

EQB Monitor

Weekly announcements and environmental review notices

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Announcements

Environmental review survey launches - provide your feedback on mandatory categories

The Environmental Quality Board (EQB) publishes a Mandatory Category Report every three years. Mandatory categories specify when projects go through environmental review. This report will summarize the categories and share recommendations for whether any categories should be added, deleted, or changed. Here are two ways you can share your ideas: 1) Join the conversation on our [online engagement platform](#); 2) Give more specific feedback, by [taking this survey](#) regarding both the mandatory categories and the decision criteria. Feedback will be anonymously compiled and used to help EQB shape our recommendations in the draft report. The deadline for input is February 28.



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](#).

[Doran Creek Stream Rehabilitation Project](#)

Location (city/township; county): Doran; Wilkin

Process: EAW

Step: EAW available

Joint federal and state review: Yes

End of comment period: March 7, 2024

Project description: The proposed project would rehabilitate approximate 19.25 miles of Doran Creek. Years of uncontrolled runoff have resulted in significant sediment deposition in the channel. The existing stream channel and valley is currently choked with several feet of sediment and no longer functions as a perennial or intermittent stream. Doran Creek is now a flashy and flood-prone ephemeral waterway functioning as a marshy wetland system within a historic stream valley. This has led to loss of hydraulic function, loss of aquatic wildlife habitat, and frequent flooding of adjacent fields. The Doran Creek Stream Rehabilitation Project will rehabilitate Doran Creek and restore its natural stream flow by reestablishing the channel and floodplain corridor through the removal of the accumulated sediment from the channel while completing minor regrading of the banks to restore the floodplain and create a stable condition.

Link to public documents: [Doran Creek Stream Rehabilitation Project EAW](#)

Location of public documents: Bois de Sioux Watershed District, 704 Hwy 75, Wheaton, MN 56296

Public meeting date, time, location: March 21, 2024, 10:00 a.m., Bois de Sioux Watershed District, 704 Hwy 75, Wheaton, MN, 56296

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Bois de Sioux Watershed District, [Jamie Beyer](#), 320-563-4185

General notices

Notices published in this section may be required under Minnesota Statute or Rule.

23-205 Notice of Public Information and Environmental Assessment Scoping Meeting

Notice description: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) and the Department of Commerce (Department) will hold public information and environmental analysis (EA) scoping meetings on Timberwolf Solar, LLC's (Timberwolf) application for a site permit to construct an up to 100 MW solar energy generating system located in Mower County, Minnesota. The site covers approximately 1,113 acres. The purpose of the meeting is to: (1) provide information to the public about the proposed project and the state's site permitting process; and (2) provide members of the public an opportunity to participate in developing the scope of the environmental assessment. This includes commenting on issues or concerns related to the proposed project.

First public meeting date, time, location: February 20, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Adams American Legion, 321 Main St, Adams, MN 55909

First public meeting additional details: The purpose of the meeting is to: (1) provide information to the public about the proposed project and the state's site permitting process; and (2) provide members of the public an opportunity to participate in developing the scope of the environmental assessment. This includes commenting on issues or concerns related to the proposed project. Doors will open one hour prior to each meeting. Attendees will have an opportunity to review maps and materials for the project. During this time, comments made by attendees will become a part of the record for Commission consideration only if the attendee submits the comment in writing. Forms will be available for this purpose. Commission and Department staff, as well as staff from Great River Energy, will be available to answer questions about the project

and the process. To find out if a meeting is canceled due to bad weather or other call 1-855-731-6208 or 651- 201-2213 or visit mn.gov/puc.

Second public meeting date, time, location: February 21, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Online meeting

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

Second public meeting additional details: Webinar Number: 2493 005 6239 Webinar Password: timberwolf Join by Phone: 1-855-282-6330 Access Code: 2493 005 6239

If you are joining the meeting by WebEx and would like to ask a question or make a comment during the designated portion of the meeting, use the chat function 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/>

Link to additional information: [General notice additional information](#)

Contact: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, [Jacques Harvieux](#), 651-201-2233

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
1/31/2024	St. Paul	Hennepin County	Minnesota River	Silver Shad & White Sucker	75

Submit a notice to the *EQB Monitor*

The *EQB Monitor* is a weekly publication announcing environmental review documents, public comment periods and other actions of the Environmental Quality Board. The *EQB Monitor* is published every Tuesday at noon. Submissions to the [EQB Monitor](#) are due by 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday one week prior to the intended publication date. Please see the [EQB Monitor schedule](#) for more details.

To submit a notice for publication:

[Access the EQB monitor submission service](#)

Questions? Contact EQB by phone at 651-757-2873 or email us at EQB.Monitor@state.mn.us.

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