

# Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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**Date:** September 22, 2014

**To:** Parties on the EAW Distribution List  
Other Interested Parties

**From:** Jill Townley  
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**Re:** Upper Lightning Lake Water Level Management  
Record of Decision on Environmental Assessment Worksheet

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), as the Responsible Governmental Unit for environmental review of the Upper Lightning Lake Water Level Management project in Grant and Otter Tail Counties, Minnesota, has issued the attached Record of Decision regarding the Need for an Environmental Impact Statement for the project.

The MDNR has concluded that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required because the project does not have the potential for significant environmental effects. The justification for this determination is contained in the Record of Decision. The Record of Decision also contains the Department's responses to all substantive written comments received on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet during the 30-day review and comment period.

Issuing this Record of Decision concludes the State environmental review process for this project according to the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board rules, *Minnesota Rules*, part 4410.1000 to 4410.1700. This project can proceed to permitting and approvals.

For additional information, or copies of the Record of Decision, please call (651) 259-5168.

**Attachments/Enclosures:**

Record of Decision (September 15, 2014)

Attachment A: comments received during the 30-day review and comment period.

