

EQB Monitor

Weekly announcements and environmental review notices

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Announcements

Apply now for Public Board Member, Congressional District 7

EQB is looking for Public Board Member representing Minnesota's 7th Congressional District, which covers the majority of Western Minnesota. Serving on the Environmental Quality Board is a unique opportunity to shape environmental issues in Minnesota. Public Board Members bring the voices of Minnesotans from around the state into decision making, helping the Board think in new ways about environmental challenges and solutions. To find out more about our Public Board Member positions, [please visit our website](#) for FAQ. To find your district, visit the [Minnesota maps and districts webpage](#).

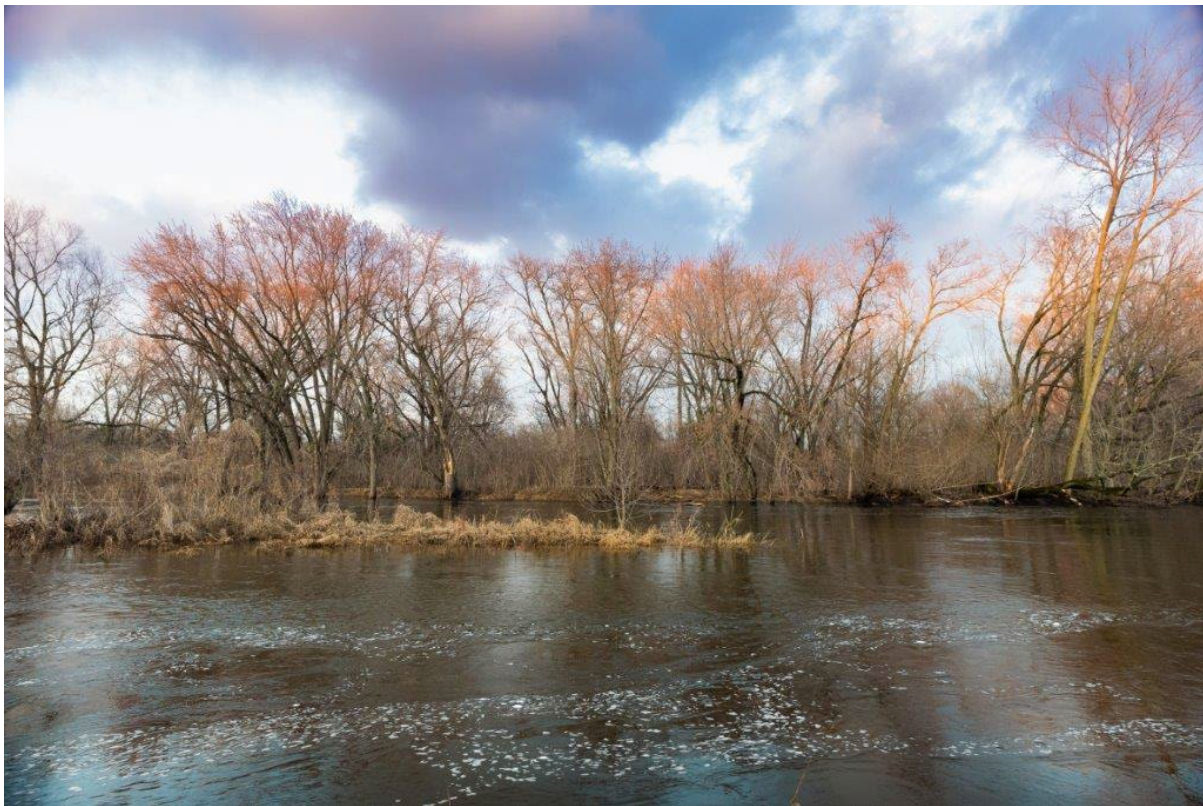
Applications must be submitted through the [Minnesota Secretary of State](#). Applicants will need to create an account and fill out an online profile. You are also encouraged to submit a cover letter and resume with your application. These documents can be uploaded when you apply online. Applications encouraged by **May 1st**.



