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**Subject:** Milestone Materials, Rochester Sand and Gravel – North Quarry Project  
Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) has prepared the attached Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the proposed Milestone Materials, Rochester Sand and Gravel – North Quarry Project. Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) rules require the MDNR to prepare this document because the proposed project involves both nonmetallic mineral mining and water appropriation in excess of 30 million gallons per month (Minnesota Rules, Part 4410.4300, subpart 12.B. and subpart 24.A.). The MDNR is the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) for the environmental review of this project. Milestone Materials, A Division of Mathy Construction Company, proposes to expand aggregate mining operations within the Rochester Sand and Gravel, North Quarry (an approximate 70 acre site). This expansion requires the extraction of limestone aggregate from 60 feet to 120 feet below grade. Extraction of limestone aggregate requires proposed dewatering by appropriating approximately 4,000 million gallons of water annually (4 billion gallons) or 333.3 million gallons of water per month to access the limestone deposit. In addition, aggregate washing will occur on-site. The proposed project is located in Cascade Township in Olmsted County, Minnesota. The EAW describes the project and the potential environmental effects.

A 30-day public review and comment period will begin on April 4, 2011, with the publication of the notice of availability of this EAW in the EQB Monitor. For additional copies of the EAW, call 651-259-5101 or 651-259-5072 or visit the MDNR website at [www.mndnr.gov](http://www.mndnr.gov) and from the public input section, select the Rochester Sand and Gravel – North Quarry Project from the drop-down menu under environmental review.

Written comments on the EAW must be received by Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. and sent to:

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Signed comment letters may be sent via facsimile (651-297-1500). Electronic or e-mail comments may be sent to [Environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:Environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us) with “Rochester Sand and Gravel – North Quarry Project” in the subject line. If submitting comments electronically, please include your name and U.S. mailing address so that you can be added to the mailing list.

Questions or inquiries regarding the EAW should be made directly to 651-259-5072.

Attachment: Rochester Sand and Gravel – North Quarry Project Environmental Assessment Worksheet