

EQB Monitor

Weekly announcements and environmental review notices

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Announcements

Environmental Quality Board meeting

Wednesday, August 16, 1 – 4 p.m.

Join us virtually for the August, 2023 Environmental Quality Board meeting. At this meeting, the board will hear an overview of EQB staff workplan for FY24. The board will also hear the planned process to update the 2018-2023 strategic plan. More information about the meeting, including the meeting packet and virtual meeting information, can be found on the board meeting [webpage](#).



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](#).

[Tepetonka Golf Course](#)

Location (city/township; county): Lake Andrew Township; Kandiyohi

Process: EAW **Step:** EAW available

End of comment period: September 7, 2023

Project description: Tepetonka Club, LLC is proposing to construct a golf course with additional supporting golf course amenities, including a clubhouse, comfort station, on-site lodging, and maintenance facilities, on a previously undeveloped site in Kandiyohi County, Minnesota.

Link to public documents: [Tepetonka Golf Course EAW](#)

Location of public documents: Environmental Services, 400 Benson Ave SW, Willmar, MN 56201

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Kandiyohi County, [Eric Van Dyken](#), 320-231-6229 x5257

[Hope Community Mixed-Use Development](#)

Location (city/township; county): Corcoran; Hennepin

Process: EAW

Step: EIS need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (EIS not ordered)

Responsible governmental unit record of decision date: July 31, 2023

Project description: Hope Community Church proposes a mixed-use development spanning approximately 44.5 acres at the northwest corner of County Road 30 and County Road 116 in Corcoran, MN. The proposed plan reflects 738 housing units (primarily within multifamily buildings) and up to 110,300 square feet of commercial, retail, and medical office space.

Link to public documents: [Hope Community Mixed-Use Development EIS Need Decision](#)

Location of public documents: Corcoran City Hall, 8200 County Road 116, Corcoran, MN 55340

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Corcoran, [Natalie Davis McKeown](#), 763-338-9288

[Prudential Campus Redevelopment](#)

Location (city/township; county): Plymouth; Hennepin

Process: AUAR

Step: AUAR adoption

Responsible governmental unit decision: Adequate

Responsible governmental unit record of decision date: August 4, 2023

Project description: The AUAR study area encompasses five tax parcels on approximately 76.2 acres located east of Interstate 494 (I-494) in the city of Plymouth; entirely within Hennepin County, Minnesota. The study area is bounded by County Road 10 (Bass Lake Rd) to the north, I-494 to the west, Chankahda Trail to the south, and County Road 61 (Northwest Blvd) to the east. The subject property formerly served as the site of the

Prudential Campus. Two development scenarios are proposed to be evaluated in the AUAR.

Location of public documents: City of Plymouth, 3400 Plymouth Blvd, Plymouth, MN 55447

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Plymouth, [Chloe McGuire](#), 763-509-5450

[Lake Wilson Solar Energy Center Alternative Review](#)

Location: Leeds Township, Murray

Process: Alternative review

Notice title: Notice of Environmental Assessment Scoping Decision Availability

Notice description: The Minnesota Department of Commerce has issued the scoping decision for the environmental assessment (EA) that will be prepared for the proposed Lake Wilson Solar Energy Center Project in Murray County, Minnesota. The EA will be prepared by the Department's Energy Environmental Review and Analysis staff and will address the potential human and environmental impacts of the project. The scoping decision identifies those issues that will be studied, as well as those that will not be addressed.

Project description: Lake Wilson has applied for a certificate of need and a site permit to construct and operate the proposed Lake Wilson Solar Energy Center Project, an up to 150-MW solar energy generating system with associated battery storage to be located in Chanarambie and Leeds townships, Murray County, MN. Approximately 1,526 acres are currently designated to host the proposed project infrastructure. The primary components of the solar system would include photovoltaic panels affixed to a linear ground-mounted single-axis tracking system, solar modules, solar inverters, racking, fencing, access roads, an operation and maintenance building, a substation facility, an electrical collection system, weather stations, an up to 50-MW battery energy storage system, and a short 115-KV overhead transmission line. The solar system would connect to the electrical grid via the existing Northern States Power Fenton to Chanarambie 115-KV transmission line.

Link to public documents: [Lake Wilson Solar Energy Center Alternative Review](#)

Location of public documents: Golden Rule Building, 85 7th Place East St. Paul, MN 55101

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Minnesota Department of Commerce, [Jenna Ness](#), 651-539-1693

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.

Date	Location	County	Waterbody	Species	Count
7/31/2023	Centerville	Anoka	Lake Peltier	Sunfish/Nothorn	100+
7/31/2023	Garvin	Murray	Lake Sarah	Common Carp	5,000
7/31/2023	Dundee	Cottonwood	Oaks Lake	Carp, Fathead, Minnnows, Bigmouth Buffalo	5,000-10,000
8/01/2023	N/A	Kanabec	Knife Lake	Walleye	hundreds

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