

# EQB Monitor

**Weekly announcements and environmental review notices**

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## **Announcements**

### **Environmental Quality Board meeting**

**Wednesday, April 17, 1 – 4:00 p.m.**

Join us in person or virtually for the April 2024 Environmental Quality Board meeting. At this meeting, the Board will vote on adaptation of the EQB Tribal Coordination and Consultation Policy and will hear details and discuss the draft strategic plan. The Board will also hear information on the alignment of the state water plan and specific response to nitrate in Southeast Minnesota. More information about the meeting, including the meeting packet and virtual meeting information, can be found on the [Board meeting webpage](#).

### **EQB Quarterly Newsletter**

Our new quarterly newsletter provides a way for readers to get updated on our work and stay informed on the latest EQB projects. Last week we sent out our first newsletter, which features a note from our Executive Director, fun facts about the EQB and pollinators, updates to our website, and a behind-the-scenes blurb with our environmental review staff. In case you missed it, you can still [read the newsletter and sign up](#) to receive upcoming editions.

## Environmental Review: join our roundtable discussion

We want to hear from you! Join The Environmental Quality Board (EQB) for an informal webinar and listening session. EQB is offering two virtual sessions, where we will provide information on the [2024 Mandatory Categories report](#), summarize the feedback we received so far via surveys, and spend most of the time hearing from members of the public, interested organizations, and others. Both listening sessions will cover the same introductory topics, so you do not need to attend both.

Let us know - what types of projects should go through environmental review? Are there changes necessary to the existing project types? Should we consider new categories?

The EQB is required by the legislature to write a report on environmental review mandatory categories every three years. Mandatory categories are in EQB rules; they describe what types of projects need an environmental review. The report describes the purpose of each category and analyzes recommendations for whether that category should be changed. Your feedback will be considered in EQB's drafting on this report which is due to the legislature December 2024. For more information on how to join the roundtable discussions, visit the [Mandatory Categories webpage](#).

## 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 and Technical Services Master Contract RFP**

The Department of Administration (Admin) has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to establish new master contracts for environmental review related services. You can find the solicitation “Event 2000015438” in the [SWIFT Supplier Portal](#), and the event listing “Reference Number PT4348” on the [Admin postings webpage](#). This procurement will result in master contracts that will be available for use by all State Agency and local units of government registered as CPV Members. Responses must be uploaded into the SWIFT Supplier Portal no later than April 16 at 2:00pm. If you have trouble accessing the event or documents, please reach out to the Vendor Helpline at 651-201-8100, option 1, option 1.



## 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](#).

### **Watowan County Judicial Ditch 11 Improvement Project**

**Location (city/township; county):** Adrian and Nelson; Watowan

**Process:** Petition

**Step:** EAW need decision

**Responsible governmental unit decision:** EAW Not Required

**Responsible governmental unit decision date:** Mar 28, 2024

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** Watowan County, [Kelly Pauling](#),  
507-375-1210

## [Prairie Island Nuclear Plant Fuel Storage Expansion](#)

**Location (city/township; county):** Welch; Goodhue

**Process:** EIS

**Step:** EIS Scoping EAW and Draft Scoping Decision

**End of comment period:** May 9, 2024

**Project description:** Northern States Power Company, d/b/a. Xcel Energy proposes to construct and operate an expanded ISFSI at PINGP to provide 20 additional years of spent fuel storage between 2033/2034 and 2053/2054. The expansion would use a welded canister dry fuel storage (DFS) system licensed by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for both storage and transportation. The Project is proposed with the Company's intent to seek necessary federal approvals to extend the existing operating life of the two pressurized water reactors at the plant. The Project would construct up to two pads, as needed, to store a projected 34 additional DFS systems (approximately 1,200 spent fuel assemblies) within the current fence line of the ISFSI.

**Link to public documents:** [Prairie Island Nuclear Plant Fuel Storage Expansion EIS scoping EAW and draft scoping decision](#)

**Location of public documents:** Golden Rule Building, 85 7th Place East, St. Paul, MN 55101

**Public meeting date, time, location:** April 24, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Online meeting

**Public meeting virtual link:** [Join online meeting](#)

**Public meeting additional details:** Password: uWYjVNHv223

Join by phone United States Toll: +1-415-655-0003

United States Toll Free: 1-855-282-6330 Access code: 24922969811

**Public meeting date, time, location:** April 25, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Red Wing Ignite Building Community Room, 419 Bush Street, Red Wing, MN 55066

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** Minnesota Department of Commerce, [Jenna Ness](#), 651-539-1693

