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A copy of the Ag Board's proposed resolution regarding the Ag Board's "approval", as such term is used in IRC §147(f) and for the sole purpose of complying with the requirements therein, of the CoHFA Bonds is available for public inspection at the offices of the Ag Board at 1st National Bank Building, 332 Minnesota Street, Suite E200, Saint Paul, Minnesota from the date of this notice to the date of the public hearing hereinabove identified, during normal business hours.

All persons interested may appear and be heard at the time and place set forth above, or may file written comments with the Executive Director prior to the date of the hearing set forth above.

Dated: 22 Juy 2013

BY ORDER OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MINNESOTA AGRICULTURAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD Robin Sternberg, Executive Director

Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association (MCHA) Notice of Finance Committee Meeting 30 July 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association's (MCHA) Finance Committee will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30, 2013.

The meeting will be initiated at the MCHA Executive Office, 5775 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 910, St. Louis Park, MN; it should be noted that some or all attendees will participate telephonically.

If anyone wishes to attend or participate in this meeting please contact MCHA's Executive Office (952-593-9609) for additional information.

Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB)

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS on Possible Amendments to Rules Governing the Environmental Review Program, *Minnesota Rules* Chapter, 4410; Revisor's ID Number R-04157

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB or Board) is considering revising the existing rules governing the Environmental Review Program. These are the rules under which Environmental Assessment Worksheets (EAWs), Environmental Impact Statements (EISs), and other environmental review documents are prepared. This possible rulemaking may include the following categories or subparts:

- 1) Mandatory categories for environmental assessment worksheets located under part 4410.4300:
 - a. subp. 2. Nuclear fuels and nuclear waste;
 - b. subp. 3. Electric generating facilities;
 - c. subp. 5. Fuel conversion facilities;
 - d. subp. 7. Pipelines;
 - e. subp. 8. Transfer facilities;
 - f. subp. 14. Industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities;
 - g. subp. 16. Hazardous waste;
 - h. subp. 17. Solid waste;
 - i. subp. 18. Wastewater systems;
 - j. subp. 19. Residential development;
 - k. subp. 22. Highway projects;
 - l. subp. 28, item B. Forestry;

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- m. subp. 30. Natural areas;
- n. subp. 32. Mixed residential and industrial-commercial projects;
- o. subp. 36. Land use conversion, including golf courses;
- p. subp. 36a. Land conversions in shoreland; and
- q. subp. 37, items B and C. Recreational trails.
- Mandatory categories for environmental impact statements located under part 4410.4400:
 - a. subp. 2. Nuclear fuels and nuclear waste;
 - b. subp. 3. Electric generating facilities;
 - c. subp. 11. Industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities;
 - d. subp. 13. Solid waste;
 - e. subp. 14. Residential development;
 - f. subp. 21. Mixed residential and commercial-industrial projects; and
 - g. supb. 24. Pipelines.

This rulemaking may also include revisions that may come up as a result of public comments and further review of Chapter 4410. This rulemaking can be referred to as the "Mandatory Categories Rulemaking" since the Board is currently pursuing two separate rulemakings for Chapter 4410.

Plain English Summary. This Request for Comments is the Board's legal notice of its intent to begin rulemaking. This is the first of several opportunities for public comment and input on this rulemaking. At this stage, we do not have a draft rule; we want your feedback to inform us about the ideas described under the Subject of Rules section above. If you have other ideas related to this rulemaking that we need to consider, please submit them in writing. For example, we recognize that costs to regulated parties can be a concern with rulemaking; if you have cost information or data related to this rulemaking that you wish to share with us to inform our decisions, please submit that information. Submitting your ideas and information to us at this early stage in rulemaking allows us more time to address issues that may come up, and helps to ensure informed decision-making on our part.

Where to Get More Information. If you are interested in being notified when a draft of the rule revisions is available and of other activities related to this rulemaking, please register for GovDelivery at: http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/. If you are unable to receive electronic notices, please contact Beth Tegdesch at (651) 757-2100.

Persons Affected. The proposed amendments may affect project developers, local units of government and state agencies, private citizens and citizens groups, and environmental groups. However, changes to the rules governing the Environmental Review Program may directly or indirectly affect all citizens of the state.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 116D.04, subd. 2a(a) and 5a and *Minnesota Statutes* section 116D.045, establish the Environmental Review Program and authorize the EQB to adopt rules governing its operation.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these possible rules in writing or orally until 4:30 p.m. on August 23, 2013. The EQB will not publish a notice of intent to adopt the rules until more than 60 days have elapsed from the date of this request for comments. The Board does not plan to appoint an advisory committee to comment on the possible rules. Interested and affected parties are invited to submit information relative to the cumulative effect of the rule with other federal and state regulations.

Rules Drafts. The Board has not yet drafted the possible rules amendments.

Agency Contact Person. Written or oral comments, questions, requests to receive a draft of the rules when it has been prepared, and requests for more information on these possible rules, should be directed to:

Kate Frantz

Environmental Quality Board 520 Lafayette Road North

St. Paul, MN 55155

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E-mail: kate.frantz@state.mn.us

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TTY users may call the EQB at 1-800-627-3529

Alternative Format. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

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Dated: 17 July 2013 David Fredrickson, Chair Environmental Quality Board

Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB)

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS on Possible Amendments to Rules Governing the Environmental Review Program, *Minnesota Rules* Chapter, 4410; Revisor's ID Number R-04196

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB or Board) is considering revising the existing rules governing the Environmental Review Program. These are the rules under which Environmental Assessment Worksheets (EAWs), Environmental Impact Statements (EISs), and other environmental review documents are prepared. This possible rulemaking shall amend "rules for environmental review, adopted under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116D, for silica sand mining and processing to take into account the increased activity in the state and concerns over the size of specific operations. The EQB shall consider whether the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.991, should remain part of the environmental review requirements for silica sand and whether the requirements should be different for different geographic areas of the state." Laws 2013, chapter 114, article 4, section 105

This rulemaking may also include revisions that may come up as a result of public comments. This rulemaking can be referred to as the "Silica Sand Rulemaking" since the Board is currently pursuing two separate rulemakings for Chapter 4410.

