

CITY OF SCANDIA
Washington County, Minnesota

**NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO FINAL SCOPING DOCUMENT AND INTENT TO
PREPARE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)
Zavoral Mine and Reclamation Project**

Description: On April 21, 2009, the Scandia City Council approved the Final Scoping Decision Document (SDD) for the Zavoral Mine and Reclamation Project EIS. The SDD was published in the EQB Monitor in September, 2009. Since that time, the project proposer, Tiller Corporation, has completed additional analyses at the Zavoral Mine site, and proposed changes to the project. The City has determined that the changes proposed by Tiller for the Zavoral Mining and Reclamation project require changes in the alternatives, scope and schedule of the EIS. These changes have been incorporated in a Revised Final SDD. The Revised Final SDD was approved by the City Council on January 19, 2010.

Summary of Amendment: Tiller Corporation has proposed to revise the Zavoral Mining and Reclamation Project to eliminate all aggregate processing activities (including washing) at the Zavoral site. Material mined at the Zavoral site will be transported primarily to the Scandia Mine site for use and/or processing at the Scandia Mine site. The Scandia Mine is located on Manning Avenue near 225th Street in the City of Scandia. EAW's were completed for mining and processing operations on that site in 1987 and updated to reflect current operations in 1999.

Based on the changes in the project, the number of alternatives evaluated in the EIS will be reduced from four to three. The preferred alternative has been revised to eliminate analysis of the impacts of processing activities at the Zavoral site, and to incorporate analysis of the potential impacts of transporting mined material from the Zavoral site to the Scandia Mine site for use and/or processing. The No Build alternative is unchanged. The third alternative will evaluate the potential impacts of a reduced timeframe for mining at the Zavoral site, from up to 10 years (Preferred Alternative) to up to five years.

The EIS issues analyses have been revised to analyze the potential impacts of the proposed mining and reclamation project at the Zavoral site, and the potential for impacts at the Scandia Mine site resulting from the transport of mined material from the Zavoral site to the Scandia Mine site. Significant changes have been made in the analyses for the Water Use and Traffic issues. The analysis of potential impacts at the Scandia Mine site will compare the potential impacts of the proposed activities at the site to the potential impacts analyzed in the EAW's completed for the Scandia Mine in 1987 and 1999 and to permits that are currently in place for the Scandia Mine site.

The Revised Final SDD and all other documents relating to the Zavoral Mine and Reclamation Project EIS Scoping Process are available on the City's website at: <http://www.ci.Scandia.mn.us>.

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