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EQB Board Meeting – May 1, 2019

We invite you to join the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) at their next Board meeting on May 1 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the MPCA in St. Paul. The focus of the meeting is Minnesota's Environmental Review Program.

Several panels of speakers will discuss the program, a historical perspective, and opportunities for the future of the Environmental Review Program. The panels will be followed by time for a dialogue among members of the public and the Board.

You can view our [full agenda on the EQB website](#).

Public Hearings for EQB Mandatory Categories

The Environmental Quality Board is proposing amendments to rules relating to environmental review. This rulemaking will amend rules governing mandatory categories for environmental assessment worksheets (EAW) and environmental impact statements (EIS), definitions to support those categories, responsible governmental unit (RGU) determinations, and categories of exemptions from environmental review. (Revisor's ID Number R-04157)

May 31, 2019 1:30 pm: Public rulemaking hearing at MPCA, St Paul, Room 100. The hearing (via a two-way-video-conference connection—anyone wishing to give testimony to the Judge can do so via the two-way-video-conference connection) will also be available at:

1. Brainerd MPCA Office, [7678 College Road, Suite 105, Baxter, MN 56425](#)
2. Detroit Lakes MPCA Office, [714 Lake Ave., Suite 220, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501](#)
3. Duluth MPCA Office, [525 Lake Ave. S., Suite 400, Duluth, MN 55802](#)
4. Marshall MPCA Office, [504 Fairgrounds Rd., Suite 200, Marshall, MN 56258](#)
5. Rochester MPCA Office, [18 Wood Lake Drive SE, Rochester, MN 55904](#)

Additional rule timeline updates are available at the EQB rulemaking webpage:

<https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/eqb-mandatory-categories-rulemaking>

Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: Reopen Remaining/Existing Portion of Rum River Campground

Comment Deadline: May 29, 2019

Project Description: This project is the second phase of reopening a campground originally constructed in the mid-1960s and closed in 2002. The first phase, completed in 2014, included rehabilitation of 49 existing campsites. This phase includes rehabilitation of the remaining 147 existing campsites.

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Project Title: Bass Ponds EAW

Comment Deadline: May 29, 2019

Project Description: The US Army Corps of Engineers is proposing to improve habitat within the Wilkie Unit of the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge. The Refuge is located in northern Shakopee and Savage city limits. The area experiences a lack of seasonal variability in water levels which has resulted in reduced wetland habitat quality, aquatic plant diversity, and quality habitat for migratory waterbirds. Water level management features (stoplog structures, earthen plugs) are proposed to improve habitat. The US Army Corps of Engineers have completed the EAW document and Scott County has published the EAW for public review on April 29, 2019. The public review period will end on May 29, 2019 at 4:30 PM. The EAW and related documents are available on-line at www.scottcountymn.gov/BassPondsEAW.

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Project Title: Sever's Festival EAW

Comment Deadline: May 29, 2019

Project Description: The applicant, Sever's Festivals, proposes to purchase 104 acres of agricultural land in Louisville Township, Scott County and develop 40 acres of the 104 acres into a seasonal entertainment and event venue. Sever's entertainment and events are centered on using the existing agricultural land for a fall festival, winter carnival, and event venue. Scott County has published the EAW for public review on April 29, 2019. The public review period will end on May 29, 2019 at 4:30 PM. The document is available on-line at www.scottcountymn.gov/severs

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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 Saint Paul, Demolition of 197 Lexington Parkway South, 4-16-19 (2-18-19)