Plain English Summary. This Request for Comments is the Board's legal notice of its intent to begin rulemaking. This is the first of several opportunities for public comment and input on this rulemaking. At this stage, we do not have a draft rule; we want your feedback to inform us about the ideas described under the Subject of Rules section above. If you have other ideas related to this rulemaking that we need to consider, please submit them in writing. For example, we recognize that costs to regulated parties can be a concern with rulemaking; if you have cost information or data related to this rulemaking that you wish to share with us to inform our decisions, please submit that information. Submitting your ideas and information to us at this early stage in rulemaking allows us more time to address issues that may come up, and helps to ensure informed decision-making on our part.

Where to Get More Information. If you are interested in being notified when a draft of the rule revisions is available and of other activities related to this rulemaking, please register for GovDelivery at: http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/. If you are unable to receive electronic notices, please contact Beth Tegdesch at (761) 757-2100.

Persons Affected. The proposed amendments may affect project developers, local units of government and state agencies, private citizens and citizens groups, and environmental groups. However, changes to the rules governing the Environmental Review Program may directly or indirectly affect all citizens of the state.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 116D.04, subd. 2a(a) and 5a and *Minnesota Statutes*, section 116D.045, establish the Environmental Review Program and authorize the EQB to adopt rules governing its operation. *Laws 2013*, chapter 114, article 4, section 105 provide that EQB amend its rules for environmental review with respect to silica sand mining and processing.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these possible rules in writing or orally until 4:30 p.m. on August 23, 2013. The EQB will not publish a notice of intent to adopt the rules until more than 60 days have elapsed from

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the date of this request for comments. The Board does not plan to appoint an advisory committee to comment on the possible rules. Interested and affected parties are invited to submit information relative to the cumulative effect of the rule with other federal and state regulations.

Rules Drafts. The Board has not yet drafted the possible rules amendments.

Agency Contact Person. Written or oral comments, questions, requests to receive a draft of the rules when it has been prepared, and requests for more information on these possible rules should be directed to:

Jeff Smyser Environmental Quality Board 520 Lafayette Road North St. Paul, MN 55155

Phone: (651) 757-2279 **Fax:** (651) 297-2343

E-mail: Jeff.Smyser@state.mn.us

TTY users may call the EQB at 1-800-627-3529

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Dated: 17 July 2013 David Fredrickson, Chair
Environmental Quality Board

Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of Economic Opportunity

Office of Economic Opportunity

Minnesota's Draft Community Services Block Grant FY2014-2015 Plan Available for Public Inspection and Comment, Public Hearing 8/20/13

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on August 20, 2013 by the Department of Human Services/Office of Economic Opportunity in conjunction with the development and submittal of Minnesota's Community Services Block Grant FY 2014-2015 Plan. The hearing will be held on August 20, 2013 at 10 a.m. at the MCIT Building, 100 Empire Drive, St. Paul, MN 55103 (for directions, see http://www.mcit.org/directions.aspx). The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed use and distribution of funds to be provided through the allotment to the State of Minnesota under the Community Services Block Grant Act. These funds are used by federally defined eligible entities including Community Action Agencies, Tribal Governments and the Department of Human Services to combat the causes and effects of poverty. Draft plans will be distributed at the hearing or can be accessed for public inspection and comment by contacting Barb Alt at barb.alt@state.mn.us or (651) 431-3884.

Comments to the plan should be submitted no later than August 20, 2013 to:

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E-mail: barb.alt@state.mn.us

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The State Register also publishes other official notices of state agencies and non-state agencies, including notices of meetings and matters of public interest.

Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA)

Agricultural Marketing and Development Division (AMDD)

Notice of Meeting of the Agriculture Research, Education, Extension and
Technology Transfer Advisory Panel 30 November 2015

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Agriculture Research, Education, Extension and Technology Transfer Advisory Panel will hold a meeting on Monday, November 30, 2015 from 10 a.m. to noon in Room B145 in the Orville L. Freeman Building, 625 Robert St. N., St. Paul, MN. The Advisory Panel will consider matters pertaining to grant fund award processes and priorities.

Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB)

Environmental Review Program

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 - c. subp. 5. Fuel conversion facilities;
 - d. subp. 8. Transfer facilities;
 - e. subp. 14. Industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities;
 - f. subp. 15 item B. Air Pollution
 - g. subp. 16. Hazardous waste;
 - h. subp. 17. Solid waste;
 - i. subp. 18. Wastewater systems;
 - j. subp. 19. Residential development;
 - k. subp. 22. Highway projects;
 - 1. subp. 28, item B. Forestry;
 - m. subp. 30. Natural areas;
 - n. subp. 32. Mixed residential and industrial-commercial projects;
 - o. subp. 36. Land use conversion, including golf courses;
 - p. subp. 36a. Land conversions in shoreland; and
 - q. subp. 37, items B and C. Recreational trails.
- 2) Mandatory categories for environmental impact statements located under part 4410.4400:
 - subp. 2. Nuclear fuels and nuclear waste;
 - b. subp. 3. Electric generating facilities;

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- c. subp. 11. Industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities;
- d. subp. 13. Solid waste;
- e. subp. 14. Residential development;
- f. subp. 21. Mixed residential and commercial-industrial projects; and

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Persons Affected. The proposed amendments may affect project developers, local units of government and state agencies, private citizens and citizens groups, and environmental groups. However, changes to the rules governing the Environmental Review Program may directly or indirectly affect all citizens of the state.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 116D.04, subd. 2a(a) and 5a and *Minnesota Statutes* section 116D.045, establish the Environmental Review Program and authorize the EQB to adopt rules governing its operation.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these possible rules in writing or orally until December 31, 2015 at 4:30pm central time. The EQB will not publish a notice of intent to adopt the rules until more than 60 days have elapsed from the date of this request for comments. Interested and affected parties are invited to submit information relative to the cumulative effect of the rule with other federal and state regulations.