## [Northtown Mall and Surrounding Area Redevelopment](#)

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

**Process:** AUAR

**Step:** Draft AUAR

**End of comment period:** May 9, 2024

**Project description:** As the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU), the City of Blaine has determined that an Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) is required for the proposed redevelopment of the area of an around the Northtown Mall. The AUAR study area encompasses approximately 245 acres located in the southwest corner of Blaine. At the center of the study area is the mall itself, which is generally surrounded by

retail/commercial development. Two development scenarios are being studied. Scenario 1 is consistent with the land uses in the existing comprehensive plan (as amended in 2023 for this area) and Scenario 2 is the land use plan that was produced through the visioning process and that is included in the Northtown District Vision Plan document. Both scenarios have varying amounts of retail/office and residential development.

**Link to public documents:** [Northtown Mall and Surrounding Area Redevelopment draft AUAR](#)

**Location of public documents:** City of Blaine, 10801 Town Square, Blaine, MN 55449

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

## General notices

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

### Mississippi Landing Project

**Notice description:** After completion of an EAW for the Mississippi Landing project, the Cottage Grove City Council adopted a negative declaration for an EIS on February 2, 2022. The project was not initiated at the time. The Mississippi Landing project restarted in 2024 and the City Council approved a new resolution on March 6, 2024 confirming that no new EAW was required.

**Contact:** City of Cottage Grove, [Emily Schmitz](#), 651-458-2874

### MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

**Notice description:** Pioneer Hi-Bred International filed a Notification (MDA no. 23-NO-28) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Corn pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000254881). Target counties for release: Faribault - 2 sites with 15 acres, Fillmore - 5 sites (35, 20, 15, 25, 15 acres), Goodhue - 1 site 15 acres, Sibley - 1 site 25 acres, Waseca 2 sites (50, 15 acres). Project categories: Agronomic Properties, Bacterial Resistance, Fungal Resistance, Herbicide Tolerance, Insect Resistance, Marker Gene, Product Quality, Virus Resistance, Other.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

## **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** Pioneer Hi-Bred International filed a Notification (MDA no. 23-NO-29) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Corn pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000254882). Target counties for release: Faribault - 2 sites with 15 acres, Fillmore - 5 sites (35, 20, 15, 25, 15 acres), Goodhue - 1 site 15 acres, Sibley - 1 site 25 acres, Waseca 2 sites (50, 15 acres). Project categories: Agronomic Properties, Bacterial Resistance, Fungal Resistance, Herbicide Tolerance, Insect Resistance, Marker Gene, Product Quality, Virus Resistance, Other.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

## **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** BASF Corporation filed a Notification (MDA no. 23-NO-30) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Corn pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000262532). Target counties for release: Clay - 2 sites, all 25 acres. Project categories: Fungal Resistance, Herbicide Tolerance, Marker Gene.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

## **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** BASF Corporation filed a Notification (MDA no. 23-NO-31) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Soybean pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000262988). Target counties for release: Becker, Clay, Freeborn - 1 site at each location - all 25 acres. Project categories: Agronomic Properties, Fungal Resistance, Herbicide Tolerance, Insect Resistance, Nematode Resistance, Marker Gene.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

## **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** Pioneer Hi-Bred International filed a Notification (MDA no. 23-NO-32) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Corn pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000265401). Target counties for release: Blue Earth (1 site, 13 acres), Faribault (2 site, 15 acres and 15 acres), Fillmore 6 sites (35, 20, 15, 25, 15, 15 acres), Goodhue 1 site 15 acres, Kandiyohi 1 site 20 acres, Le Sueur 1 site 15 acres, Sibley 1 site 25 acres, Waseca 2 sites (50 acres, 15 acres). Project categories: Agronomic Properties, Fungal Resistance, Herbicide Tolerance, Product Quality, Insect Resistance, Other.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

## **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** Pioneer Hi-Bred International filed a Notification (MDA no. 23-NO-33) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Corn pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000265402). Target counties for release: Blue Earth (1 site, 13 acres), Faribault (2 site, 15 acres and 15 acres), Fillmore 6 sites (35, 20, 15, 25, 15, 15 acres), Goodhue 1 site 15 acres, Kandiyohi 1 site 20 acres, Le Sueur 1 site 15 acres, Sibley 1 site 25 acres, Waseca 2 sites (50 acres, 15 acres). Project categories: Agronomic Properties, Bacterial Resistance, Fungal Resistance, Herbicide Tolerance, Product Quality, Insect Resistance, Other, Virus Resistance, Marker Gene.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

