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EQB Announcement

COVID-19 Update

Environmental Quality Board staff are working remotely until further notice due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Staff are available by [email](#), phone, or the environmental review hotline at 651.757.2873. For general environmental review questions or if you are an RGU with specific questions related to Environmental Review Program requirements during the pandemic, please email Env.Review@state.mn.us.

For more information on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), please visit the State of Minnesota's [COVID-19 Portal](#).

Environmental Assessment Worksheet Need Decision

The noted responsible governmental unit has made a decision regarding the need for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) in response to a citizen petition.

Project: Crossroads Commons - The Element apartment building (Denied)

Link to Document: No link provided. Contact the RGU.

RGU: City of Plymouth

RGU Contact: Shawn Drill, Senior Planner, 763-509-5456, sdrill@plymouthmn.gov

Environmental Impact Statement Need Decision

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.

Project: Yellow Medicine County Quarry Continuation 4-14-20 (2-3-20)

Link to Document: No link provided. Contact the RGU.

RGU: Yellow Medicine County

RGU Contact: Jolene Johnson, Zoning Coordinator, 320-669-7524,

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Notice

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

Benson Hill, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number **20-NO-28**. 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 **0000034257**. The counties identified for release include the following: **Freeborn-2 locations with 4 and 9 acres, respectively and Swift-1 location with 38 acres**. Project categories include **AP (Agronomic Performance) and MG (Marker Gene)**.

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