Rules Drafts. The Board has not yet drafted the possible rules amendments.

Agency Contact Person. Written or oral comments, questions, requests to receive a draft of the rules when it has been prepared, and requests for more information on these possible rules, should be directed to:

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Phone: (651) 757-2183 **Fax:** (651) 297-8683

E-mail: courtney.ahlers@state.mn.us

TTY users may call the EQB at: 1-800-627-3529

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Dated: 29 October 2015

David Frederickson, Chair Environmental Quality Board

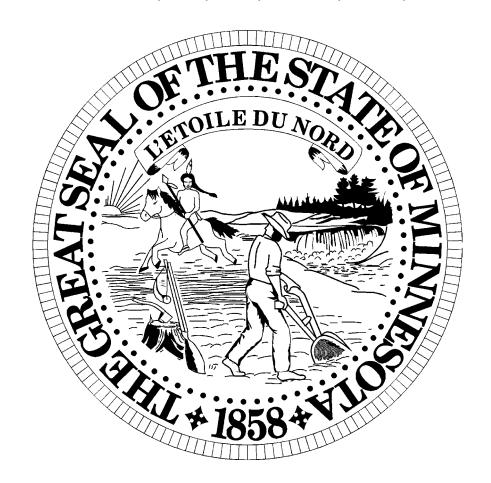
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Minnesota Environmental Quality Board

Environmental Review Program

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- 1) Definitions and abbreviations located under part 4410.0200.
- 2) Procedures for selecting and redesignating responsible governmental units located under part 4410.0500.
- 3) Mandatory categories for environmental assessment worksheets located under part 4410.4300.
- 4) Mandatory categories for environmental impact statements located under part 4410.4400.
- 5) Mandatory categories for projects exempt from environmental review located under part 4410.4600.

This rulemaking may also include revisions that may come up as a result of public comments and further review of Chapter 4410. This rulemaking can be referred to as the "Mandatory Categories Rulemaking."

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Persons Affected. The proposed amendments may affect project developers, local units of government and state agencies, private citizens and citizens groups, and environmental groups. However, changes to the rules governing the Environmental Review Program may directly or indirectly affect all citizens of the state.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 116D.04, subd. 2a(a) and 5a and *Minnesota Statutes* section 116D.045, establish the Environmental Review Program and authorize the EQB to adopt rules governing its operation.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these possible rules in writing or orally until **November 28, 2016 at 4:30pm central time**. The EQB will not publish a notice of intent to adopt the rules until more than 60 days have elapsed from the date of this request for comments. Interested and affected parties are invited to submit information relative to the cumulative effect of the rule with other federal and state regulations.

Rules Drafts. The Board has not yet drafted the possible rules amendments.

Agency Contact Person. Written or oral comments, questions, requests to receive a draft of the rules when it has been prepared, and requests for more information on these possible rules, should be directed to:

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Alternative Format. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

Note: Comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge if and when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The agency is required to submit to the judge only those written comments received in response to the rules after they are proposed. If you submitted comments during the development of the rules and you want to ensure that the administrative law judge reviews the comments, you should resubmit the comments after the rules are formally proposed.

Date: 10/18/2016

David Frederickson, Chair Environmental Quality Board

State Grants & Loans

In addition to requests by state agencies for technical/professional services (published in the State Contracts Section), the *State Register* also publishes notices about grants and loans available through any agency or branch of state government. Although some grant and loan programs specifically require printing in a statewide publication such as the State Register, there is no requirement for publication in the *State Register* itself. Agencies are encouraged to publish grant and loan notices, and to provide financial estimates as well as sufficient time for interested parties to respond.

SEE ALSO: Office of Grants Management (OGM) at: http://www.grants.state.mn.us/public/

Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA)

Notice of Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Biofuels Infrastructure Partnership – Blender Pump Grant Program

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Department of Agriculture is requesting applications for grants for the purchase and installation of E15/25 retrofit infrastructure for existing gasoline fuel pumps at fueling stations in the state.

Purpose

The Minnesota Biofuels Infrastructure Partnership Grant Program (BIP) is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture, the State of Minnesota, and private-sector partners for the primary purpose of increasing consumption of biofuel in the form of ethanol.

This grant pays for a portion of the cost of ethanol blender pumps. The basic amounts of the grant award are:

- Up to 70% of a single blender pump and associated costs, **OR**
- Up to a maximum of \$20,000 per dispenser, whichever is less.

Exhibit C.



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Minnesota Legislature

Cindy K. Maxwell, Assistant Deputy Revisor

September 5, 2018

Erik Dahl Environmental Quality Board 520 Lafayette Road North St. Paul, MN 55155-4194

RE: File No. 4157

Dear Erik:

I am enclosing four copies of your rules, approved as to form. Submit the revisor file number from the upper right corner of this document to the State Register for publication. Copies of the rules approved as to form do not need to be submitted to the State Register.

If you have any questions, please call me.

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Please use the revisor file number on all rulemaking documents and all communications with the governor's office.

Sincerely,

Cindy K. Maxwell (651) 296-0955

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Office of the Revisor of Statutes Administrative Rules



TITLE: Proposed Permanent Rules Relating to Environmental Review: Mandatory Categories

AGENCY: Environmental Quality Board

REVISOR ID: R-4157

MINNESOTA RULES: Chapter 4410

The attached rules are approved for publication in the State Register

Cindy K. Maxwell
Assistant Deputy Revisor

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[For text of subps 37 to 40a, see M.R.]