Opportunity for public comment on fish kills protocol

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) [released a statewide, multi-agency protocol](#) that clearly shows how agencies work together when investigating fish kills in Minnesota. The new guidance includes investigation process, communications expectations, and strategies for reducing fish kills. The MPCA seeks public comment on this draft protocol. In 2023, the Minnesota Legislature passed a law mandating the development of a fish kill response protocol. A fish kill is the unexpected, sudden death of large numbers of fish in a certain area. The fish kills addressed in the new protocol include those related to the discharge or runoff of pollutants from the land through incidents like toxic spills; runoff of manure, pesticides, or fertilizers; and high-temperature wastewater or stormwater discharges.

The public comment period begins March 11 and ends May 10. Members of the public are invited to review the draft protocol and submit comments by visiting [the public comment page](#) or by U.S. mail to: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency c/o Justin Watkins, 7381 Airport View Drive, Rochester, MN 55902. Deadline for public comment, **May 10th**.



Environmental review project notices

EQB publishes environmental review notices provided by responsible governmental units. For more information on a project undergoing environmental review, click on the individual project links below. You can also find information about active projects in your community on the [Environmental Review Projects Interactive Map](#).

[Shakopee Gravel Redevelopment](#)

Location (city/township; county): Shakopee; Scott

Process: EAW

Step: EAW available

End of comment period: May 23, 2024

Project description: A residential and mixed-use development is proposed on approximately 146 acres southwest of the intersection of Mystic Lake Dr. (County Highway 83) and 17th Ave E (County Highway 16), in Shakopee, Minnesota. This proposed development is located at the site of a sand and gravel pit and includes 223 single family homes, 98 attached townhomes, up to 534 apartment units, 174,300 square feet of mixed commercial uses, and approximately 24 acres of open space. Construction will also include a water treatment plant owned and operated by the Shakopee Public Utilities Commission, stormwater infrastructure, internal roads, and utilities.

Link to public documents: [Shakopee Gravel Redevelopment EAW available](#)

Location of public documents: City of Shakopee, 485 Gorman Street, Shakopee, MN 55379

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Shakopee, [Michael Kerski](#), 952-233-9346

[West Transit Village](#)

Location (city/township; county): Rochester; Olmsted

Process: EAW

Step: EAW available

Joint federal and state review: Yes

End of comment period: May 23, 2024

Project description: The West Transit Village (WTV) project is north of 2nd Street SW and east of Avalon Cove Court NW in Rochester, Olmsted County, MN. The site consists of two parcels and approximately 15 acres with an existing surface parking lot. The WTV

project proposes to replace the surface lot with a new transit plaza consisting of a public park-and-ride lot, a Mayo Clinic employee parking ramp, and mixed-use developments. The project is located at the westernmost stop of the proposed Rochester Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) (the Link BRT) project.

Location of public documents: City of Rochester Community Development Department, 4001 West River Pkwy NW, Rochester, MN 55901

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Rochester Community Development Department, [Elliot Mohler](#), 507-328-2941

Mayo Clinic. Bold. Forward. Unbound. Rochester AUAR

Location (city/township; county): Rochester; Olmsted

Process: Large AUAR

Step: Final order for review

Project description: Mayo Clinic is proposing to redevelop approximately 20 acres located in downtown Rochester. The project is located in all or portions of 14 parcels, located in an area generally bounded by 2nd Street SW on the south, Civic Center Drive on the north, 7th Avenue on the west, and 1st Avenue on the east in Rochester, Olmsted County, Minnesota. The AUAR will evaluate 1 development scenario that involves multiple buildings totaling approximately 1,970,000 square feet of medical institutional and 90,000 sf of electric generating land uses.

