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EQB announcements and environmental review notices

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EQB announcements

Climate Change and Environmental Review Speaker Session

Environmental Review from the Community Advocate's Perspective

Thursday, April 28

1 – 2 p.m.

[Join us using Webex](#)

Amelia Vohs, Regulatory Attorney at the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy, will discuss common themes around how communities consume and understand environmental review information, and how that may result in a legal challenge.

Throughout the [Climate Change and Environmental Review Pilot Program](#), EQB is hosting a monthly speaker series open to anyone that will feature presentations by technical experts about incorporating climate information into environmental assessment worksheets.

Registration open for participation in Climate Change and Environmental Review Pilot Program

EQB is seeking local responsible governmental units (RGUs) and consultants interested in participating in a pilot program that will assess the efficiency and effectiveness of climate information by testing a draft revised environmental assessment worksheet. Participants will benefit from shared learning as well as training provided by technical experts.

Registration is open to all RGUs and consultants, regardless of whether you are actively reviewing a project. This cohort-based program will begin in early 2022. [Register now!](#)

If you are not eligible to register, but would like to receive updates about the Pilot Program, please [sign-up here](#).

Environmental review 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](#).

Knife River Naaktgeboren Mining Expansion

Location: Silver Creek Township, Wright County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet

Step: Environmental assessment worksheet available

End of comment period: May 26, 2022

Project description: Knife River is proposing to alter the existing Naaktgeboren Pit mining boundary, presently containing 84-acres, to a new boundary containing 88.45-acres. This nonmetallic mineral mine, producing construction sand and gravel, is located in Silver Creek Township, Wright County.

Link to public documents: [Knife River Naaktgeboren Mining Expansion EAW](#)

Location of public documents: Wright County Planning and Zoning, 3650 Braddock Ave NE, Suite 1600, Buffalo, MN 55313

First public meeting date, time, and location: June 21, 2022, 9 a.m., Wright County Government Center, Boardroom, 3650 Braddock Ave NE, Buffalo, MN 55313

First public meeting virtual

link: <https://www.co.wright.mn.us/calendar.aspx?view=list&year=2022&month=6&day=2>

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First public meeting additional

details: <https://www.co.wright.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/5198/Government-Center->

[Parking?bidId=](#)

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Wright County, [Edward Pettit](#),
763-682-7331

Dayton 94

Location: Dayton, Hennepin County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW)

Step: Environmental assessment worksheet available

End of comment period: May 26, 2022

Project description: The Dayton 94 project is a proposed warehouse on an existing 25 acre agricultural area in the City of Dayton, Hennepin County, Minnesota. The project includes the construction of a 333,750 square foot warehouse/office building located off County Road 81 (CSAH 81) near the intersection of Troy Lane. The project includes a warehouse facility, new driveway, paved parking areas, stormwater features, and installation of municipal sewer and water systems. In addition, the extension of Troy Lane roadway will occur immediately north of the Dayton 94 warehouse facility.

Link to public documents: [Dayton 94 EAW](#)

Location of public documents: Dayton City Hall, 11260 South Diamond Lake Road, Dayton, MN 55327

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Dayton, [Tina Goodroad](#),
763-421-3487

Starbuck Marina Project

Location: Starbuck, Pope County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet

Step: Environmental impact statement (EIS) need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Record of decision date: April 11, 2022

Link to public documents: No link to documents provided. See RGU contact information below.

Location of public documents: Starbuck City Hall, 307 E 5th St, Starbuck, MN 56381

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Starbuck, [Joan Kerkvliet](#),
320-239-2525

Proposed Change in Spent Fuel Storage Technology at the Prairie Island Nuclear Plant

Location: Red Wing, Goodhue County

Process: Supplemental environmental impact statement

Step: Final supplemental environmental impact statement

Comment deadline: May 10, 2022

Project description: Xcel Energy proposes to use a different spent nuclear fuel storage technology at the Prairie Island nuclear plant. Xcel proposes to use any fuel storage cask approved by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in the Prairie Island independent spent fuel storage installation, rather than being limited to the TN-40HT casks approved by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in 2009. Xcel would select from cask designs approved by the NRC based on considerations including price and compatibility with future offsite storage facilities.

Link to public documents: [Proposed Change in Spent Fuel Storage Technology at the Prairie Island Nuclear Plant](#)

Location of public documents: Red Wing Public Library, 225 East Ave., Red Wing, MN 55066

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Department of Commerce, [Ray Kirsch](#), 651-539-1841

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