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	Subp. 40b. Institutional facility. "Institutional facility" means a land-based facility
0	wned or operated by an organization having a governmental, educational, civic, or religious
p	ourpose such as a school, hospital, prison, military installation, church, or other similar
e	establishment or facility.
	[For text of subps 41 to 42a, see M.R.]
	Subp. 43. Local governmental unit. "Local governmental unit" means any unit of
٤	government other than the state or a state agency or the federal government or a federal
г	agency. H Local governmental unit includes watershed districts established pursuant
2	according to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103D, soil and water conservation districts,
Z	watershed management organizations, counties, towns, cities, port authorities, housing
8	authorities, and the Metropolitan Council. H Local governmental unit does not include
(courts, school districts, and regional development commissions.
	[For text of subps 44 to 52, see M.R.]
	Subp. 52a. Mixed municipal solid waste land disposal facility. "Mixed municipal
5	solid waste land disposal facility" has the meaning given in part 7035.0300.
	[For text of subps 53 to 59, see M.R.]
	Subp. 59a. Petroleum refinery. "Petroleum refinery" has the meaning given in
	Minnesota Statutes, section 115C.02, subdivision 10a.
	[For text of subps 60 to 71, see M.R.]
	Subp. 71a. Refuse-derived fuel. "Refuse-derived fuel" means the product resulting
20000	from techniques or processes used to prepare solid waste by shredding, sorting, or compacting
3	for use as an energy source has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.03
9	subdivision 25d.
	[For text of subps 71b to 82, see M.R.]

3.1	Subp. 82a. Silica sand. "Silica sand" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes,
3.2	section 116C.99, subdivision 1.
3.3	Subp. 82b. Silica sand project. "Silica sand project" has the meaning given in
3.4	Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.99, subdivision 1.
3.5	[For text of subps 83 to 92c, see M.R.]
3.6	Subp. 93. Wetland. "Wetland" has the meaning given wetlands in U.S. Fish and
3.7	Wildlife Service Circular No. 39 (1971 edition) Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005,
3.8	subdivision 19.
3.9	[For text of subps 94 to 96, see M.R.]
3.10	4410.0500 RGU SELECTION PROCEDURES.
3.11	[For text of subps 1 to 3, see M.R.]
3.12	Subp. 4. RGU for EAW by order of EQB. If the QB EQB orders an EAW pursuant
3.13	to part 4410.1000, subpart 3, item C, the EQB shall, at the same time, designate the RGU
3.14	for that EAW.
3.15	[For text of subp 5, see M.R.]
3.16	Subp. 6. Exception. Notwithstanding subparts 1 to 5, the EQB or EQB chair may
3.17	designate, within five days of receipt of the completed data portions of the EAW, a different
3.18	RGU for the project if the EQB determines the designee has greater expertise in analyzing
3.19	the potential impacts of the project.
3.20	4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.
3.21	[For text of subp 1, see M.R.]
3.22	Subp. 2. Nuclear fuels and nuclear waste. Items A to F designate the RGU for the
3.23	type of project listed:

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4.1	A. For construction or expansion of a facility for the storage of high level nuclear
4.2	waste, other than an independent spent-fuel storage installation, the EQB shall be is the
4.3	RGU.
4.4	[For text of items B to F, see M.R.]
4.5	Subp. 3. Electric-generating facilities. Items A to D designate the RGU for the type
4.6	of project listed:
4.7	A. For construction of an electric power generating plant and associated facilities
4.8	designed for or capable of operating at a capacity of between 25 megawatts and 50
4.9	megawatts, the EQB shall be the RGU or more but less than 50 megawatts and for which
4.10	an air permit from the PCA is required, the PCA is the RGU.
4.11	B. For construction of an electric power generating plants plant and associated
4.12	facilities designed for and capable of operating at a capacity of 25 megawatts or more but
4.13	less than 50 megawatts or more, environmental review shall be conducted according to parts
4.14	7849.1000 to 7849.2100 and 7850.1000 to 7850.5600 and for which an air permit from the
4.15	PCA is not required, the local governmental unit is the RGU.
4.16	C. For construction of an electric power generating plant and associated facilities
4.17	designed for and capable of operating at a capacity of 50 megawatts or more, the PUC is
4.18	the RGU, and environmental review must be conducted according to parts 7849.1000 to
4.19	7849.2100 and chapter 7850.
4.20	D. For construction of a wind energy conversion system, as defined in Minnesota
4.21	Statutes, section 216F.01, designed for and capable of operating at a capacity of 25 megawatts
4.22	or more, the PUC is the RGU, and environmental review must be conducted according to

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Subp. 4. Petroleum refineries. For expansion of an existing petroleum refinery facility
that increases its the refinery's capacity by 10,000 or more barrels per day or more, the PCA
shall be is the RGU.

Subp. 5. Fuel conversion facilities.

- A. Items A and B Subitems (1) and (2) designate the RGU for the type of project listed:
 - A. (1) For construction of a <u>new fuel conversion</u> facility for the conversion of coal, peat, or biomass sources to gaseous, liquid, or solid fuels if that facility has the capacity to utilize 25,000 dry tons or more per year of input, the PCA shall be is the RGU.
 - B. (2) For construction or expansion of a new fuel conversion facility for the production of alcohol fuels which that would have or would increase its the capacity by to produce 5,000,000 or more gallons or more per year of alcohol produced, the PCA shall be is the RGU.
 - B. A mandatory EAW is not required for the projects described in Minnesota Statutes, section 116D.04, subdivision 2a, paragraph (b).
 - Subp. 6. Transmission lines. For construction of a transmission line at a new location with a nominal capacity of between 70 kilovolts and 100 kilovolts with 20 or more miles of its length in Minnesota, the EQB shall be the RGU. For construction of a high-voltage transmission lines line and associated facilities designed for and capable of operating at a nominal voltage of 100 kilovolts or more, as defined in part 7850.1000, the PUC is the RGU. Environmental review shall must be conducted according to parts 7849.1000 to 7849.2100 and 7850.1000 to 7850.5600.
 - Subp. 7. **Pipelines.** Items A to D designate the RGU for the type of project listed: For construction, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 216G.01, subdivision 2, of a pipeline, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 216G.01, subdivision 3, or 216G.02, subdivision

