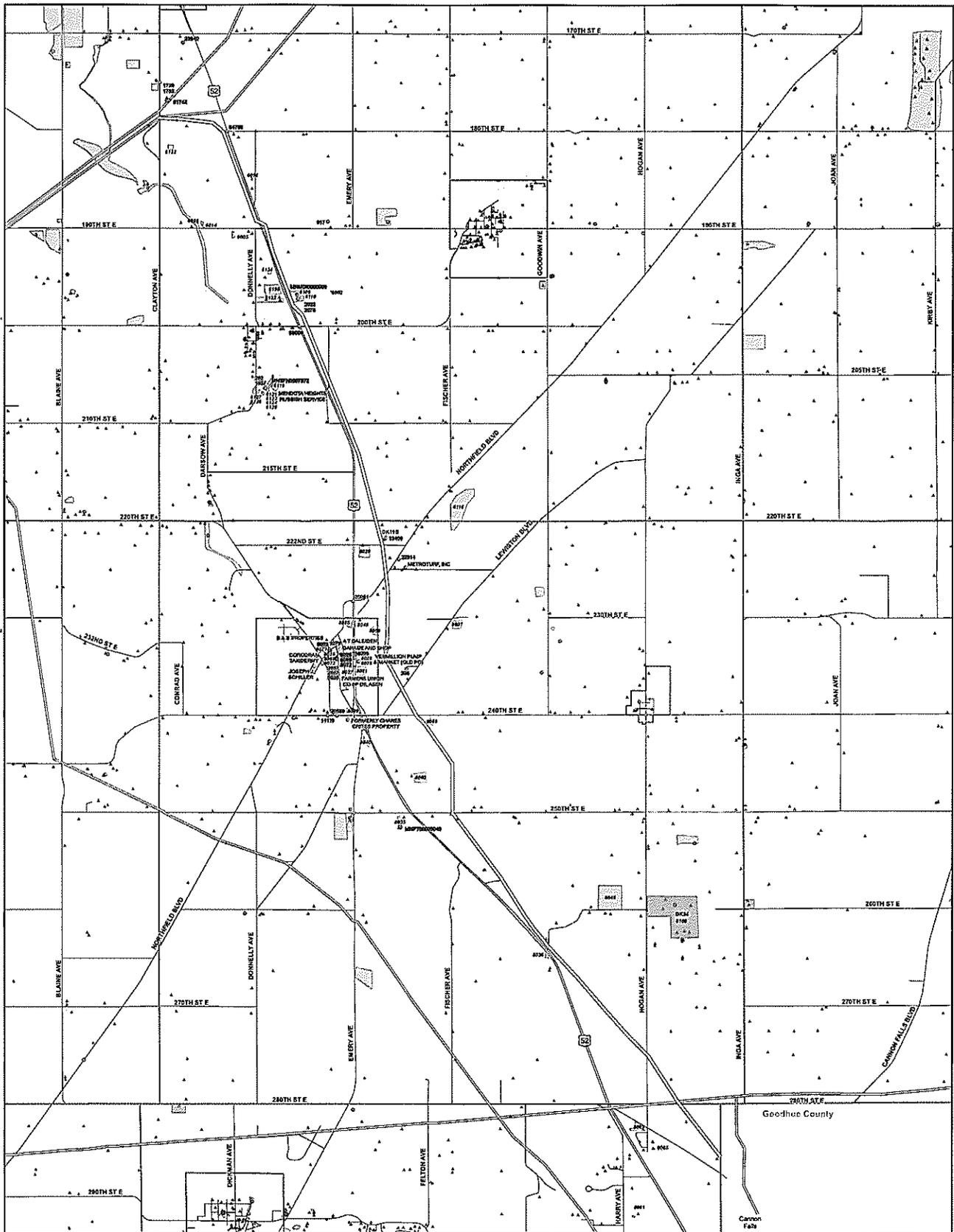
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### **Trout Streams, Wetlands, and Environmentally Sensitive Areas**

Protected trout streams were identified in the project area. Wetlands were identified in the project area. Caution should be taken to avoid adverse affects to the trout streams and wetland areas during development. Refer to the attached Environmental Assessment figures for locations of trout streams and wetland areas. Trout stream status is designated by the Department of Natural Resources. Wetlands are classified based on the National Wetland Inventory.

Refer to the attached figures for locations of the identified environmentally sensitive areas and areas of concern.