Location of public documents: City of Rochester, 4001 West River Pkwy NW, Rochester, MN 55901

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Rochester, [Elliot Mohler](#), 507-328-2941

Blaine Town Center

Location (city/township; county): Blaine; Anoka

Process: AUAR

Step: Draft AUAR

End of comment period: May 23, 2024

Project description: EB Blaine Development, LLC (the Development Group) is proposing to redevelop the existing commercial/industrial area to high density multi-family residential, a hotel annex, and Commercial/Restaurant/Office uses along with several multi-level parking areas. The Development Group is also proposing to develop a multi-purpose stadium, a multi-use fieldhouse, a multi-story hotel and adventure park, a food

hall, and a community area/open air plaza/park located on a portion of the existing play fields owned by the MN Amateur Sports Commission (MNASC).

Location of public documents: Blaine City Hall, 10801 Town Square Drive NE, Blaine, MN 55449

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Blaine, [Sheila Sellman](#), 763-785-6198

Central High School Redevelopment Project

Location (city/township; county): Duluth; St. Louis

Process: Large AUAR

Step: Revised AUAR

End of comment period: May 7, 2024

Project description: The City of Duluth is preparing an AUAR for an approximately 80-acre area on the site of the former Central High School near Central Entrance and H. Courtney Drive in the City of Duluth, St. Louis County, Minnesota. Two development scenarios will be evaluated as part of the AUAR which include a business park scenario consistent with the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan, and a mixed residential and commercial use scenario.

Link to public documents: [Central High School Redevelopment Project revised AUAR](#)

Location of public documents: City Hall, 411 West First Street, Duluth, MN 55802

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Duluth, [Kyle Deming](#), 218-730-5580

General notices

Notices published in this section may be required under Minnesota Statute or Rule.

E-002/GS-23-217 Notice of Public Hearings

Notice description: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) will hold public hearings for Xcel Energy's application for a site permit to construct an up to 250-megawatt solar energy generating system located in Sherburne County, Minnesota. The Honorable Kristien Butler, Administrative Law Judge with the Office of Administrative Hearings will administer the hearings and will provide the Commission with a summary of public comment.

First public meeting date, time, location: May 7, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Online meeting

First public meeting virtual link: [Join online meeting](#)

First public meeting additional details: Webinar password: shercosolar3 (74372676 from phones and video systems)

Join by video system Dial [24916621824@minnesota.webex.com](tel:24916621824)

You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your webinar number.

Join by phone +1-415-655-0003 United States Toll 1-855-282-6330 United States Toll

Free Access code: 2491 662 1824

Second public meeting date, time, location: May 9, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Becker Community Center, 11500 Sherburne Ave, Becker, MN, 55308

Link to additional information: [E-002/GS-23-217 Notice of Public Hearings additional information](#)

Contact: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, [Jacques Harvieux](#), 651-201-2233

Fish kill reports

Minnesota Duty Officer reports pertaining to fish kills are summarized in the following table, in accordance with 103G.216, REPORTING FISH KILLS IN PUBLIC WATERS, Subd. 2 Reporting Requirement. These reports were received via the Minnesota Duty Officer prior to the submission deadline for this edition of the EQB Monitor. They represent the raw data/information provided by callers. For more information regarding fish kills in Minnesota see the [Department of Natural Resources](#). Call the Minnesota Duty Officer at 651-649-5451 or 800-422-0798 to report fish kills.

Date	Location	County	Waterbody	Species	Count
4/12/2024	Columbus	Anoka	Mud Lake	Minnows, Northern, Perch	100+

Submit a notice to the *EQB Monitor*

The *EQB Monitor* is a weekly publication announcing environmental review documents, public comment periods and other actions of the Environmental Quality Board. The *EQB Monitor* is published every Tuesday at noon. Submissions to the [EQB Monitor](#) are due by 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday one week prior to the intended publication date. Please see the [EQB Monitor schedule](#) for more details.

To submit a notice for publication:

[Access the EQB monitor submission service](#)

Questions? Contact EQB by phone at 651-757-2873 or email us at EQB.Monitor@state.mn.us.

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