6.1	1, the PUC is the RGU. Environmental review must be conducted according to chapter 7852
6.2	and Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216G.
6.3	A. For routing of a pipeline, greater than six inches in diameter and having more
6.4	than 0.75 miles of its length in Minnesota, used for the transportation of coal, crude petroleum
6.5	fuels, or oil or their derivates, the EQB shall be the RGU.
6.6	B. For the construction of a pipeline for distribution of natural or synthetic gas
6.7	under a license, permit, right, or franchise that has been granted by the municipality under
6.8	authority of Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.36, designed to operate at pressures in excess
6.9	of 275 pounds per square inch (gauge) with a length greater than:
6.10	(1) five miles if the pipeline will occupy streets, highways, and other public
6.11	property; or
6.12	(2) 0.75 miles if the pipeline will occupy private property;
6.13	the EQB or the municipality is the RGU.
6.14	C. For construction of a pipeline to transport natural or synthetic gas subject to
6.15	regulation under the federal Natural Gas Act, United States Code, title 15, section 717, et.
6.16	seq., designed to operate at pressures in excess of 275 pounds per square inch (gauge) with
6.17	a length greater than:
6.18	(1) five miles if the pipeline will be constructed and operated within an
6.19	existing right-of-way; or
6.20	(2) 0.75 miles if construction or operation will require new temporary or
6.21	permanent right-of-way;
6.22	the EQB is the RGU. This item shall not apply to the extent that the application is expressly

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> Items A to D do not apply to repair or replacement of an existing pipeline within an existing right-of-way or to a pipeline located entirely within a refining, storage, or manufacturing facility.

> Subp. 8. Transfer facilities. Items A and B to C designate the RGU for the type of project listed:

A. For construction of a new facility designed for or capable of transferring 300 tons or more of coal per hour or with an annual throughput of 500,000 tons of coal from one mode of transportation to a similar or different mode of transportation; or the expansion of an existing facility by these respective amounts, the PCA shall be is the RGU.

B. For construction of a new facility or the expansion by 50 percent or more of an existing facility for the bulk transfer of hazardous materials with the capacity of 10,000 or more gallons per transfer, if the facility is located in a shoreland area, a delineated flood plain floodplain, a state or federally designated wild and scenic rivers district, the Minnesota River Project Riverbend area, or the Mississippi headwaters area, the PCA shall be is the RGU.

C. The PCA is the RGU for a silica sand project that:

- (1) is designed to store or is capable of storing more than 7,500 tons of silica sand; or
 - (2) has an annual throughput of more than 200,000 tons of silica sand.

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[For text of subp 9, see M.R.]

8.2 Subp. 10. **Storage facilities.** Items A to <u>CH</u> designate the RGU for the type of project listed:

- A. For construction of a <u>new facility</u> designed for or capable of storing more than 7,500 tons of coal or with an annual throughput of more than 125,000 tons of coal; or the expansion of an existing facility by these respective amounts, the PCA shall be is the RGU.
- B. For construction of a <u>new major</u> facility on a single site designed for or capable of storing 1,000,000 gallons or more of hazardous materials, as defined in part 7151.1200, that results in a designed storage capacity of 1,000,000 gallons or more of hazardous materials, the PCA shall be is the RGU.
 - C. For expansion of an existing major facility, as defined in part 7151.1200, with a designed storage capacity of 1,000,000 gallons or more of hazardous materials when the expansion adds a net increase of 1,000,000 gallons or more of hazardous materials, the PCA is the RGU.
 - D. For expansion of an existing facility that has less than 1,000,000 gallons in total designed storage capacity of hazardous materials when the net increase in designed storage capacity results in 1,000,000 gallons or more of hazardous materials, the PCA is the RGU.
 - E. E. For construction of a <u>new facility</u> designed for or capable of storing on a single site 100,000 gallons or more of liquefied natural gas, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 299F.56, subdivision 14, or synthetic gas, or anhydrous ammonia as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.02, subdivision 6b, the PCA shall be PUC is the RGU, except as provided in item G.

9.1	For construction of a new facility designed for or capable of storing on a single
9.2	site 100,000 gallons or more of anhydrous ammonia, the MDA is the RGU, except as
9.3	provided in item G.
9.4	G. For construction of a new facility designed for or capable of storing on a single
9.5	site 100,000 gallons or more of a combination of liquefied natural gas, as defined in
9.6	Minnesota Statutes, section 299F.56, subdivision 14; synthetic gas, as defined in Minnesota
9.7	Statutes, section 216B.02, subdivision 6b; or anhydrous ammonia, the PUC is the RGU.
9.8	H. The PCA is the RGU for a silica sand project that:
9.9	(1) is designed to store or is capable of storing more than 7,500 tons of silica
9.10	sand; or
9.11	(2) has an annual throughput of more than 200,000 tons of silica sand.
9.12	[For text of subp 11, see M.R.]
9.13	Subp. 12. Nonmetallic mineral mining. Items A to $\subseteq \underline{D}$ designate the RGU for the
9.14	type of project listed:
9.15	[For text of item A, see M.R.]
9.16	B. For development of a facility for the extraction or mining of sand, gravel, stone,
9.17	or other nonmetallic minerals, other than peat, which will excavate 40 or more acres of land
9.18	to a mean depth of ten feet or more during its existence, the local government governmental
9.19	unit shall be is the RGU.
9.20	[For text of item C, see M.R.]
9.21	D. For development of a silica sand project that excavates 20 or more acres of
9.22	land to a mean depth of ten feet or more during the project's existence, the local governmental
9.23	unit is the RGU.
9.24	[For text of subp 13, see M.R.]

