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TO: Interested Parties (Including Minnesota Environmental Quality Board Distribution List)

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SUBJECT: Final Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) and Mitigation Plan: Ford Site and adjacent parcels

As the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU), the City of Saint Paul has revised the Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) and Mitigation Plan for the Ford Site and adjacent parcels based on agency and public comments received on the Draft AUAR and Mitigation Plan.

The Draft AUAR and Mitigation Plan was distributed to agencies on the current Minnesota Environmental Quality Board distribution list and members of the public who provided comments on the Draft AUAR Order and Scoping document. The 30-day comment period began August 19, 2019, and comments were accepted through September 18, 2019.

Comment letters were received from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), Metropolitan Council, Friends of Mississippi River, Highland District Council, a coalition of several community organizations,^a and 125 members of the public. Responses to the comments are included in Appendices E and F and copies of the comment letters are included in Appendices G and H. The Final AUAR and Mitigation Plan can be accessed electronically on the City of Saint Paul's website at www.stpaul.gov/Ford-auar.

Copies of the Final AUAR are being distributed per the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board's environmental review distribution list. Per Minnesota Rules, part 4410.3610, subpart 5(D), state agencies and the Metropolitan Council have 10 business days from the date of receipt of the Final AUAR and Mitigation Plan to file an objection. If no objections from state agencies or the Metropolitan Council are filed, the City of Saint Paul will adopt the Final AUAR and Mitigation Plan, and notice of adoption will be published in the *EQB Monitor*.

^a Including The Alliance for Metropolitan Stability, Sierra Club North Star Chapter, Sustain Saint Paul, Fresh Energy, Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers, Frogtown Neighborhood Association, Housing Justice Center, and Move Minnesota