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I am the St. Louis County Agricultural Inspector and am very concerned with the movement of noxious weeds on lands where this new highway and power lines will be built.

The bulk of the noxious weeds involved are Tansy, Canada Thistle and Spotted Knap Weed.

These cannot be moved from or into the construction sites without certain precautions and permits.

These permit forms can be gotten off of the Minnesota Dept. of Agriculture website. They must be routed through me if they are to be granted and signed.

Noxious Weeds could be destroyed by spraying, plowing, or mowing. The seeds where they grow are another matter. Any soil moved into or out of the construction. This soil must be sterilized or buried three feet below the ground surface.

Aggregate pits must be cleared of any noxious weeds before gravel, etc. is moved from those pits into the construction sites. There are pits that are weed free but they are rare. Material that is known as mine overburden is not weed free.

If there is any way that I can be of assistance in this project please contact me.

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