10.1	Subp. 14. Industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities. Items A and B
10.2	designate the RGU for the type of project listed, except as provided in items C and D:
10.3	A. For construction of a new or expansion of an existing warehousing or light
10.4	industrial facility equal to or in excess of the following thresholds, expressed as gross floor
10.5	space, the local governmental unit shall be is the RGU:
10.6	(1) unincorporated area, 150,000 square feet;
10.7	(2) third or fourth class city, 300,000 square feet;
10.8	(3) second class city, 450,000 square feet; and
10.9	(4) first class city, 600,000 square feet.
10.10	B. For construction of a new or expansion of an existing industrial, commercial,
10.11	or institutional facility, other than a warehousing or light industrial facility, equal to or in
10.12	excess of the following thresholds, expressed as gross floor space, the local government
10.13	governmental unit shall be is the RGU:
10.14	[For text of subitems (1) and (2), see M.R.]
10.15	(3) second class city, 300,000 square feet; and
10.16	(4) first class city, 400,000 square feet.
10.17	[For text of items C and D, see M.R.]
10.18	[For text of subp 15, see M.R.]
10.19	Subp. 16. Hazardous waste. Items A to D designate the RGU for the type of project
10.20	listed:
10.21	A. For construction of a new or expansion of a an existing hazardous waste disposal
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B. For construction of a new facility for hazardous waste processing facility with
a capacity of 1,000 or more kilograms per month storage or treatment that is generating or
receiving 1,000 kilograms or more per month of hazardous waste or one kilogram or more
per month of acute hazardous waste, the PCA shall be is the RGU.

C. For expansion of a <u>an existing facility for hazardous waste processing facility</u> storage or treatment that increases its the facility's capacity by ten percent or more, the PCA shall be is the RGU.

[For text of item D, see M.R.]

Subp. 17. Solid waste. Items A to G designate the RGU for the type of project listed:

A. For construction of a mixed municipal solid waste <u>land</u> disposal facility for up to 100,000 cubic yards of waste fill per year, the PCA is the RGU.

B. For expansion by 25 percent or more of previous previously permitted capacity of a mixed municipal solid waste <u>land</u> disposal facility for up to 100,000 cubic yards of waste fill per year, the PCA is the RGU.

[For text of item C, see M.R.]

- D. For construction or expansion of a mixed municipal solid waste energy recovery facility or incinerator, or the utilization use of an existing facility for the combustion of mixed municipal solid waste or refuse-derived fuel, with a permitted capacity of 30 tons or more tons per day of input, the PCA is the RGU.
- E. For construction or expansion of a mixed municipal solid waste compost facility or a refuse-derived fuel production facility with a <u>permitted capacity of 50 tons</u> or more tons per day of input, the PCA is the RGU.

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F. For expansion by at least ten percent but less than 25 percent of previous previously permitted capacity of a mixed municipal solid waste <u>land</u> disposal facility for 100,000 cubic yards or more of waste fill per year, the PCA is the RGU.

[For text of item G, see M.R.]

Subp. 18. Wastewater systems. Items A to \underbrace{F} designate the RGU for the type of project listed:

A. For expansion, modification, or replacement of a municipal sewage collection system resulting in an increase in design average daily flow of any part of that system by 1,000,000 gallons per day or more if the discharge is to a wastewater treatment facility with a capacity less than 20,000,000 gallons per day or for expansion, modification, or replacement of a municipal sewage collection system resulting in an increase in design average daily flow of any part of that system by 2,000,000 gallons per day or more if the discharge is to a wastewater treatment facility with the capacity of 20,000,000 gallons or greater, the PCA shall be is the RGU.

- B. For expansion, modification, or replacement of a municipal sewage collection system resulting in an increase in design average daily flow of any part of that system by 2,000,000 gallons per day or more if the discharge is to a wastewater treatment facility with the capacity of 20,000,000 gallons or greater, the PCA is the RGU.
- B. C. For expansion or reconstruction modification of an existing municipal or domestic wastewater treatment facility which that results in an increase by 50 percent or more and by at least 200,000 gallons per day of its the facility's average wet weather design flow capacity, or the PCA is the RGU.
- D. For construction of a new municipal or domestic wastewater treatment facility with an average wet weather design flow capacity of 200,000 gallons per day or more, the PCA shall be is the RGU.

13.1	C. E. For expansion or reconstruction modification of an existing industrial process
13.2	wastewater treatment facility which that increases its the facility's design flow capacity by
13.3	50 percent or more and by at least 200,000 gallons per day or more, or the PCA is the RGU.
13.4	F. For construction of a new industrial process wastewater treatment facility with
13.5	a design flow capacity of 200,000 gallons per day or more, 5,000,000 gallons per month or
13.6	more, or 20,000,000 gallons per year or more, the PCA shall be is the RGU. This category
13.7	does not apply to industrial process wastewater treatment facilities that discharge to a
13.8	publicly-owned publicly owned treatment works or to a tailings basin reviewed pursuant
13.9	according to subpart 11, item B.
13.10	[For text of subps 19 and 19a, see M.R.]
13.11	Subp. 20. Campgrounds and RV parks. For construction of a seasonal or permanent
13.12	recreational development, accessible by vehicle, consisting of 50 or more sites, or the
13.13	expansion of such a facility by 50 or more sites, the local government governmental unit
13.14	shall be is the RGU.
13.15	Subp. 20a. Resorts, campgrounds, and RV parks in shorelands. The local
13.16	government governmental unit is the RGU for construction or expansion of a resort or other
13.17	seasonal or permanent recreational development located wholly or partially in shoreland,
13.18	accessible by vehicle, of a type listed in item A or B:
13.19	[For text of items A and B, see M.R.]
13.20	Subp. 21. Airport projects. Items A and B designate the RGU for the type of project
13.21	listed:
13.22	A. For construction of a paved, new airport runway, the DOT, local governmental
13.23	unit, or the Metropolitan Airports Commission shall be is the RGU.
13.24	B. For construction of a runway extension that would upgrade an existing airport

runway to permit usage by aircraft over 12,500 pounds that are at least three decibels louder

