

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A  
PIPELINE ROUTING PERMIT  
AND PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

**MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD**

Application of Minnesota Soybean Processor for a Pipeline Routing Permit

Minnesota Soybean Processors (MnSP) has filed an application with the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) for a pipeline routing permit to construct a natural gas pipeline from an interconnection with Northern Natural Pipeline Company (NNPL) near Brewster, MN to a MnSP processing plant under construction near Brewster, MN.

The proposed 6.4-mile natural gas pipeline will begin at a tap on the Northern Natural Pipeline in the northwest ¼ of Section 30 in Ewington Township in Jackson County approximately 133 feet east of the section line (the centerline of TH-264) and 503 feet south of the north section line. The pipeline then runs north approximately 573 feet to a point approximately 70 feet north of the centerline of Jackson County Road Number 34. Then, it turns west to a point about 600 feet west of Trunk highway 264 (the road dividing Nobles and Jackson County). From this point, the line will proceed northward, approximately 600 feet west of Highway 1 through Lorain and Hersey Townships. The proposed pipeline will terminate at the Minnesota Soybean Processors plant under construction in the southeast ¼ of Section 24 in Hersey Township just north of Brewster.

The proposed pipeline will have an outside diameter of 4.5 inches. The pipeline will be buried underground within easements secured in the Minnesota counties of Jackson and Nobles.

The EQB is reviewing this project pursuant to the requirements of the Pipeline Routing Rules (Minnesota Rules, Chapter 4415). This set of rules contains two different types of review procedures for a pipeline routing permit. MnSP is seeking review under the shorter of the two review processes contained in the rules, and is referred to as a partial exemption from pipeline route selection procedures. Both review procedures require the applicant to submit the same information; however, the shorter process does not require the applicant to identify an alternative route and does not require a contested case hearing.

The Environmental Quality Board (EQB) will hold a public information meeting to provide information on the proposed project and to receive information to assist the EQB in determining whether to grant or deny the partial exemption application. The public information meeting is scheduled for the time and place listed below. Representatives from other

governmental agencies may be present to discuss their oversight of the project. A more detailed explanation of the proposed project is contained in the application for partial exemption from pipeline route selection procedures filed with the EQB. Copies of Minnesota Soybean Processors' application, pipeline routing rules and the pipeline routing act will be available at the information meeting and on the EQB Website at:

[www.eqb.state.mn.us/EnergyFacilities](http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/EnergyFacilities)

In deciding whether to grant or deny the partial exemption, the EQB shall consider comments that are filed with the EQB, the record of the public information meeting, and the information contained in the application relevant to the criteria for partial exemption. Any person may file comments with the EQB stating reasons why the EQB should grant or deny the partial exemption. **All comments should be submitted to the EQB by June 25, 2003.** If the EQB grants the partial exemption application, it will also issue a pipeline routing permit. If the partial exemption is denied, the applicant may request that the EQB continue processing its application under full pipeline route selection procedures.

Minnesota Soybean Processors expects to build the pipeline in August and September of 2003.

Additional information may be obtained from and comments should be submitted to: Larry B. Hartman, Environmental Quality Board, 300 Centennial Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155.

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**INFORMATION MEETING**

**June 9, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.**

American Legion Hall

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