

## RESOLUTION OF THE MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

### Authorizing rulemaking for mandatory categories pertaining to gas and oil production

In 2024, the Minnesota Legislature gave multiple agencies permissive authority to adopt rules governing gas and oil production, as applicable (Laws of Minnesota 2024, chapter 116, article 3, section 23; establishing Minnesota Statutes, section 93.514).


Minn. Stat. 93.514 states that “the Environmental Quality Board may adopt or amend rules to establish mandatory categories for environmental review as they pertain to gas and oil production.” The statute also directs that “an agency adopting rules under this section must use the expedited process...[t]he agency must publish notice of intent to adopt expedited rules within 24 months of the effective date” of the law.

The staff recommend that EQB move forward with developing environmental review mandatory category rules for gas production.

**The board resolves to** use the authority granted in Minn. Stat. 93.514 to adopt or amend rules to establish mandatory categories for environmental review for gas production using the expedited rulemaking process.

**The board further resolves that** staff shall begin the process of developing the rules and bring forward a notice of intent to adopt expedited rules for board approval in order to meet the timeline laid out in Minn. Stat. 93.514.

The board approved and adopted this resolution on April 16, 2025.

  
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Nancy Daubenberger, Chair  
Minnesota Environmental Quality Board

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