4.1	than aircraft currently using the runway, the DOT, local government governmental unit, or
4.2	the Metropolitan Airports Commission shall be is the RGU. The RGU shall be is selected
4.3	according to part 4410.0500, subpart 5.
4.4	Subp. 22. Highway projects. Items A to C designate the RGU for the type of project
4.5	listed:
4.6	A. For construction of a road on a new location over one mile in length that will
4.7	function as a collector roadway, the DOT or local government governmental unit shall be
4.8	is the RGU.
14.9	B. For construction of additional travel through lanes or passing lanes on an
14.10	existing road for a length of one two or more miles, exclusive of auxiliary lanes, the DOT
14.11	or local governmental unit shall be is the RGU.
14.12	C. For the addition of one or more new interchanges to a completed limited access
14.13	highway, the DOT or local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU.
14.14	[For text of subps 23 and 24, see M.R.]
14.15	Subp. 25. Marinas. For construction or expansion of a marina or harbor that results
14.16	in a 20,000 or more square foot total or a 20,000 or more square foot increase of water
14.17	surface area used temporarily or permanently for docks, docking, or maneuvering of
14.18	watercraft, the local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU.
14.19	Subp. 26. Stream diversion. For a diversion, realignment, or channelization of any
14.20	designated trout stream, or affecting greater than 500 feet of natural watercourse with a total
14.21	drainage area of ten or more square miles unless exempted by part 4410.4600, subpart 14,
14.22	item E, or 17, the <u>DNR or local government governmental</u> unit shall be is the RGU.

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A and B designate the RGU for the type of project listed:

Subp. 27. Wetlands and Public waters, public waters wetlands, and wetlands. Items

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A. For projects that will change or diminish the course, current, or cross-section
of one acre or more of any public water or public waters wetland except for those to be
drained without a permit pursuant according to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103G, the DNR
or local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU.

B. For projects that will change or diminish the course, current, or cross-section of 40 percent or more or five or more acres of types 3 through 8 wetland of 2.5 acres or more cause an impact, as defined in part 8420.0111, to a total of one acre or more of wetlands, excluding public waters wetlands, if any part of the wetland is within a shoreland area, a delineated flood plain floodplain, a state or federally designated wild and scenic rivers district, the Minnesota River Project Riverbend area, or the Mississippi headwaters area, the local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU.

Subp. 28. Forestry. Items A and B designate the RGU for the type of project listed:

A. For harvesting of timber for commercial purposes on public lands within a state park, a historical area, a wilderness area, a scientific and natural area, a wild and scenic rivers district, the Minnesota River Project Riverbend area, the Mississippi headwaters area, or a critical area that does not have an approved plan under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.09 or 116G.07, the DNR shall be is the RGU.

B. For a clearcutting of 80 or more contiguous acres of forest, any part of which is located within a shoreland area and within 100 feet of the ordinary high water mark of the lake or river, the DNR shall be is the RGU.

[For text of subp 29, see M.R.]

Subp. 30. **Natural areas.** For projects resulting in the permanent physical encroachment on lands within a national park, <u>a</u> state park, <u>a</u> wilderness area, state lands and waters within the boundaries of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, <u>or a</u> scientific and natural area, <u>or state</u> trail corridor when the encroachment is inconsistent with laws applicable to or the

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management plan prepared for the recreational unit, the DNR or local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU.

Subp. 31. **Historical places.** For the destruction, in whole or part, or the moving of a property that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places or State Register of Historic Places, the permitting state agency or local governmental unit of government shall be is the RGU, except this does not apply to projects reviewed under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, United States Code, title 16 54, section 470 306108, or the federal policy on lands, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites pursuant to United States Code, title 49, section 303, or projects reviewed by a local heritage preservation commission certified by the State Historic Preservation Office pursuant to Code of Federal Regulations, title 36, sections 61.5 and 61.7. This subpart does not apply to a property located within a designated historic district if the property is listed as "noncontributing" in the official district designation or if the State Historic Preservation Office issues a determination that the property is noncontributing.

[For text of subps 32 to 35, see M.R.]

Subp. 36. Land use conversion, including golf courses. Items A and B designate the RGU for the type of project listed:

A. For golf courses, residential development where the lot size is less than five acres, and other projects resulting in the permanent conversion of 80 or more acres of agricultural, native prairie, forest, or naturally vegetated land, the local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU, except that this subpart does not apply to agricultural land inside the boundary of the Metropolitan Urban Service Area established by the Metropolitan Council.

B. For projects resulting in the conversion of 640 or more acres of forest or naturally vegetated land to a different open space land use, the local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU.

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Subp. 36a. Land conversions in shoreland.

- A. For a project <u>proposing a permanent conversion</u> that alters 800 feet or more of the shoreline in a sensitive shoreland area or 1,320 feet or more of shoreline in a nonsensitive shoreland area, the local governmental unit is the RGU.
- B. For a project proposing a permanent conversion that alters more than 50 percent of the shore impact zone if the alteration measures at least 5,000 square feet, the local governmental unit is the RGU.

[For text of item C, see M.R.]

- Subp. 37. **Recreational trails.** If a project listed in items A to F will be built on state-owned land or funded, in whole or part, by grant-in-aid funds administered by the DNR, the DNR is the RGU. For other projects, if a governmental unit is sponsoring the project, in whole or in part, that governmental unit is the RGU. If the project is not sponsored by a unit of government, the RGU is the local governmental unit. For purposes of this subpart, "existing trail" means an established corridor in current legal use.
- A. Constructing a trail at least ten 25 miles long on forested or other naturally vegetated land for a recreational use other than snowmobiling or cross-country skiing, unless exempted by part 4410.4600, subpart 14, item D, or constructing a trail at least 20 miles long on forested or other naturally vegetated land exclusively for snowmobiling or cross-country skiing.
- B. Designating at least 25 miles of an existing trail for a new motorized recreational use other than snowmobiling. When designating an existing motorized trail or existing corridor in current legal use by motor vehicles, the designation does not contribute to the 25-mile threshold under this item. When adding a new recreational use or seasonal recreational use to an existing motorized recreational trail, the addition does not contribute to the 25-mile threshold if the treadway width is not expanded as a result of the added use.