## **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** KWS Seeds, LLC filed a Notification (MDA no. 23-NO-34) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Sugarbeet pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000266716). Target counties for release: Carver (3 sites; 10 acres each), Clay (5 sites; 10 acres each), Dakota (3 sites; 10 acres each), Goodhue (1 site; 10 acres). Project categories: Agronomic Properties, Product Quality, Marker Gene.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270



## **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** KWS Seeds, LLC filed a Notification (MDA no. 23-NO-35) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Sugarbeet pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000266684). Target counties for release: Chippewa (2 sites; 10 acres each), Clay (7 sites; 2 sites at 20 acres each and 5 sites at 10 acres each), Dakota (1 site; 10 acres), Kandiyohi (1 site; 10 acres), Norman (1 site; 20 acres), Polk (1 site; 20 acres), Sibley (1 site; 10 acres).. Project categories: Herbicide Tolerance, Marker Gene.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

## **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** KWS Seeds, LLC filed a Notification (MDA no. 23-NO-36) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Sugarbeet pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000266687). Target counties for release: Chippewa (1 site; 25 acres), Clay (3 sites; 100, 200, 250 acres), Kandiyohi (1 site; 25 acres), Norman (1 site; 200 acres), Renville (1 site; 25 acres), Yellow Medicine (1 site; 25 acres). Project categories: Herbicide Tolerance, Marker Gene.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

## **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** Bayer Crop Science filed a Notification (MDA no. 23-NO-37) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Sugarbeet pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000263932). Target counties for release: Benton (3 sites; all 20 acres), Freeborn (1 site; 20 acres). Project categories: Herbicide Tolerance.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

## **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** Bayer Crop Science filed a Notification (MDA no. 23-NO-38) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Canola pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000263930). Target counties for release: Benton (3 sites; all 20 acres), Freeborn (1 site; 20 acres). Project categories: Herbicide Tolerance.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

## **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** University of Minnesota filed a Notification (MDA no. 23-NO-39) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Alfalfa pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000269837). Target counties for release: Dakota (2 sites; 0.2, 0.2 acres). Project categories: Agronomic Properties.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

## **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** Bayer Crop Science filed a Notification (MDA no. 23-NO-40) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Corn pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000263991). Target counties for release: Freeborn - 1 site with 20 acres. Project categories: Agronomic Properties, Herbicide Tolerance, Insect Resistance, Other, Marker Gene.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

## **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** BASF Corporation filed a Notification (MDA no. 24-NO-1) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Rapeseed pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no.

AUTH - 0000262519). Target counties for release: Clay (1 site; 25 acres). Project categories: Fungal Resistance, Herbicide Tolerance, Marker Gene.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

### **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** KWS Seeds, LLC filed a Notification (MDA no. 24-NO-2) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Wheat pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000266269). Target counties for release: Dakota (2 sites; CBI acres), Goodhue (1 sites, CBI acres). Project categories: Fungal Resistance, Product Quality, Marker Gene.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

### **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** INARI filed a Notification (MDA no. 24-NO-3) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Soybean pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000266685). Target counties for release: Swift (6 sites; <1 acres each) - likely will not plant. Project categories: Agronomic Properties, Herbicide Tolerance.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

### **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** University of Minnesota filed a Notification (MDA no. 24-NO-4) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Barley pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000266046). Target counties for release: Ramsey (1 site, 0.2 acres). Project categories: Fungal Resistance, Marker Gene.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

## **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** Bayer filed a Notification (MDA no. 24-NO-5) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Corn pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000263939). Target counties for release: Brown (2 sites; 20 acres, 20 acres), Grant (3 sites; 15 acres, 15 acres, 15 acres), Lyon (1 site; 15 acres), Mower (1 site; 25 acres), Redwood (1 site; 15 acres), Rice (1 site; 25 acres), Waseca (1 site, 25 acres). Project categories: Herbicide Tolerance, Insect Resistance, Marker Gene.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

## **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** Bayer filed a Notification (MDA no. 24-NO-6) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Soybean pending USDA-APHIS BRS approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000264980). Target counties for release: Blue Earth (1 site; 10.00 acres), Brown (1 site; 10.00 acres), Clay (3 sites; 10.00, 15.00, 10.00 acres), Goodhue (1 site; 25.00 acres), Grant (2 sites; 10.00, 10.00 acres), Kandiyohi (1 site; 10.00 acres), Norman (2 sites; 10.00, 10.00 acres), Polk (1 site; 10.00 acres), Redwood (3 sites; 10.00, 10.00, 10.00, acres), Rice (3 sites; 25.00, 30.00, 45.00 acres), Roseau (1 site; 10.00 acres), Waseca (1 site; 25.00 acres). Project categories: Agronomic Properties, Product Quality, Herbicide Tolerance, Insect Resistance, Marker Gene.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

