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## Steele County Stakeholders Meeting

On 7/27/99 the sponsors of the Steele County XLC project conducted a stakeholders meeting. This meeting was arranged by MPCA (Andy Ronchak )where notice was mailed to over 100 would be interested parties including local media . Although the meeting was held in the evening at 7:00pm in the County's Administrative Building, to allow for maximum participation from the interested parties, only a couple of the stakeholders attended. Several but not all of the sponsors were in attendance. A move towards holding stakeholder meetings during normal business hours was adopted i.e. the 9/16 and the 10/07 stakeholders will be held at 9:00am.

Alan Jenkins was not available to facilitate the meeting due to other engagements, but he will act as the facilitator for future workgroup and stakeholders meetings. MPCA (Andy Ronchak) has placed the Steele County project on the web for all to review (description, milestones, etc.) [www.pca.state.mn.us/programs/projectxl/steele.html](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/programs/projectxl/steele.html) A printout of the site was distributed.

Andy presented a general overview of the project-what is being proposed: the two phases of the project, reductions in discharges/emissions, solid waste reductions, hazardous waste reductions, group nature of the proposal. He explained the FPA process and detailed superior environmental performance and the regulatory flexibility expectations as written in the draft (skeletal) F.P.A.

\*issues: 1-it is not clear what the sponsor proposes as far as EMS (is it just the training or the actual implementation within a certain time frame of an EMS at the participating facilities ). For now , they are only thinking : training .

2-the 20% reduction: seems that it is a one time reduction, not to be followed by additional 20%.

3-storm water reduction group is working with the WWTF to develop a plan to minimize the loading to the plant and the backup of sewer systems and flooding of homes etc.

4-Elimination of monitoring for pollutants not discharged: facilities would have to demonstrate thru previous monitoring requests and thru documentation of changes in processes that certain pollutants are no longer used or discharged.

Dennis Sershen indicated that the sponsors met on 7/26 for a couple of hours to discuss reduction in water usage and agreed that individual facilities will establish a water use baseline. Methodology varies from one facility to the next e.g. calculations could be based on use per employee or use per employee in working day, over any suitable length of time e.g. One/two/three years ) Each facility would commit to a 10% reduction from existing levels of water usage. Additionally facilities that are not stretched out to the limit in water use reduction can reduce even beyond the minimum 10% requirement. facilities will be individually held responsible for their water use reduction. The group would

\*\*\*over any suitable length of time ie one, two or more years.

strive as a whole, to attain the 20 % reduction.

Next meeting is on 8/10. Water division technical assignee Matt Gluckman will be attending.

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