

## **Staff Report:**

Issue: Determination of Adequacy of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) of Martin Marietta North Quarry Reduction & Rainbow Quarry Expansion

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### **BACKGROUND:**

Environmental Review (Minnesota Rule 4410) and the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) provide guidance and determination of a project need to complete an environmental review of a proposed project. Attached is the Final EIS regarding Martin Marietta's proposed projects. This voluntary EIS was completed as the Martin Marietta site in Waite Park and is related to the 4410.4400 subpart 9 (Non-Metallic Mineral Mining) section of the rule. City of Waite Park is the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) The voluntary EIS process has included:

**Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet (SEAW)** identified project and potential environmental concerns.

- Published on November 23, 2020 in the EQB Monitor.
- Virtual Public Meeting on December 17, 2020.
- End of 30 day Comment Period the document received comments from five (5) agencies (Appendix A of Final EIS).

**Draft EIS** included responses to agency comments and refined document to address issues identified in the SEAW.

- Published on April 20, 2021 in the EQB Monitor.
- Virtual Public Meeting on May 5, 2021.
- End of ten (10) Business Day Comment Period received comments from two (2) agency (Appendix A of Final EIS).

**Final EIS** included responses to agency comments.

- Published on July 7, 2021 in the EQB Monitor.
- End of ten (10) Business Day Comment Period received comments from one (1) agency (Appendix A of Final EIS).

### **REQUIRED ACTION:**

Determine if Final EIS for Martin Marietta North Quarry Reductions & Rainbow Quarry Expansion is "Adequate" or if EIS is "Inadequate" based off the following MN Rule 4410.2700:

#### **Subp 4 – Conditions.**

The final EIS shall be determined adequate if it:

A. addresses the potentially significant issues and alternatives raised in scoping so that all significant issues for which information can be reasonably obtained have been analyzed in conformance with part [4410.2300](#), items G and H;



- B. provides responses to the substantive comments received during the draft EIS review concerning issues raised in scoping; and
- C. was prepared in compliance with the procedures of the act and parts [4410.0200](#) to [4410.6500](#).

**Subp. 5. Inadequacy.**

If the RGU or the EQB determine that the EIS is inadequate, the RGU shall have 60 days in which to prepare an adequate EIS. The revised EIS shall be circulated in accord with part [4410.2700](#), subpart 3.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Determine that Final EIS for Martin Marietta North Quarry Reductions & Rainbow Quarry Expansion is Adequate.

**SUGGESTED MOTION:**

Council member \_\_\_\_\_ moved to approve OR deny approval of the Final EIS for Martin Marietta North Quarry Reductions & Rainbow Quarry Expansion is Adequate.  
Council member \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmember Michael Linqvist \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Charles Schneider \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Vic Schulz \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Frank Theisen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Richard Miller \_\_\_\_\_

Motion (Approved) (Denied)