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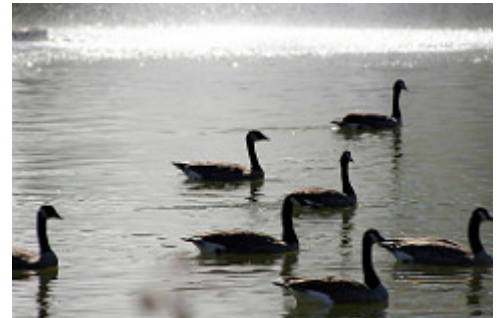
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EQB Announcements

Citizen Environmental Review Survey

The Environmental Quality Board, which oversees the state's Environmental Review program, is undergoing a continuous improvement project to monitor and improve the effectiveness of Environmental Review. Minnesota citizens who have participated in the Environmental Review process are asked to consider taking 10 minutes to complete the survey at the link below. Engagement in the process may include: reviewed a document, attended a public meeting, wrote a comment, contacted staff, etc. <http://survey.mn.gov/s.asp?k=151335922389>

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Quick Reference: Alternative Urban Areawide Review

The Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) process is a hybrid of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) review processes. Responsible Governmental Units (RGU) can use an AUAR as a planning tool to understand how different development scenarios will affect the environment of their community before the development occurs. Learn more about the process [here](#).

We provide a number of written guidance documents and informational videos all available on our website, <https://www.egb.state.mn.us/>, under Environmental Review. EQB staff are also available to answer questions about Environmental Review at Env.Review@state.mn.us or 651-757-2873.

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EQB is hiring!

Are you innovative, organized, and enjoy working with a dynamic team? Our project coordinator position will support a wide range of EQB programs and projects, providing operational and logistical coordination to help our work run smoothly. See the position description on the Minnesota Careers website. Job ID#21864

<https://mn.gov/mmb/careers/>

Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental unit has determined the following project does not require preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the Environmental Assessment Worksheet notice was published in the EQB Monitor.

- City of Maple Grove, Park 81 Industrial Park, 4-3-18 (2-19-18)

Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: Orchard at Cahanes Farm Development Project, Baytown Township, Minnesota

Comment Deadline: May 16, 2018

Project Description: Croix Capital Group is proposing to develop up to 115 single-family, unattached residential units on approximately 223 acres in Baytown Township (Township), Washington County, Minnesota. The development will be considered a Planned Unit Development (PUD), which will include new roads, wetlands and open space, and orchards. A community wastewater treatment system will be constructed to serve neighborhood residents. Due to the number of residential housing units associated with the project, a mandatory Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) is required per Minnesota Rules 4410.4300, subpart 19. The Draft EAW will be available for public comment starting Monday, April 16, 2018. The Township will accept written comments on the Draft EAW during the public review and comment period, which concludes Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. Comments may also be provided during a public information meeting for the Draft EAW, which will be held during the regular monthly meeting of the Baytown Township Board, open to the public, which will occur on Monday, May 7, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. Written comments should be submitted to Jeff Madejczyk, Wenck Associates, 1800 Pioneer Creek Center, Maple Plain, Minnesota 55359. Electronic/email comments may be submitted to jmadejczyk@wenck.com with Orchard at Cahanes Farm Development Draft EAW in the subject line. If submitting comments electronically, please include name and mailing address. A hard copy of the Draft

EAW is available for public review at: • Baytown Township Community Building, 4020 McDonald Dr. N., Stillwater, MN 55082 The Draft EAW can be viewed online at the Township's website: <http://baytownmn.org> Town of Baytown Township Nancy Healey, Township Clerk Dated this 12th day of April, 2018

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Baytown Township

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Project Title: Slater Brothers Livestock, LLC (Section 16)

Comment Deadline: May 16, 2018

Project Description: Slater Brothers Livestock, LLC proposes to expand its existing swine finishing feedlot from 720 animal units (2,400 hogs) to 1,440 animal units (4,800 hogs) in Section 16, Larkin Township, Nobles County with the installation of one total confinement barn, one office, and a well for livestock watering and employee use. A copy of the Notice of Availability and the EAW can be found on the MPCA website at the following address: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/eaw>. Comment deadline May 16, 2018. Minn. R. 4410.4300, subp. 29A

