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Environmental review project notices

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[Prairie Island Nuclear Plant Fuel Storage Expansion](#)

*This project notice was previously published in the October 29, 2024 *EQB Monitor*, however the end of comment period, listed as December 2, was incorrect. The correct end of comment period is listed below.

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

Process: EIS

Step: Draft EIS

End of comment period: December 6, 2024

Project description: Northern States Power Company, d/b/a. Xcel Energy proposes to construct and operate an expanded ISFSI at PINGP to provide 20 additional years of spent fuel storage between 2033/2034 and 2053/2054. The expansion would use a welded canister dry fuel storage (DFS) system licensed by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for both storage and transportation. The Project is proposed with the Company's intent to seek necessary federal approvals to extend the existing operating life of the two pressurized water reactors at the plant. The Project would construct up to two pads, as needed, to store a projected 34 additional DFS systems (approximately 1,200 spent fuel assemblies) within the current fence line of the ISFSI.

[Prairie Island Nuclear Plant Fuel Storage Expansion project link provided by RGU](#)

Location of public documents: Red Wing Public Library, 225 East Ave, Red Wing, MN 55066

First public meeting date, time, location: November 19, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Red Wing Ignite Building, 419 Bush Street, Red Wing, MN 55066

Second public meeting date, time, location: November 20, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Online meeting

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

Second public meeting additional details: Password: MnPUC!

Join by phone: 1-855-282-6330 Access code: 2485 318 0139

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Minnesota Department of Commerce, [Jenna Ness](#), 651-539-1693

[MTL Companies CR 15 Development](#)

Location (city/township; county): Big Lake; Sherburne

Process: EAW

Step: EIS need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Responsible governmental unit record of decision date: October 23, 2024

Project description: A 58.3-acre industrial development warehouse project is being proposed on a 63-acre parcel in the City of Big Lake, Sherburne County, Minnesota, located just west of County Road 15 and north of the Burlington Northern Railroad corridor. This development will include a stormwater pond, parking lots, two future warehouse buildings, one maintenance building, and a roadway.

[MTL Companies CR 15 Development project link provided by RGU](#)

Location of public documents: Big Lake City Hall, 160 Lake Street North, Big Lake, MN 55309

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Big Lake, [Therese Haffner](#), 763-463-9638

[Progress Parkway Project](#)

Location (city/township; county): Eveleth; St. Louis

Process: EAW

Step: EIS need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Responsible governmental unit record of decision date: October 22, 2024

Project description: St. Louis County proposes to extend Progress Parkway in the City of Eveleth for a total distance of approximately 1.3 miles. The new roadway would begin approximately 0.15 miles east of the intersection of Hwy 53/Progress Parkway and extend south to Hwy 37. The project includes stormwater and drainage improvements, a paved pedestrian/bicycle trail, and a gravel off-road vehicle trail along the new roadway. A secondary access to the Rock Ridge Public Schools campus will be connected to the new roadway. The Mesabi Mountain Off Road Vehicle (ORV) trailhead parking lot will be relocated to the east side of the new roadway.

[Progress Parkway Project project link provided by RGU](#)

Location of public documents: St. Louis County Public Works, 7823 Hwy 135, Virginia, MN 55792

Responsible governmental unit and contact: St. Louis County Planning and Zoning Department, [Ryan Logan](#), 218-471-7622

[The Parkway Neighborhood](#)

Location (city/township; county): Dayton; Hennepin

Process: EAW

Step: EIS need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Responsible governmental unit record of decision date: September 24, 2024

Project description: The Parkway Neighborhood residential/commercial development is proposed on approximately 67.29 acres southwest of I-94 and Dayton Parkway in the City of Dayton, Minnesota. The project will include 650 medium/high-density residential units, a commercial parcel with convenience store, gas station/car wash, and service retail building(s). The project will include a connection to the Rush Creek Regional Trail, recreational area, internal roads, parks, and stormwater features.

