



Chisago County Local Water Management Plan Policy Team

POLICY TEAM
David Ambers
Citizen at Large

Craig Mold
Chisago SWCD

Rodney Dehmer,
Vice Chair
Citizen at Large

Henry (Bud) Kapell
Citizen at Large

Tom McKenzie, Chairman
Citizen at Large

Mike Mueller
Minnesota DNR

Mike Robinson
County Commissioner

Richard Schirber
Citizen at Large

Mary Darragh Schmitz
Environmental
Services/Zoning

TECHNICAL TEAM
Jill Briggs
Public Health

Deb Hermel
NRCS

Craig Mell
Chisago SWCD

Valerie Prax
U of M Extension

LOCAL WATER
RESOURCE MANAGER
Jerry Spetzman
Environmental
Services/Zoning

To: Chisago County Board of Commissioners, Lent Township Board of Supervisors

From: Tom McKenzie, Chairman, Chisago County Local Water Management Plan Policy Team

Date: August 11, 2009

Cc: Senator Rick Olseen, Representative Rob Eastland, Representative Jeremy Kalin, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, Minnesota Office of Energy Security, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Subject: Recommendation that an Environmental Impact Statement be completed for proposed Sunrise River Energy Station

On Monday, August 10, 2009, the Chisago County Local Water Management Plan Policy Team passed a motion recommending that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners and the Lent Township Board of Supervisors include in the Development Agreement with LS Power a requirement that an Environmental Impact Statement be completed for the proposed Sunrise River Energy Station.

The Policy Team has substantial concerns with construction and operation of the proposed Sunrise River Energy Station including very high levels of water use and negative impacts on receiving waters. Completion of a rigorous and thorough Environmental Impact Statement will provide critical information necessary for protection of our natural resources.

The Policy team, appointed by the Chisago County Board of Commissioners, directs implementation of the goals, objectives and action items contained in the County Water Plan. We also oversee funding decisions to accomplish projects that protect the water quality of the County.

Thank you for considering this recommendation.