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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](#).

De-Su Holsteins, LLC proposed expansion

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

Process: Petition

Step: RGU assignment

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

[New Market Light Industrial Park](#)

Location (city/township; county): New Market Township; Scott

Process: EAW

Step: EIS need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Responsible governmental unit record of decision date: October 15, 2024

Project description: The Proposed Project will develop approximately 96-acres of existing agricultural land into a rural light industrial park with a range of lot sizes and a mix of uses. The industrial park will be platted into 26 lots that will be developed with buildings ranging in size from 10,000 to 75,000 square feet with outdoor storage uses.

[New Market Light Industrial Park project link provided by RGU](#)

Location of public documents: Scott County Government Center, 200 4th Ave W, Shakopee, MN 55379

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Scott County, [Ben Troop](#), 952-496-8893

[Valkyrie Golf Course Corporation Project](#)

Location (city/township; county): Home Brook Township; Cass

Process: EAW

Step: EIS need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Responsible governmental unit record of decision date: October 14, 2024

Project description: Valkyrie Golf Course Corporation is proposing to construct an 18 hole golf course with additional supporting golf course amenities, including a clubhouse, comfort station (herein referred to as "The Turn"), driving range, and maintenance facilities, on a previously undeveloped site in Cass County, Minnesota.

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

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

[Veterans of Foreign Wars \(VFW\) Post 1782 Marina Expansion](#)

Location (city/township; county): White Bear Lake; Ramsey

Process: EAW

Step: EIS need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Responsible governmental unit record of decision date: October 15, 2024

Project description: The proposed project will increase the VFW's dock area, including navigation area, from 0.53 acres to 0.74 acres. This increase will extend the dock from 247 ft to 300 ft and create an additional 12 slips to better serve the needs of the VFW members.

[Veterans of Foreign Wars \(VFW\) Post 1782 Marina Expansion project link provided by RGU](#)

Location of public documents: White Bear Lake Conservation District, 4701 Hwy 61 N, White Bear Lake, MN 55110

Responsible governmental unit and contact: White Bear Lake Conservation District (WBLCD), [Cheri Howe](#), 651-429-8520

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

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

Process: EIS

Step: Draft EIS

End of comment period: December 2, 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.

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: Department of Commerce, [Jenna Ness](#), 651-539-1693

General notices

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

MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

Notice description: Pioneer Hi-Bred International filed a Notification (MDA 24-NO-25) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Soybean pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (AUTH - 0000297008). Target counties for release: Blue Earth (10 acres). Project categories: Herbicide Tolerance, Other, Marker Gene.

Contact: Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

Notice description: Pioneer Hi-Bred International filed a Notification (MDA 24-NO-26) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Corn pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (AUTH - 0000319495). Target counties for release: Blue Earth (10 sites, 13 acres); Faribault (2 sites, 15 acres each); Fillmore (6 sites; 35 acres, 20 acres, 15 acres, 25 acres, 15 acres, 15 acres); Goodhue (15 acres); Kandiyohi (20 acres); Le Sueur (15 acres); Sibley (25 acres); Waseca (2 sites; 50 acres, 15 acres). Project categories: Fungal Resistance, Other, Marker Gene, Product Quality, Herbicide Tolerance, Virus Resistance, Bacterial Resistance, Insect Resistance.

Contact: Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

Notice description: Pioneer Hi-Bred International filed a Notification (MDA 24-NO-27) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Corn pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (AUTH - 0000319494). Target counties for release: Blue Earth (10 sites, 13 acres); Faribault (2 sites, 15 acres each); Fillmore (6 sites; 35 acres, 20 acres, 15 acres, 25 acres, 15 acres, 15 acres); Goodhue (15 acres); Kandiyohi (20 acres); Le Sueur (15 acres); Sibley (25 acres); Waseca (2 sites; 50 acres, 15 acres). Project categories: Fungal Resistance, Other, Marker Gene, Product Quality, Herbicide Tolerance, Virus Resistance, Bacterial Resistance, Insect Resistance.

Contact: Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

Notice description: Pioneer Hi-Bred International filed a Notification (MDA 24-NO-28) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Soybean pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (AUTH - 0000321262). Target counties for release: Blue Earth (10 acres); Rice (14 acres). Project categories: Agronomic Properties, Fungal Resistance, Herbicide Tolerance, Nematode Resistance, Insect Resistance, Marker Gene, Product Quality, Other Traits.

Contact: Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

Notice description: Pioneer Hi-Bred International filed a Notification (MDA 24-NO-29) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Soybean pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (AUTH - 0000321259). Target counties for release: Blue Earth (10 acres); Rice (14 acres). Project categories: Agronomic Properties, Fungal Resistance, Herbicide Tolerance, Nematode Resistance, Insect Resistance, Marker Gene, Product Quality, Other Traits.

Contact: Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

Notice description: Pioneer Hi-Bred International filed a Notification (MDA 24-NO-30) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Soybean pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (AUTH - 0000321264). Target counties for release: Blue Earth (10 acres); Rice (14 acres). Project categories: Agronomic Properties, Fungal Resistance, Herbicide Tolerance, Nematode Resistance, Insect Resistance, Marker Gene, Product Quality, Other Traits.

Contact: Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

MN Dept. of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

Notice description: Pioneer Hi-Bred International filed a Notification (MDA 24-NO-31) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the release of a genetically engineered Soybean pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services approval (AUTH - 0000321265). Target counties for release: Blue Earth (10 acres); Rice (14 acres). Project categories: Agronomic Properties, Fungal Resistance, Herbicide Tolerance, Nematode Resistance, Insect Resistance, Marker Gene, Product Quality, Other Traits.

Contact: Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

Notice of Public Information and Environmental Assessment Scoping Meetings

Notice description: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) and the Minnesota Department of Commerce will hold public information and environmental assessment scoping meetings on the application of Coneflower Energy, LLC (Coneflower Energy), an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Apex Clean Energy Holdings, LLC, for an up to 235-megawatt (MW) solar energy generating system. The purpose of the meetings 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. Written comments will be accepted through December 4, 2024, 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.

First public meeting date, time, location: November 12, 2024, 7:00 p.m., Veterans Memorial Center, 336 Morgan Street, Tracy, MN 56175

Second public meeting date, time, location: November 13, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Online meeting

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

Second public meeting additional details: Webinar Number: 2499 983 2359

Webinar Password: etYmZrCg373 (38969724 from phones)

Join by Phone: 1-855-282-6330 Toll Free Access Code: 249 998 32359

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.

Link to additional information: [Notice of Public Information and Environmental Assessment Scoping Meetings additional information](#)

Contact: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, [Scott Ek](#), 651-539-1070

Notice of 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 Dairyland Power Cooperative's (Dairyland) application for a route permit for the Beaver Creek Transmission Line Project.

First public meeting date, time, location: November 12, 2024, 6:00 p.m., LeRoy Community Center, 204 West Main Street, LeRoy, MN 55951

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 the public with an opportunity to participate in developing the scope of the environmental assessment. Doors will open one hour prior to the meeting to provide attendees an opportunity to review the application, project 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. 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: November 13, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Online meeting

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

Public meeting additional details: Webinar Number: 2485 570 5842

Webinar Password: Energy2024 (2485 570 5842 from phones)

Join by Phone: 1-855-282-6330 Toll Free Access Code: 2485 570 5842

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Link to additional information: [Notice of Public Information and Environmental Assessment Scoping Meetings additional information](#)

Contacts:

Minnesota Department of Commerce, [Larry Hartman](#), 651-539-1839

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, [Trevor Culbertson](#), 651-201-2200

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](#)

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