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Ms. Julie Farnham
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Re: South Loop District Alternative Urban Areawide Review Update

Dear Ms. Farnham:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) Update, dated May 2012, for the South Loop District project (Project) in Bloomington, Minnesota. The AUAR Update addresses various major infrastructure projects to be undertaken as part of the South Loop District Project. Regarding matters for which the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has regulatory responsibility and other interests, MPCA staff has the following comments for your consideration.

Section 11 Fish, Wildlife and Ecologically Sensitive Resources

The AUAR Update mentions a nearby stream stocked with trout, but is unknown if it is a designated trout stream and, therefore, a special water. Please note that if there is a designated trout stream within one mile of the proposed Project, the Project proposer will need to address the enhanced best management practices requirements provided in Appendix A of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/State Disposal System Construction Stormwater Permit (CSW Permit). These same permit requirements did not exist in 2002 when the original AUAR was developed.

Section 12 Physical Impacts on Water Resources

Please be aware that the Minnesota River is listed on the MPCA Inventory of Impaired Waters located on the MPCA website at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/tmdl/tmdl-303dlist.html>. We recommend you utilize the MPCA Special Waters and Impaired Waters Search mapping tool to identify special or impaired waters located near proposed projects. The mapping tool is located on the MPCA website at <http://pca-gis02.pca.state.mn.us/website/stormwater/csw/viewer.htm>. The Minnesota River is listed as impaired for turbidity, fecal coliform, polychlorinated biphenyls, dissolved oxygen and mercury. The impairment will dictate additional increased stormwater treatment during construction and require additional increased permanent treatment post construction. These requirements, which did not exist in 2002 when the original AUAR was developed, will be included in the CSW Permit. The Project proposer should determine that compliance with these increased stormwater water quality treatments can be achieved on the Project site or elsewhere. Information regarding the MPCA's Construction Stormwater Program can be found on the MPCA's website at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/stormwater/stormwater-c.html>. Questions regarding CSW Permit requirements should be directed to Roberta Getman at 507-206-2629.

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We appreciate the opportunity to review this Project. Please be aware that this letter does not constitute approval by the MPCA of any or all elements of the Project for the purpose of pending or future permit action(s) by the MPCA. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the Project proposer to secure any required permits and to comply with any requisite permit conditions. If you have any questions concerning our review of this AUAR Update, please contact me at 651-757-2508.

Sincerely,



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