## **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** Bayer filed a Notification (MDA no. 24-NO-7) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Corn pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000265400). Target counties for release: Blue earth (2 sites: 20, 20 acres), Dakota (1 site, 20 acres), Freeborn (1 site, 20 acres), Goodhue (1 site, 20 acres), Lincoln (1 site, 20 acres), Nobles (1 site, 20 acres), Swift (1 site, 20 acres), Waseca (1 site, 20 acres).. Project categories: Agronomic Properties, Herbicide Tolerance, Insect Resistance, Product Quality, Other.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

## **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** Bayer filed a Notification (MDA no. 24-NO-8) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Corn pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000266743). Target counties for release: Swift (6 sites; <1 acres each) - likely will not plant. Project categories: Agronomic Properties.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

## **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** Syngenta filed a Notification (MDA no. 24-NO-9) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Corn pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000269840). Target counties for release: Freeborn (1 site, 5 acres). Project categories: Herbicide Tolerance, Insect Resistance, Marker Gene.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

## **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** Syngenta filed a Notification (MDA no. 24-NO-10) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Corn pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000269833). Target counties for release: Dakota (15 acres), Faribault (15 acres), Mower (15 acres), Rice (15 acres).. Project categories: Herbicide Tolerance, Insect Resistance, Other, Marker Gene.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

## **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** Pioneer Hi-Bred International filed a Notification (MDA no. 24-NO-11) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Soybean pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000266714). Target counties for release: Blue Earth (10 acres) and

Rice (14 acres). Project categories: Agronomic Properties, Fungal Resistance, Herbicide Tolerance, Marker Gene, Nematode Resistance, Product Quality, Other.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

### **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** Pioneer Hi-Bred International filed a Notification (MDA no. 24-NO-12) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Soybean pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000266712). Target counties for release: Blue Earth (10 acres) and Rice (14 acres). Project categories: Agronomic Properties, Fungal Resistance, Herbicide Tolerance, Marker Gene, Nematode Resistance, Product Quality, Other.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

### **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** Pioneer Hi-Bred International filed a Notification (MDA no. 24-NO-13) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Soybean pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000266713). Target counties for release: Blue Earth (10 acres) and Rice (14 acres). Project categories: Agronomic Properties, Fungal Resistance, Herbicide Tolerance, Marker Gene, Nematode Resistance, Product Quality, Other.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

### **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** University of Minnesota filed a Notification (MDA no. 24-NO-14) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Corn pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000271585). Target counties for release: Dakota (2 acres). Project categories: Fungal Resistance, Marker Gene.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

## **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** Pioneer Hi-Bred International filed a Notification (MDA no. 24-NO-15) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Soybean pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000266715). Target counties for release: Blue Earth (10 acres) and Rice (14 acres). Project categories: Agronomic Properties, Fungal Resistance, Herbicide Tolerance, Insect Resistance, Marker Gene, Nematode Resistance, Product Quality, Other.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

## **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** University of Minnesota filed a Notification (MDA no. 24-NO-16) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Soybean pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000273669). Target counties for release: Ramsey (0.440 acres). Project categories: Agronomic Properties, Other, Marker Gene.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

## **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** University of Minnesota filed a Notification (MDA no. 24-NO-17) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Wheat pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000271721). Target counties for release: Dakota 2 acres. Project categories: Fungal Resistance, Marker Gene.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

## **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** Syngenta filed a Notification (MDA no. 24-NO-18) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Soybean pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000269827). Target counties for release: Clay 2 sites, 5 acres each. Project categories: Herbicide Tolerance, Agronomic Properties, Marker Gene.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

## **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** KWS Seeds, LLC filed a Notification (MDA no. 24-NO-19) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Corn pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000269789). Target counties for release: Dakota (2 sites; 20 acres each), Goodhue (1 site; 20 acres). Project categories: Product Quality, Fungal Resistance, Insect Resistance, Marker Gene.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

## **MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** University of Minnesota filed a Notification (MDA no. 24-NO-20) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Wheat pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (App. no. AUTH - 0000275471). Target counties for release: Dakota (2 acres). Project categories: Fungal Resistance, Marker Gene.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270



## 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
3/27/2024	Monticello	Wright	Mississippi River	Unknown	224

## 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:

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