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EQB Announcement

Changes are coming to the EQB Monitor in 2021

EQB staff will be introducing a series of updates to the *EQB Monitor* throughout 2021. The updates will streamline and setup a user-friendly Monitor Submission process that will make environmental review project related data more easily accessible for everyone.

Starting January 5, 2021, the *EQB Monitor* publication date changes to Tuesdays at Noon. A Tuesday publication date allows for more flexibility in the submission timeline.

The 2021 *EQB Monitor* schedule is now available online: <https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/2021-eqb-monitor-schedule>

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Citizen Petition - RGU Assignment

In the November 16, 2020 *EQB Monitor*, Cottonwood County was designated as the responsible governmental unit assigned to make the decision on the need for an EAW for the W. Lorentz Construction Sioux Quartzite Quarry petition. Based on additional information, and in accordance with Minnesota Rules, chapter 4410.0500 Subp. 5, the EQB has determined the Pollution Control Agency is the appropriate governmental unit to decide the need for an EAW.

Petition Title: W. Lorentz Construction Sioux Quartzite Quarry
Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Pollution Control Agency

Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Hentges Industrial Park

Comment Deadline: January 20, 2021

Project Description: The proposed Hentges Industrial Park development will include development of five parcels within the existing approximately 61-acre site. This will include construction of an approximately 505,000 square foot industrial building on the western 29 acres of the project area. On the eastern 27 acres of the project area, two industrial developments, approximately 70,000 square feet and 175,000 square feet in size will be constructed north and south, respectively, of the proposed Hentges Way. Associated features such as parking areas, stormwater management basins, and utilities are also proposed. A new roadway, Hentges Way, will be extended southwest from Stagecoach Road via a round-a-bout and be terminated at a cul-de-sac. The remaining two parcels, totaling approximately 6 acres on the southeast side, will be acquired by an adjacent landowner and Shakopee Public Utilities Commission (SPUC) to support their existing operations.

Link to Document: <https://www.shakopeemn.gov/>

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Shakopee

RGU Contact: Mark Noble, 952-233-9348, mnoble@shakopeemn.gov

Voyageur Country ATV System - Comment Period Extension

Comment Deadline: January 15, 2021

Project Description: On November 16, the Voyageurs Country ATV System Project EAW was noticed in the EQB Monitor for public comment. In accordance with Minnesota Statute 116D.04 Subd. 2a(d), the Minnesota DNR is extending the time to comment on the proposed project by 30 days. All written comments must now be received by Friday, January 15, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. The Voyageur Country All-Terrain Vehicle Club is proposing approximately 386.51 miles of roadway and natural surface trail to be included in the Voyageur Country ATV System, connecting communities in northern St. Louis County. The proposed system would include 383.97 miles of existing trails and 2.54 miles of newly proposed routes.

Link to Document: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/voyageur-country-atv/index.html>

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Department of Natural Resources

RGU Contact: Cynthia Novak-Krebs, 651-259-5115, cynthia.novak-krebs@state.mn.us

Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental units have determined the following projects do not require the preparation of Environmental Impact Statement (EISs).

21 North Washington

Decision: Negative, December 4, 2020

Link to Document: No link to electronic copies of the documents was provided. For copies of the documents, see RGU contact information below.

RGU: City of Minneapolis

RGU Contact: Hilary Dvorak, 612-673-2639, hilary.dvorak@minneapolismn.gov

Ponds Behind Erie Pier Sediment Remediation

Decision: Negative, December 14, 2020

Link to Document: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/projects-under-mpca-review>

RGU: Pollution Control Agency

RGU Contact: Patrice Jensen, 651-757-2465, patrice.jensen@state.mn.us

General Notice

Notice of Permit Decision in the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy for a Route Permit for a 115 kV High Voltage Transmission Line to Accommodate the Lake Eunice Substation Conversion in Becker County

Project Description: Public Utilities Commission Notice of Permit Decision in the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy for a Route Permit for a 115 kV High Voltage Transmission Line to Accommodate the Lake Eunice Substation Conversion in Becker County – Public Utilities Commission Docket No. ET2/TL-19-311 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in an order issued November 2, 2020, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission: (i) found that the environmental assessment prepared by the Department of Commerce and the record created at the public hearing addressed the issues identified in the environmental assessment scoping decision; and (ii) issued a high-voltage transmission line route permit identifying a specific route and permit conditions to Great River Energy for its Lake Eunice 115 kV Transmission Line Project.

Link to

Documents: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/ShowFile.do?DocNumber=202011-167947-01>

Contact: Scott Ek, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 651-233-8634, scott.ek@state.mn.us

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