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MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

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Announcements

Environmental Quality Board meeting

Wednesday, November 20, 1 – 4:00 p.m. Join us in person or virtually for the November 2024 Environmental Quality Board meeting. At this meeting, the Board will vote to authorize submittal of the Mandatory Category report and hear an overview and vote to accept the Annual Pollinator Report.

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



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](#).

Bluewater Walleye Farms

Location (city/township; county): Red Wing; Goodhue

Process: Petition

Step: Responsible governmental unit assigned

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Red Wing, [Kyle Klatt](#), 351-385-3697

Vadnais Heights Apartment Project

Location (city/township; county): Vadnais Heights; Ramsey

Process: Petition

Step: Responsible governmental unit assigned

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Vadnais Heights, [Nolan Wall](#), 651-204-6027

[Metcalf Park](#)

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

Process: EAW

Step: EAW available

End of comment period: December 19, 2024

Project description: The Proposed Project is a residential development in Eagan, Minnesota involving the redevelopment of the former Metcalf Middle School property. The development will be built on approximately 34.5 acres and consist of 468 units of mixed multi-family housing. The proposed Project includes 46 twin homes, 96 townhomes, an apartment building with up to 260-units, and a senior living cooperative with up to 66-units. The project includes active park land, private open space, stormwater infrastructure, sidewalks and trail connections to Diffley Road. The development is a joint project between Pulte Homes, Enclave, and Lifestyle Communities. [Metcalf Park project link provided by RGU](#)

Location of public documents: City of Eagan - City Planning, 3830 Pilot Knob Road, Eagan, MN 55122

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Eagan, [Michael Schultz](#), 651-675-5650

[MDVA Hastings Campus Upgrade](#)

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

Process: EAW

Step: EIS need decision

Responsible governmental unit record of decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Responsible governmental unit record of decision date: November 11, 2024

Project description: The Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs (MDVA) Hastings campus upgrade involves the construction of a new facility that will house 145 resident rooms and related support spaces followed by the demolition of five buildings (23, 24, 25 and cottages 1 & 2). Feasibility for the demolition of building 34 is also being considered. The upgrade is planned to involve the decommissioning of the water tower to be replaced with City hookup and the renovation of building 30 (power plant). Geothermal and solar energy systems may be integrated into the design, contingent on funding. Replacement landscaping will include a native prairie.

Location of public documents: Minnesota Department of Administration, 50 Sherburne Ave, St. Paul, MN 55155

Responsible governmental unit and contact: MN Department of Administration,

[Emily Bolles](#), 651-201-2488

General notices

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

ITC Midwest (TL-24-232) Public Information and Environmental Assessment Scoping Meetings

Notice description: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) and Minnesota Department of Commerce will hold public information and environmental assessment scoping meetings on ITC Midwest's (Applicant) application for a route permit for the construction of a new switching station Southwest of the City of Lakefield and an approximately 8.5 mile long 161 kilovolt (kV) transmission line from the new Rost substation to the new Forks switching station in Jackson County, MN. The purpose of the meeting is to: (1) provide information to the public about the proposed project and the state's high-voltage transmission line route permitting processes; 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 and proposing alternatives for consideration.

First public meeting date, time, location: December 4, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Lakefield Community Center, 112 Main St., Lakefield, MN 56150

First public meeting additional details: The purpose of the meeting is to: (1) provide information about the proposed project and the state's permitting process; and (2) provide an opportunity to participate in developing the scope of the environmental assessment.

Doors will open one hour prior to each meeting to provide attendees an opportunity to review the application, maps, and other materials for the proposed project and ask questions of state staff and the applicant. 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. State staff and the applicant will both make presentations during the meeting. State staff will explain the permitting and environmental review processes, and the applicant will provide an overview of the proposed project. Following the presentations, attendees will have the opportunity to offer oral and written comments for the record. The meetings will end when all attendees have had the opportunity to comment and all other business has been concluded, or the scheduled end time of the meeting, whichever occurs first. The information presented will be the same at all in-person and online meetings.

If any reasonable accommodation is needed to enable you to fully participate in these meetings, please contact the Commission at 651-296-0406 or 1-800-657-3782 at least one week in advance of the meeting. To find out if a meeting is canceled due to bad weather or other call 1-855-731-6208 or visit mn.gov/puc.

Second public meeting date, time, location: December 10, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Online meeting

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

Second public meeting additional details: Webinar number: 2486 866 2760

Webinar password: ITC2024 (4822024 when dialing from a phone or video system) 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/>

Link to additional information: [ITC Midwest \(TL-24-232\) additional information](#)

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

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission - Power Plant Siting Act Annual Hearing 2024

Notice description: Under Minnesota Statute § 216E.07, the Commission is required to hold an annual public hearing to afford interested persons an opportunity to be heard regarding any matters relating to the siting of large electric generating power plants and the routing of high-voltage transmission lines. The hearing will also cover and discuss the

siting and routing of wind and pipeline projects under Minn. Stat. §§ 216F and 216G, respectively. Information regarding attendance or participation can be found on the Notice which is located at www.edockets.state.mn.us - using docket number 24-18 (24 for year, 18 for number). The Honorable Christa Moseng, Administrative Law Judge with the Office of Administrative Hearings, will preside over the hearing and will provide the Commission with a written summary of the hearing and public comments received. Interested persons will have the opportunity to ask questions and offer verbal/written comments.

Public meeting date, time, location: December 10, 2024, 9:00 a.m., Minnesota Public Utilities Commission - Small Hearing Room, 121 7th Place East, St. Paul, MN 55101

Public meeting virtual link: [Join online meeting](#)

Public meeting additional details: Information to attend the hearing either in-person or virtually can be found on the notice which is located at: www.edockets.state.mn.us - this docket can be found under docket number 24-18 (24 for the year, 18 for the number).

Contact: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, [Sam Lobby](#), 651-201-2205

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.

No fish kill reports were received since the last publication.

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.

For more information on environmental review, please visit the EQB website or contact us at env.review@state.mn.us.



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