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Announcements

Environmental Quality Board meeting

Wednesday, December 18, 1 – 4:00 p.m.

Join us virtually for the December 2024 Environmental Quality Board meeting. At this meeting, the Board will hear details about the proposed alternative EAW form for animal feedlots. The Chair will seek feedback from Board members and the public to inform her decision on whether to approve the form.

More information can be found on the [Board meeting webpage](#), including the meeting packet, virtual meeting details, and details on attending the meeting in person.

Environmental Review Technical Assistance Survey

If you've completed an environmental review process in 2024 and submitted a notice for the Monitor, we want to hear from you! Tell us how we're doing providing guidance and assistance by taking this [short five-question survey](#). Your responses are for EQB use only and will help us provide better assistance for you in the future.



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](#).

Century Farms Subdivision

Location (city/township; county): Maine Township; Otter Tail

Process: Petition

Step: RGU assignment

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Otter Tail County, [Christopher LeClair](#), 218-998-8095

De-Su Holsteins, LLC proposed expansion

Location (city/township; county): Wilmington Township; Houston

Process: Petition

Step: EAW need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: EAW Required

Responsible governmental unit decision date: Dec 11, 2024

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, [Dan Card](#), 651-757-2261

[Moorhead Center Mall Redevelopment Project](#)

Location (city/township; county): Moorhead; Clay

Process: EAW

Step: EAW available

End of comment period: January 16, 2025

Project description: The City of Moorhead is proposing to demolish the Moorhead Center Mall and subdivide the property into several downtown mixed-use lots consisting of multistory buildings with commercial, residential and civic properties. The redevelopment will include the expansion of the current stormwater system, utilities, and roadways. The purpose of this project is to redevelop and revitalize the Moorhead Center Mall area in downtown Moorhead as a key step in Moorhead's future growth and diversification. The project will benefit the citizens of the City of Moorhead and visitors by providing new commercial, retail, residential, and community spaces in the downtown area.

[Moorhead Center Mall Redevelopment Project project link provided by RGU](#)

Location of public documents: City of Moorhead City Hall, 403 Center Avenue, Moorhead, MN 56560

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Moorhead, [Robin Huston](#), 218-299-5370

[North Oaks Mixed Use Development](#)

Location (city/township; county): Lino Lakes; Anoka

Process: EAW

Step: EAW available

End of comment period: January 16, 2025

Project description: The North Oaks Company LLC is proposing construction of a mixed-use development located in the City of Lino Lakes, Anoka County, Minnesota. The project will include the construction of senior housing, market-rate apartments, affordable housing, commercial space, and single-family lots.

Location of public documents: City of Lino Lakes, 600 Town Center Parkway, Lino Lakes, MN 55014

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Lino Lakes, [Thomas Hoffman](#), 651-982-2465

[Northern Waters RV Park](#)

Location (city/township; county): Akeley; Cass

Process: EAW

Step: EAW available

End of comment period: January 16, 2025

Project description: The proposed project consists of the conversion of an old resort into an RV park. The proposed RV park will be comprised of 47 sites within 16.6 acres. Sewer and water will be provided to each of the proposed sites along newly constructed roads. Existing buildings from the old resort will be removed from site during the construction phase.

[Northern Waters RV Park project link provided by RGU](#)

Location of public documents: Cass County Courthouse, 303 Minnesota Ave W, Walker, MN 56484

Public meeting date, time, location: January 13, 2025, 9:30 a.m., Cass County Land Department, 218 Washburn Avenue East, Backus, MN 56435

Public meeting additional details: A specific time for the public comment session will be announced in the January Cass County Planning Commission Agenda which will be uploaded to the Cass County website no later than December 30, 2024 by 4:30 pm.

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Cass County, [Scott Wold](#), 218-547-7256

[University of St. Thomas Multipurpose Arena](#)

Location (city/township; county): Saint Paul; Ramsey

Process: EAW

Step: EIS need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Responsible governmental unit record of decision date: December 10, 2024

Project description: The proposed University of St. Thomas Lee and Penny Anderson Arena (Arena) will be a redevelopment of an approximately 6-acre site located on the University of St. Thomas (UST) South Campus in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Additional development on and near the UST South Campus has been incorporated into this analysis, including the completed Schoenecker Center, the proposed expansion of the Center for Microgrid Research (Microgrid Project), and the proposed St. Paul Seminary Parking Lot (SPS Parking Lot) for a total redevelopment area of approximately 11.7-acres.

[University of St. Thomas Multipurpose Arena project link provided by RGU](#)

Location of public documents: Saint Paul City Hall, 15 W Kellogg Blvd, Saint Paul, MN 55102

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Saint Paul, [Josh Williams](#), 651-266-6659

[Dakota East Area AUAR](#)

Location (city/township; county): Rosemount; Dakota

Process: Large AUAR

Step: Draft order for review

End of comment period: January 16, 2025

Project description: The AUAR study area encompasses an area totaling approximately 447 acres on 8 parcels in Rosemount, Dakota County, Minnesota. MNLCO Dakota County, LLC is proposing to develop the study area from existing farmland to a one of the scenarios being proposed. Three scenarios are proposed for evaluation in the AUAR. Scenario 1 proposes uses that are consistent with the Rosemount Comprehensive Plan, which includes 1,450 residential units and commercial buildings for a total of 500,000 square feet. It is anticipated that some of the 229 acres will remain in agricultural land as part of Scenario 1. Scenario 2 includes multiple buildings for a total of 2,300,000 square feet for mixed business campus uses. Scenario 3 includes multiple buildings for a total of 2,500,000 square feet for mixed-business campus, involving light industrial uses. The proposed development within the AUAR study area is anticipated to begin construction in 2025.