[The Parkway Neighborhood project link provided by RGU](#)

Location of public documents: , 12260 S. Diamond Lake Road, Dayton, MN 55327

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Dayton, [Jon Sevald](#), 763-712-3221

[Veit Mining Expansion](#)

Location (city/township; county): Rogers; Hennepin

Process: EAW

Step: EIS need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Responsible governmental unit record of decision date: October 22, 2024

Project description: Veit & Company, Inc. (Veit) proposes the construction and operation of a sand and gravel mine on a parcel located within Section 16, Township 120N, Range 23 W, Hennepin County, Minnesota. The proposed site contains sand resources which will be mined and processed for use in redi-mix concrete, asphalt pavement, and as base material for private and public construction projects in the area. The mining operation would occur in seven phases over the approximately 45-acre site.

[Veit Mining Expansion project link provided by RGU](#)

Location of public documents: Rogers City Hall, 22350 S Diamond Lake Rd, Rogers, MN 55374

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Rogers, [Brett Angell](#), 763-428-0915

[Rockport, LLC Redevelopment - AUAR 2024 Update](#)

Location (city/township; county): Apple Valley; Dakota

Process: AUAR update

Step: Revised AUAR

End of comment period: November 20, 2024

Project description: Reclamation of a sand and gravel mining operation in Apple Valley Minnesota into developable land over a significant period of time. The 2024 update includes fully developed parcels of reclaimed land and proposes a potential new land use and additional scenario.

[Rockport, LLC Redevelopment - AUAR 2024 Update project link provided by RGU](#)

Location of public documents: City of Apple Valley , 7100 147th Street W, Apple Valley, MN 55124

Public meeting date, time, location: December 12, 2024, 7:00 p.m., City of Apple Valley Municipal Center, 7100 147th Street W, Apple Valley, MN 55124

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Apple Valley, [Alex Sharpe](#), 952-953-2569

General notices

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

Plummer Solar Environmental Assessment Availability

Notice description: The Minnesota Department of Commerce (Department) issued an environmental assessment (EA) for the project on October 28, 2024. The purpose of the EA is to provide information on the potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project, possible mitigations for identified impacts, and evaluation of any alternatives contained in the scoping decision. Plummer Solar is proposing to construct an up to 130 MW solar energy generating system in Emardville Township in Red Lake County, Minnesota. The proposed project would be located on 855 acres, and use photovoltaic solar panels mounted on single axis tracking systems. The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) will hold public hearings on the application of Enbridge Solar (Plummer), LLC (Plummer Solar) for a site permit for the up to 130 megawatt alternating current photovoltaic solar energy generating system and associated facilities in Red Lake County, Minnesota.

First public meeting date, time, location: November 20, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Plummer City Hall, 185 Minnesota Street, Plummer, MN 56748

First public meeting additional details: Google Maps, Plummer City Hall:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/vfPvPs9LtKbk6G6q9> If any reasonable accommodation is needed to enable you to fully participate in these hearings, 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 hearing is canceled due to bad weather or other call 1-855-731-6208 or visit mn.gov/puc. Comment Period Written comments will be accepted through Friday, December 6th, by 4:30 p.m. Please include the docket number in all communications. Comments received after the close of the comment period may or may not be considered by the Commission. Topics for Comment ▪ Should the Commission grant a site permit for the proposed solar energy generating system? ▪ If granted, what additional conditions or requirements should be included in the site permit?

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

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

Second public meeting additional details: Join by WebEx (Webinar) Link:

[https://minnesota.webex.com/minnesota/j.php?](https://minnesota.webex.com/minnesota/j.php?MTID=ma8436ec363a2184535b3b51dc376e570)

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United States Toll Free Access Code: 2490 704 7534

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Link to additional information: [Plummer Solar Environmental Assessment Availability additional information](#)

Contacts:

Minnesota Department of Commerce EERA, [Jessica Livingston](#), 651-539-1823
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.

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