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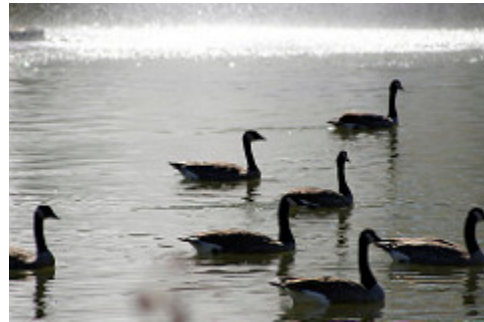
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EQB Announcements

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: Environmental Impact Statement Guidance

Curious about the more in-depth Environmental Impact Statement process? Check out our Quick Reference: Environmental Impact Statement guidance document here:

https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/documents/Quick%20Reference-Environmental%20Impact%20Statement%20-%20Updated%20Dec2015_0.pdf We provide a number of written guidance documents and informational videos all available on our website, <https://www.eqb.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 Board Meeting, April 18, 2018

The EQB will hold its monthly meeting on April 18, 2018. The proposed meeting agenda and additional information, including details for the live webcast, can be found on the EQB website.

Environmental Assessment Worksheets**Project Title: Rabbit Run - South, Middle, and North Sites**

Comment Deadline: May 9, 2018

Project Description: Spring Valley Farms, LLP (Spring Valley) proposes to construct and operate two new swine finishing feedlots and expand a third swine finishing feedlot in Lawrence Township, Grant County. Middle Rabbit Run (Feedlot 1), a new feedlot with two finishing barns housing 2,400 swine in Section 7. North Rabbit Run (Feedlot 2), an expansion of an existing finishing feedlot from 2,400 swine to 4,800 swine in Section 6. South Rabbit Run (Feedlot 3), a new feedlot with two finishing barns housing 2,400 swine in Section 20. After construction, the three feedlot will house a total of 14,400 swine. Spring Valley will install new livestock watering wells at Feedlots 1 and 3 and animal mortality holding buildings at each feedlot site. 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. 4410.4300, subp. 29A

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Notices

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

Project Description: Pioneer Hi-Bred International filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-25. 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 18-021-102rm.

The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-2 locations with up to 25 acres per location; Brown-1 location with 25 acres, Fillmore-1 location with 4.5 acres, and Swift-1 location with 15 acres. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Properties), HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), OO (Other), and PQ (Product Quality).

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Project Description: Pioneer Hi-Bred International filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-26. 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 18-021-103rm.

The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-2 locations with up to 25 acres per location; Brown-1 location with 25 acres, Fillmore-1 location with 4.5 acres, and Swift-1 location with 15 acres. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Properties), HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), OO (Other), and PQ (Product Quality).

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Project Description: Pioneer Hi-Bred International filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-27. 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 18-021-104rm.

The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-2 locations with up to 25 acres per location; Brown-1 location with 25 acres, Fillmore-1 location with 4.5 acres, and Swift-1 location with 15 acres. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Properties), HT (Herbicide Tolerance), MG (Marker Gene), OO (Other), and PQ (Product Quality).

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Project Description: Pioneer Hi-Bred International filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-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 18-031-105rm.

The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-2 locations with up to 25 acres per location; Brown-1 location with 25 acres, Fillmore-1 location with 4.5 acres, and Swift-1 location with 15 acres. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Properties), FR (Fungal Resistance), HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), and OO (Other).

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Project Description: Pioneer Hi-Bred International filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-29. 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 18-033-102rm.

The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-2 locations with up to 25 acres per location; Brown-1 location with 25 acres, Fillmore-1 location with 4.5 acres, and Swift-1 location with 15 acres. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), and OO (Other).

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Project Description: Pioneer Hi-Bred International filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-30. 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 18-033-103rm.

The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-2 locations with up to 25 acres per location; Brown-1 location with 25 acres, Fillmore-1 location with 4.5 acres, and Swift-1 location with 15 acres. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Properties), HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), OO (Other), and PQ (Product Quality).

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Project Description: Monsanto Company filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-31. 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 18-067-102n.

The counties identified for release include the following: Lincoln-1 location with 10 acres; Swift-1 location with 25 acres. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), and OO (Other).

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Project Description: Forage Genetics International filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-32. 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 18-072-103n.

The counties identified for release include the following: Nicollet-1 location with 3 acres. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance) and PQ (Product Quality).

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Project Description: Bayer CropScience filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-33. Notification is for genetically modified SOYBEAN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic soybean, referenced as Application Number 18-064-101n.

The counties identified for release include the following: Becker-1 location at 20 acres, Big Stone-1 location at 20 acres, Clay-3 location upto 25 acres/location, Fairbault-1 location at 10 acres, Freeborn-1 location at 10 acres, Renville-1 location at 10 acres. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), NR (Nematode Resistance).

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Project Description: Bayer CropScience filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-34. Notification is for genetically modified SOYBEAN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic soybean, referenced as Application Number 18-068-105n.

The counties identified for release include the following: Becker-1 location at 10 acres, Clay-3 location up to 25 acres/location. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance), NR (Nematode Resistance).

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Project Description: Bayer CropScience filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-35. Notification is for genetically modified SOYBEAN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic soybean, referenced as Application Number 18-071-103n.

The counties identified for release include the following: Becker-1 location at 20 acres, Big Stone-1 location at 20 acres, Clay-3 location upto 25 acres/location. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance).

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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-36. 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 18-079-106n.

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, Waseca-1 location at 10 acres. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance).

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