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EQB Announcements

New Environmental Assessment Worksheet Guidance Video

Based on survey feedback and in an effort to modernize the Minnesota Environmental Review Program, the EQB recently produced a short video that provides an overview of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet process. Future guidance videos will provide information on the Minnesota environmental review process and the petition process. [Check it out here!](#)



Now Available - Updated Environmental Review Distribution List

The distribution list for environmental review documents has been updated and is now available on the [EQB website](#). The updated list provides comprehensive steps on how to properly distribute documents for Environmental Assessment Worksheets, Environmental Impact Statements, and Alternative Urban Areawide Reviews.

New EQB Logo Coming Soon!

Since last fall, the State of Minnesota has been rolling out a new logo to represent all of Minnesota state government. And that includes a new logo for the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board. A fresh and cohesive look for all state boards, commissions, and agencies is designed to help increase recognition and build trust among all stakeholders.

Please watch for updates to our website, materials, guidance documents, and email signatures at the beginning of August. You can see an example of our new logo below.



Petitions

The following petition has been filed with the EQB requesting preparation of an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW). The EQB has assigned the indicated unit of government to review the petition and decide on the need for an EAW.

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Bituminous Roadways, Inc.
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Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: Winnebago Quarry Expansion, Winnebago Township, Houston County

Comment Deadline: September 6, 2017

Project Description: Skyline Materials, Ltd. (Proposer) proposes to expand the existing Winnebago Quarry, which currently exists on the west side of Houston County Road 5, to the east side of Houston County Road 5. The Winnebago Quarry is a limestone quarry. The proposed expansion consists of a 27.9 acre area located in portions of Sections 05 and 08 of Winnebago Township, Houston County, Minnesota. The existing quarry plus the proposed expansion have a combined area of 34.4 acres. Interested parties may obtain a copy of the EAW by contacting Zoning Administrator, Aaron Lacher at 507-725-5800 or emailing aaron.lacher@co.houston.mn.us.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Houston County

RGU Contact Person:

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Project Title: Underpass Quarry Expansion

Comment Deadline: September 6, 2017

Project Description: J&C Farms Inc. (Proposer) proposes to expand the existing Underpass Quarry located in Spring Grove Township. The Underpass Quarry is a limestone quarry. The proposed expansion consists of a 19 acre area located in portions of Sections 20 of Spring Grove Township, Houston County, Minnesota. The existing quarry plus the proposed expansion have a combined area of 70 acres. Interested parties may obtain a copy of the EAW by contacting Zoning Administrator, Aaron Lacher at 507-725-5800 or emailing aaron.lacher@co.houston.mn.us

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Houston County

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Project Title: Deer Creek Run, LLC Expansion

Comment Deadline: September 6, 2017

Project Description: Deer Creek Run, LLC (Proposer) proposes to expand its existing swine finishing facility in Section 15 of Frankford Township in Mower County (Existing Facility). The Existing Facility currently houses 830 total animal units (AU) in a total confinement barn. The Proposer will expand the Existing Facility in two phases (Project):

Phase 1: the Proposer will construct a new:

- 87-foot x 230-foot gilt development barn (187.2 AU);
- 170-foot x 305-foot gestation barn (754.4 AU); and
- 196-foot x 241-foot farrowing barn (202.8 AU).
- The Proposer will also replace the existing compost site at the Existing Facility with an 81-foot x 105-foot covered mortality compost bay with 4-foot sidewalls.

Phase 2: the Proposer will construct additions to the Phase 1:

- Gestation barn, with a new 170-foot x 297-foot barn (868.8 AU), and
- Farrowing barn, with a new 185-foot X 196-foot barn (156 AU).

The Existing Facility plus the Project will have a combined total maximum capacity of 2,999 AU. The existing barns have, and the proposed barns will have, steel-reinforced concrete pits for manure storage. 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>

Mandatory Category Rule Citation: Minn. R. 4410.4300, Subp. 29 (A), Animal feedlots

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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