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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Project Title: Lower Riley Creek Stabilization Project: Reach E and Site D3

Comment Deadline: May 16, 2018

Project Description: The Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District (RPBCWD) is proposing a stream restoration and stabilization project along approximately 4,600 feet of Lower Riley Creek (known as Reach E), as well as a 375-foot long ravine (known as Site D3) that conveys urban runoff to the creek. The RPBCWD has identified portions of the Riley Creek Lower Valley, including these locations, as high priority for streambank stabilization. The purpose of this project is to address the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA's) identified turbidity impairment within this reach of Riley Creek. The proposed Project will reduce erosion and improve water quality, while also improving natural stream habitat for aquatic organisms. A copy of the EAW will be available for review beginning April 16, 2018 at the Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District Office (18681 Lake Drive East Chanhassen, MN). Comments on the EAW will be received through May 16, 2018 and should be sent to: Leslie Yetka – Board President 18681 Lake Drive East Chanhassen, MN 55317 lyetka@rpbcwd.org

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District

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Project Title: Northern Metals, LLC - Becker

Comment Deadline: May 18, 2018

Project Description: Northern Metals, LLC plans to construct a scrap metal recycling center in the general industrial area in the City of Becker. The Project consists of an enclosed metal shredder, an enclosed metal recovery plant, an end of life vehicle process, and a Community Recycling Center (CRC). The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency will host a public meeting on the proposed expansion of the Northern Metals, LLC – Becker project May 10, 2018, at the Becker Community Center located at 11500 Sherburne Avenue, Becker, MN. The event will begin with an informal open house from 6:00 to 6:30, followed by a presentation from the MPCA and a question and answer session. The MPCA will provide information about the draft air emissions permit and the environmental assessment worksheet (EAW). A copy of the Notice of Availability and the EAW can be found on the MPCA website at the following address:
<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/eaw> Minn. R. 4410.100 subp. 1.D.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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Alternative Urban Areawide Review Adoptions

Project Title: Montrose AUAR Revision

Project Description: The Montrose City Council adopted the Final AUAR on March 12, 2018. The Montrose 2017 AUAR Revision re-publishes the original 2008 AUAR with updates to report reduced growth forecasts and confirm the City's plan to retain a large reserve capacity for potential expansion. The Montrose AUAR area consists of approximately 5,300 developable acres surrounding the City of Montrose. It is proposed to include low, medium and high density residential, industrial and commercial development. The project includes construction of roads, homes, businesses, trails, parks, ponds, and utilities such as storm water, wastewater, and water supply piping. This AUAR also analyzes impacts of approximately 1,700 acres of existing development and 100 acres of railroad right-of-way for a total analysis area of approximately 7,100 acres.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Montrose

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Notices

Minnesota Department of Agriculture--Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

Project Description: Betaseed, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-37. Notification is for genetically modified SUGARBEET, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic sugarbeet, referenced as Application Number 18-075-102n.

The counties identified for release include the following: Dakota-1 location at 5 acres, Goodhue-2 locations with up to 5 acres/location, Le Sueur-1 location at 5 acres; Rice-1 location at 5 acres. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance).

For additional information contact Denise Thiede, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531, denise.thiede@state.mn.us.

Project Description: Syngenta Crop Protection filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-38. Notification is for genetically modified CORN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic corn, referenced as Application Number 18-081-103rm.

The counties identified for release include the following: Dakota-1 location at 10 acres, Faribault-2 locations at 10 acres/location, Goodhue-1 location at 10 acres, Mower-1 location at 10 acres, Rice-1 location at 10 acres, and Waseca-1 location at 10 acres. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance).

For additional information contact Denise Thiede, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531, denise.thiede@state.mn.us.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Minnesota Department of Agriculture; Plant Protection Division

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