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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](#).

Inver Grove Heights Development Project

Location (city/township; county): Inver Grove Heights; Dakota

Process: Petition

Step: Responsible governmental unit assigned

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Inver Grove Heights, [Jason Ziemer](#), 651-450-2546

North Star RNG Anaerobic Digester

Location: Long Prairie

Process: Petition

Step: EAW need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: EAW Not Required

Responsible governmental unit decision date: Sep 23, 2024

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

[Meadows Ridge EAW](#)

Location (city/township; county): North Branch; Chisago

Process: EAW

Step: EAW available

End of comment period: October 31, 2024

Project description: The Meadows Ridge residential/commercial development project is proposed on approximately 120 acres of cultivated land northwest of North Branch, Chisago County, Minnesota. The project will include 342 residential lots and a commercial parcel. Development will consist of an extension of City trunk water and

sewer lines, installation of minor utilities, and construction of interior roads, storm ponds, infiltration basins, and new homes.

Location of public documents: North Branch City Hall, 6408 Elm St, North Branch, MN 55056

Public meeting date, time, location: October 22, 2024, 7:00 p.m., North Branch City Hall, 6408 Elm St, North Branch, MN 55056

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of North Branch, [Nate Sondrol](#), 651-497-0155

Dem-Con HZI Bioenergy, LLC - Shakopee Campus

Location (city/township; county): Louisville Township; Scott

Process: EAW

Step: EIS need decision

Responsible governmental unit record of decision date: September 18, 2024

Project description: Dem-Con HZI Bioenergy, LLC (DCHZI) proposes the construction of an anaerobic digestion facility (Facility) with a design capacity for two anaerobic digesters to process up to 75,419 short tons per year of organic feedstock materials (Project). The feedstock materials will consist of source-separated organics in durable compostable bags, organic-rich materials, yard waste, and other food waste.

[Dem-Con HZI Bioenergy, LLC - Shakopee Campus project link provided by RGU](#)

Location of public documents: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road N, Saint Paul, MN 55115

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, [Katrina Hapka](#), 651-757-2418

General notices

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

Responsible Governmental Unit Re-Designation Decision- University of St. Thomas Multipurpose Arena

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) Re-designation: On September 3, 2024, the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) received a request from Advocates for Responsible

Development to replace the City of Saint Paul as the RGU for the University of St. Thomas Multipurpose Arena project.

Decision: The EQB Chair has denied the re-designation for the University of St. Thomas Multipurpose Arena. Under Minn. Rule 4410.4300, subp. 34: *Sports or entertainment facilities*, the local governmental unit is the RGU. The City of St. Paul is the governmental unit with the greatest responsibility for approving the project as a whole and issuing the permits for the project. A re-designation can be appropriate if another governmental unit has greater expertise, but no such showing was made. In addition, a recent Court of Appeals opinion remanded the EAW to the City of St. Paul.

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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