[Dakota East Area AUAR project link provided by RGU](#)

Location of public documents: Rosemount City Hall, 2875 145th Street West, Rosemount, MN 55068

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Rosemount, [Anthony Nemcek](#), 651-423-4411

[Big Stone South to Alexandria 345 kV Transmission Line Project](#)

Location: Alexandria, Big Stone, Douglas, Pope, Stevens, Swift

Process: Alternative review

Notice title: Public Information and Environmental Impact Statement Scoping Meetings

Notice description: The Public Utilities Commission and Department of Commerce will hold public information and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) scoping meetings on the route permit application submitted by Otter Tail Power Company and Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency through its agent, Missouri River Energy Services (Applicants) for the Big Stone South to Alexandria Transmission Line Project. The project proposes to construct a new approximately 91- to 105-mile 345-kilovolt (kV) single-circuit transmission line from the Minnesota-South Dakota border to the existing Alexandria Substation near Alexandria, Minnesota.

Project description: The Applicants propose to construct over 90 miles of new transmission line from Big Stone South, South Dakota to Alexandria, Minnesota along portions of Big Stone, Swift, Stevens, Pope, and Douglas Counties. New transmission lines will be required to connect the existing substations in Big Stone South and Alexandria. Both of the existing substations would also require minor expansions. A new fiber optic Regeneration Station would be needed within the central segment of the project on 0.23 acres of land.

[Big Stone South to Alexandria 345 kV Transmission Line Project project link provided by RGU](#)

Location of public documents: Golden Rule Building, 85 7th Pl E St. Paul, MN 55101

First public meeting date, time, location: January 14, 2025, 10:00 a.m., Broadway Ballroom, 115 30th Ave E, Alexandria, MN 56308

First public meeting additional details: 10:00 a.m. (doors open pre-meeting hour) 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (formal meeting)

Second public meeting date, time, location: January 14, 2025, 5:00 p.m., Lakeside Ballroom, 180 S Lakeshore Drive, Glenwood, MN 56334

Second public meeting additional details: 5:00 p.m. (doors open pre-meeting hour) 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (formal meeting)

Third public meeting date, time, location: January 15, 2025, 10:00 a.m., Hancock City Hall, 662 6th St, Hancock, MN 56244

Third public meeting additional details: 10:00 a.m. (doors open pre-meeting hour) 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (formal meeting)

Fourth public meeting date, time, location: January 15, 2025, 5:00 p.m., Benson Northside Elementary School, 1800 Nevada Ave, Benson, MN 56215

Fourth public meeting additional details: 5:00 p.m. (doors open pre-meeting hour) 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (formal meeting)

Fifth public meeting date, time, location: January 16, 2025, 10:00 a.m., Sioux Historic Pavilion, 1073 Lake Shore Dr, Ortonville, MN 56278

Fifth public meeting additional details: 10:00 a.m. (doors open pre-meeting hour) 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (formal meeting)

Sixth public meeting date, time, location: January 16, 2025, 6:00 p.m., Online meeting

Sixth public meeting virtual link: [Join online meeting](#)

Sixth Public meeting additional details: Webinar Number: 2493 141 1515
Webinar Password: MnPUC! (667820 from phones)

Join by Phone: 1-855-282-6330 Toll Free Access Code: 2493 141 1515

If you are joining the meeting via WebEx and would like to ask a question or make a comment during the designated portion of the meeting, use the chat or raised-hand functions to send a message to the meeting moderator. If you are joining the meeting by phone, press *3 on your phone. When it is your turn to speak, your line will be unmuted, and you will be able to ask questions and provide comments. Additional information and instructions are available at: <https://mn.gov/puc/activities/meetings/webex/>

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, [Jenna Ness](#), 651-539-1693

Fish kill reports

Minnesota Duty Officer reports pertaining to fish kills are summarized in the following table, in accordance with 103G.216, REPORTING FISH KILLS IN PUBLIC WATERS, Subd. 2 Reporting Requirement. These reports were received via the Minnesota Duty Officer prior to the submission deadline for this edition of the EQB Monitor. They represent the raw data/information provided by callers. For more information regarding fish kills in Minnesota see the [Department of Natural Resources](#). Call the Minnesota Duty Officer at 651-649-5451 or 800-422-0798 to report fish kills.

Date	Location	County	Waterbody	Species	Count
12/7/2024	Grove Lake Pope	Grove Lake	Sunfish		100+

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To submit a notice for publication:

[Access the EQB monitor submission service](#)

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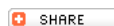
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