

EQB Monitor

Weekly announcements and environmental review notices

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Announcements

Share your ideas for enhancing Minnesota's Environmental Review Program

We are developing a new process for identifying and prioritizing Environmental Review Program improvement initiatives and we want to hear from you. Visit our [engagement platform](#) to share your ideas for program improvement and learn more about our continuous improvement effort. The online forum closes Friday, February 17.

Draft Minnesota pollinator action framework open for public feedback

The first [draft of the Minnesota pollinator action framework](#) was released on December 1, 2022. We opened a second round of public engagement to gather feedback on the action framework. Visit our [online platform](#) to share your feedback and ideas to help pollinators. The platform will be open until Wednesday, March 15.



REQUIRED PUBLIC NOTICES



Environmental review project notices

EQB publishes environmental review notices provided by responsible governmental units. For more information on a project undergoing environmental review, click on the individual project links below. You can also find information about active projects in your community on the [Environmental Review Projects Interactive Map](#).

Hamline Branch Library Project

Location: City of St. Paul, Ramsey County

Process: Petition

Step: Responsible governmental unit assigned

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of St. Paul, [Josh Williams](#), 651-266-6700

Loving Earth Memorial Garden

Location: Barnum, Carlton County

Process: Petition

Step: Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW) need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (no EAW ordered)

Responsible governmental unit decision date: February 8, 2023

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

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, [Jill Townley](#), 651-259-5168

Dem-Con Landfill SW-290 Expansion

Location: Shakopee, Scott County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet

Step: Environmental impact statement (EIS) need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Responsible governmental unit decision date: February 6, 2023

Link to public documents: [Dem-Con Landfill SW-290 Expansion EIS need decision](#)

Location of public documents: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road North, Saint Paul, MN 55155

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, [Charles Peterson](#), 651-757-2856

Roseau River Restoration Project

Location: Roseau, Roseau County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet

Step: Environmental impact statement (EIS) need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Responsible governmental unit decision date: February 1, 2023

Link to public documents: No link to documents provided. See responsible governmental unit contact information below.

Location of public documents: Roseau River Watershed District Office, 714 6th Street Southwest, Roseau, MN 56751

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Roseau River Watershed District, [Tracy Halstensgard](#), 218-463-0313

Additional Spent Nuclear Fuel Storage at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant

Location: Monticello, Wright County

Process: Environmental impact statement (EIS)

Step: EIS adequacy determination

Responsible governmental unit decision: Adequate

Responsible governmental unit decision date: February 6, 2023

Link to public documents: [Additional Spent Nuclear Fuel Storage at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant EIS adequacy determination](#)

Location of public documents: Monticello Public Library, 200 West 6th. St., Monticello, MN 55362

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Minnesota Department of Commerce, [Ray Kirsch](#), 651-539-1841

General notices

North Metro Highway 169 Corridor Multimodal Study

Location: Golden Valley, Plymouth, Maple Grove, New Hope, Osseo and Brooklyn Park, Hennepin County

Notice description: MnDOT, in coordination with FHWA, is notifying your agency about a new planning study on Highway 169 in Hennepin County. The planning study will be in accordance with Title 23 CFR 450.212 and 450.318 (Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) process regulations) which provide the opportunity to incorporate planning efforts into NEPA documents. Northern bounds: 101 St Ave N interchange in Brooklyn Park. Southern bounds: Highway 55 interchange in Plymouth/Golden Valley The corridor was prioritized to be studied due to safety, congestion, and multimodal issues acting as a barrier to networks that support biking and walking. This study examines a range of alternatives that address freeway operations and other identified problems. The study will include the development of the purpose and need statement and identification and evaluation of potential design concepts, with the elimination of unreasonable alternatives.

Link to additional information: [North Metro Highway 169 Corridor Multimodal Study additional information](#)

Contact: Minnesota Department of Transportation, [Jake Schutt](#), 651-234-7785

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