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**CROW WING COUNTY ANNOUNCES PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR CLOW STAMPING
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET**

Crow Wing County announces that an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) has been prepared for a proposed expansion to Clow Stamping, a metal fabricating facility in Merrifield, MN. The proposed project will consist of the construction of two storage buildings totaling 69,000 square feet, along with a parking lot and loading area. A new access road will also be constructed to allow trucks and employees to access the loading area off of CSAH#3.

An EAW is a document which is designed to set out the basic facts necessary to determine whether an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required for a proposed action. The purpose of the EAW process is to disclose information about potential environmental impacts of a project. The worksheet contains 20 questions focusing on the project's environmental setting, the potential for environmental harm, and plans to reduce the harm.

Public comments on the EAW should be submitted in writing to:

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The public can review a copy of the EAW at the Crow Wing County Land Services Building or online at www.crowwing.us/index.aspx?NID=905 Comments must be submitted to Crow Wing County by February 19, 2014 at 5:00 PM. A decision on the need for an EIS will be made by the Crow Wing County Board of Commissioners on March 11th, 2014.

The Land Services Department is committed to providing excellent customer service while helping landowners make wise choices that protect Crow Wing County's extraordinary natural resources. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Environmental Services Office at (218) 824-1125 or environmental.services@co.crow-wing.mn.us to discuss land use and water protection activities. Crow Wing County information and resources can be found at www.crowwing.us