

**RESOLUTION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD**  
*as approved November 14, 2012*

**Recommendations for Environmental Review and Improvement  
as Mandated by Executive Order 11-32**

WHEREAS, Governor Dayton issued Executive Order 11-32 on November 16, 2011 and among other directives, the Executive Order requires that:

*By November 15, 2012, the EQB shall evaluate and make recommendations on how to improve environmental review, given the changes made in Chapter 4, House File 1, and the recommendations contained in the Office of the Legislative Auditor Environmental Review and Permitting Report.;*

WHEREAS, to address this charge, a multidisciplinary team studied the issue and distributed a draft report on September 19, 2012 analyzing stakeholder input, previous efforts to study the issues, processes studied by other states, and included recommendations for improving environmental review;

WHEREAS, the draft report was available for public review and comment from September 19 through October 19, 2012;

WHEREAS, the Environmental Quality Board heard public testimony on the report on October 17, 2012;

WHEREAS, the public comments were considered, the draft report was reviewed and amended, and the revised report dated November 6, 2012 includes recommendations for improving environmental review; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Quality Board concludes that the report entitled Evaluation and Recommendations for Improving Environmental Review dated November 6, 2012 fulfills the requirements of Executive Order 11-32 regarding recommendations for improving environmental review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Environmental Quality Board hereby approves the recommendations in the report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall be forwarded to the Governor in fulfillment of the requirements of Executive Order 11-32 regarding recommendations for improving environmental review.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon concurrence with the Governor, the Environmental Quality Board shall develop a timeline and inventory of needed resources to implement the approved recommendations, and this timeline and inventory shall be reviewed and evaluated annually by the Environmental Quality Board.