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Dear KAAL Region 6,

Back in June of this year, you did a story on Steele County's progress towards their 4 year long goal of being accepted in the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Project XLC program.

In the past several month's, we have come a long way and should be ready to submit a "Final Proposal Agreement" (FPA) within the next 30 days. We have had a very unique opportunity to closely work with Federal EPA out of Region 5 in Chicago and headquarters in Washington, DC, State MPCA and local regulatory officials. We have all developed a level of respect and trust that really is unheard of today, from both the private and public sectors.

Steele CountyXLC Sponsors will be holding a public meeting at the Owatonna Fire Department on Thursday, September 23 at 9:00 AM to inform the general public (the real stakeholders in any community project) or anyone else interested of our progress to-date and the regulatory significance that this program will have in the Steele County Community, the State of Minnesota and across the United States.

A major question of interest to your viewing audience could be " What is it that makes Steele County such a special community where they can continually support such on-going things as the Steele CountyXLC Project, the Steele County Safety Council, Steele County CAER (Community Awareness and Emergency Response), Steele County Project Impact and a first county-wide assessment visit from the Minnesota Design Team?"

Why is it that other communities like Austin, Albert Lea, Rochester, Mason City, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, etc., etc. cannot?

I have attached the meeting notice, as well as a XLC Fact Sheet that was developed by EPA, MPCA and local industry. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 507-444-4481 or by e-mail: dsershen@truth.com

<<SC XLC Fact Sheet 9-10-99.doc>> <<SC XLC CAC Mtg. Notice, 9-10-99.doc>>

Hopefully, you will decide that a project like this, in rural Minnesota, is news worthy enough to visit us on Sept. 23.

Thanks! Hope to see you on the 23rd!

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