

EQB Monitor

Weekly announcements and environmental review notices

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Announcements

New *EQB Monitor* submission process coming soon

The Environmental Quality Board will launch a new *EQB Monitor* submission service in May. The new submission service replaces the existing submission process and implements a more efficient, automated way for governmental units and their consultants to submit required environmental review and general notices for publication in the *EQB Monitor*. Please check the [EQB Monitor webpage](#) for additional updates and guidance for accessing the updated service. EQB will provide resources and assistance to assist in transitioning to the new service.

REQUIRED PUBLIC NOTICES



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](#).

Kinseth Hotel Corp. Project

Location: Duluth, St. Louis County

Process: Petition

Step: Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW) need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Positive (EAW ordered)

Responsible governmental unit decision date: April 12, 2023

Link to public documents: No link to documents provided. See responsible governmental unit contact information below.

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Duluth, [Adam Fulton](#), 218-730-5325

Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Organics Recycling Facility

Location: Prior Lake, Scott County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet

Step: Environmental impact statement (EIS) need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Responsible governmental unit decision date: April 18, 2023

Link to public documents: [Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Organics Recycling Facility EIS need decision](#)

Location of public documents: Duluth Public Library, 520 W Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55802

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Pollution Control Agency, [Karen Kromar](#), 651-757-2508

Duluth Loop 115/230 kV Transmission Line Project

Location: Duluth, St. Louis County

Process: Alternative review

Notice title: Notice of Permit Decision

Notice description: Notice of Permit Decision in the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power for a Route Permit for the Duluth Loop 115/230 kV Transmission Line Project in St. Louis County, Minnesota. Docket No. E015/TL-21-141. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in an order issued April 3, 2023, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission: (i) found that the environmental assessment prepared by the Department of Commerce and the record created at the public hearing addressed the issues identified in the scoping decision; and (ii) issued a route permit to Minnesota Power for its Duluth Loop 115/230 kV Transmission Line Project in St. Louis County, Minnesota.

Link to public documents: No link to documents provided. See responsible governmental unit contact information below.

Location of public documents: Duluth Public Library, 520 W Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55802

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Public Utilities Commission, [Cezar Panait](#), 651-201-2207

General notices

Minnesota Department of Agriculture--Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

Notice description: Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 23-NO-20. Notification is for genetically modified CORN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in Application AUTH-0000237708. The counties identified for release include the following: Freeborn - 2 sites with 5 acres each. Swift - 5 sites with 10, 5, 5, 5, and 5 acres. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), and OO (Other).

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

Submit a notice to the *EQB Monitor*

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To submit a notice for publication:

[Use the EQB Monitor submission form](#)

Questions? Contact EQB by phone at 651-757-2873 or email us at EQB.Monitor@state.mn.us.

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