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## Environmental Assessment for Greater Minnesota Transmission Proposed Pipeline



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- Proposed Pipeline
- Existing Pipelines
- MPCA MES Sites
- MPCA LUST Sites
- MPCA Spills
- Registered Tanks
- Haz Waste Generators
- Wells
- Solid Waste Facilities
- Dump Sites



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Hazardous Waste Generator

Generator #	Site Name	Address	Type	Size	Waste	Status
262	Mendota Heights Rubbish	20700 Donnelly Ave E	Vehicle Maintenance	4	Lead Acid Batteries	Active
262	Mendota Heights Rubbish	20700 Donnelly Ave E	Vehicle Maintenance	4	Used Oil	Active
262	Mendota Heights Rubbish	20700 Donnelly Ave E	Vehicle Maintenance	4	Oil Filters	Inactive
336	Nicolai Repair	23449 Lewiston Dr	Vehicle Maintenance	4	Bioforce Filters	Inactive
336	Nicolai Repair	23449 Lewiston Dr	Vehicle Maintenance	4	Parts Washer Solvent	Inactive
336	Nicolai Repair	23449 Lewiston Dr	Vehicle Maintenance	4	Carb Cleaner	Active
336	Nicolai Repair	23449 Lewiston Dr	Vehicle Maintenance	4	Lead Acid Batteries	Active
336	Nicolai Repair	23449 Lewiston Dr	Vehicle Maintenance	4	Used Oil	Active
917	Big John Northcentral	5305 190th St E	Vehicle Maintenance	1	Chem Search Parts Washer	Active
917	Big John Northcentral	5305 190th St E	Vehicle Maintenance	1	Parts Washer Solvent	Active
917	Big John Northcentral	5305 190th St E	Vehicle Maintenance	1	Used Oil	Active
1079	Burke, Ted Dental Office	23325 Water St	X-ray Waste	4	Oil Filters	Active
1079	Burke, Ted Dental Office	23325 Water St	X-ray Waste	4	Fixer Solution	Active
1079	Burke, Ted Dental Office	23325 Water St	X-ray Waste	4	Scrap Film	Active
1079	Burke, Ted Dental Office	23325 Water St	X-ray Waste	4	Lead Foil	Active
1079	Burke, Ted Dental Office	23325 Water St	X-ray Waste	4	Amalgam	Active
1720	Wayne Transport (MYCO)	14345 Conley Ave.	Equipment Repair	1	Parts Washer Solvent	Active
1720	Wayne Transport (MYCO)	14345 Conley Ave.	Equipment Repair	1	Lead Acid Batteries	Active
1720	Wayne Transport (MYCO)	14345 Conley Ave.	Equipment Repair	1	Used Oil	Active
1720	Wayne Transport (MYCO)	14345 Conley Ave.	Equipment Repair	1	Oil Filters	Active
1720	Wayne Transport (MYCO)	14345 Conley Ave.	Equipment Repair	1	Fluorescent Bulbs	Active
1755	Dakota County Towing	17690 Clayton	Auto Salvage	4	Used Oil	Active
1755	Dakota County Towing	17690 Clayton	Auto Salvage	4	Oil Filters	Active
1755	Dakota County Towing	17690 Clayton	Auto Salvage	4	Antifreeze	Active
1957	Highland Sanitation	20700 Donnelly Ave	Vehicle Maintenance	4	Used Oil	Active
1957	Highland Sanitation	20700 Donnelly Ave	Vehicle Maintenance	4	Used Oil Filters	Active
1957	Highland Sanitation	20700 Donnelly Ave	Vehicle Maintenance	4	Lead Acid Batteries	Active
1957	Highland Sanitation	20700 Donnelly Ave	Vehicle Maintenance	4	Waste Thinner	Active
2022	Heartland Gardens (Heartland Transport)	19734 Coates Blvd.	Vehicle Maintenance	1	Parts Washer Solvent	Active
2022	Heartland Gardens (Heartland Transport)	19734 Coates Blvd.	Vehicle Maintenance	1	Lead Acid Batteries	Active
2022	Heartland Gardens (Heartland Transport)	19734 Coates Blvd.	Vehicle Maintenance	1	Used Oil	Active
2022	Heartland Gardens (Heartland Transport)	19734 Coates Blvd.	Vehicle Maintenance	1	Used Oil Filters	Active
2022	Heartland Gardens (Heartland Transport)	19734 Coates Blvd.	Vehicle Maintenance	1	Computers & Related Products	Active
2022	Heartland Gardens (Heartland Transport)	19734 Coates Blvd.	Vehicle Maintenance	1	Oil Sorbents	Active
2022	Heartland Gardens (Heartland Transport)	19734 Coates Blvd.	Vehicle Maintenance	1	Fluorescent Bulbs	Active
2076	J & K Auto and Truck Repair	19734 Coates Blvd.	Vehicle Maintenance	4	Lead Acid Batteries	Active
2076	J & K Auto and Truck Repair	19734 Coates Blvd.	Vehicle Maintenance	4	Used Oil	Active
2076	J & K Auto and Truck Repair	19734 Coates Blvd.	Vehicle Maintenance	4	Used Oil Filters	Active