18.1	In applying items A and B, if a proposed trail will contain segments of newly constructed
18.2	trail and segments that will follow an existing trail but be designated for a new motorized
18.3	use, an EAW must be prepared if the sum total length of the quotients obtained by dividing
18.4	the length of the new construction by ten miles and the length of the existing but newly
18.5	constructed and newly designated trail by 25 miles, equals or exceeds one segments is at
18.6	least 25 miles.
18.7	[For text of items C to F, see M.R.]
18.8	4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORIES.
18.9	[For text of subp 1, see M.R.]
18.10	Subp. 2. Nuclear fuels and nuclear waste. Items A to <u>DE</u> designate the RGU for
18.11	the type of project listed:
18.12	A. For the construction or expansion of a nuclear fuel or nuclear waste processing
18.13	facility, including fuel fabrication facilities, reprocessing plants, and uranium mills, the
18.14	DNR shall be is the RGU for uranium mills; otherwise, the PCA shall be is the RGU.
18.15	B. For construction of a high level nuclear waste disposal site, the EQB shall be
18.16	is the RGU.
18.17	C. For construction or expansion of an independent spent-fuel storage installation,
18.17	the Department of Commerce is the RGU.
10.10	the Department of Commerce is the Rec.
18.19	$\in \underline{D}$. For construction of an away-from-reactor facility for temporary storage of
18.20	spent nuclear fuel, the Public Utilities Commission shall be PUC is the RGU.
18.21	ĐE. For construction of a low level nuclear waste disposal site, the MDH shall
18.22	be is the RGU.
18.23	Subp. 3. Electric-generating facilities. For construction of a large electric power
18.24	generating plant, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 216E.01, subdivision 5, the PUC

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19.1	is the RGU. Environmental review shall	<u>H must</u> be conduc	cted according to parts	7849.1000
19.2	to 7849.2100 and 7850.1000 to 7850.56	500.		
19.3	Subp. 4. Petroleum refineries. F	or construction o	f a new petroleum refi	nery facility,
19.4	the PCA shall be is the RGU.			
19.5	Subp. 5. Fuel conversion facilities	es. Items A and	B designate the RGU	for the type
19.6	of project listed:			
19.7	A. For construction of a new	fuel conversion	facility for the convers	sion of
19.8	converting coal, peat, or biomass source	es to gaseous, liq	uid, or solid fuels if th	at the facility
19.9	has the capacity to utilize use 250,000 c	dry tons or more	per year of input, the	PCA shall be
19.10	is the RGU.			
19.11	B. For construction of a new of	or expansion of a	an existing fuel conve	rsion facility
19.12	for the production of alcohol fuels which	h <u>that</u> would hav	e or would increase its	the facility's
19.13	capacity by 50,000,000 or more gallons	s per year of alco	shol produced if the fa	cility will be
19.14	in the seven-county Twin Cities metrop	oolitan area or by	125,000,000 or more	gallons per
19.15	year of alcohol produced if the facility	will be outside the	he seven-county Twin	Cities
19.16	metropolitan area, the PCA shall be is	the RGU.		
19.17	C. A mandatory EIS is not re-	quired for projec	ts described in Minnes	sota Statutes,
19.18	section 116D.04, subdivision 2a, parag	raph (c).		
19.19	Subp. 6. Transmission lines. For	construction of	a high_voltage transm	ission line
19.20	and associated facilities, as defined in p	art 7850.1000, th	ne PUC is the RGU. En	nvironmental
19.21	review shall must be conducted accordi	ing to parts 7849	.1000 to 7849.2100 ar	nd 7850.1000
19.22	to 7850.5600.			
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RGU for the type of project listed: 19.25

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Subp. 8. Metallic mineral mining and processing. Items A to C and B designate the

20.1	A. For mineral deposit evaluation involving the extraction of 1,000 tons or more
20.2	of material that is of interest to the proposer principally due to its radioactive characteristics,
20.3	the DNR shall be the RGU.
20.4	B. A. For construction of a new facility for mining metallic minerals or for the
20.5	disposal of tailings from a metallic mineral mine, the DNR shall be is the RGU.
20.6	C. B. For construction of a new metallic mineral processing facility, the DNR
20.7	shall be is the RGU.
20.8	Subp. 9. Nonmetallic mineral mining. Items A to C designate the RGU for the type
20.9	of project listed:
20.10	A. For development of a facility for the extraction or mining of peat which will
20.11	utilize 320 acres of land or more during its existence, the DNR shall be is the RGU.
20.12	B. For development of a facility for the extraction or mining of sand, gravel, stone,
20.13	or other nonmetallic minerals, other than peat, which will excavate 160 acres of land or
20.14	more to a mean depth of ten feet or more during its existence, the local government
20.15	governmental unit shall be is the RGU.
20.16	[For text of item C, see M.R.]
20.17	[For text of subp 10, see M.R.]
20.18	Subp. 11. Industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities. Items A and B
20.19	designate the RGU for the type of project listed, except as provided in items C and D:
20.20	A. For construction of a new or expansion of an existing warehousing or light
20.21	industrial facility equal to or in excess of the following thresholds, expressed as gross floor
20.22	space, the local governmental unit is the RGU:
20.23	(1) unincorporated area, 375,000 square feet;
20.24	(2) third or fourth class city, 750,000 square feet;

(3) second class city, 1,000,000 square feet; and
(4) first class city, 1,500,000 square feet.
B. For construction of a new or expansion of an existing industrial, commercial,
or institutional facility, other than a warehousing or light industrial facility, equal to or in
excess of the following thresholds, expressed as gross floor space, the local government
governmental unit shall be is the RGU:
[For text of subitems (1) and (2), see M.R.]
(3) second class city, 750,000 square feet; and
(4) first class city, 1,000,000 square feet.
[For text of items C and D, see M.R.]
Subp. 12. Hazardous waste. Items A to C designate the RGU for the type of project
listed:
[For text of items A and B, see M.R.]
C. For construction or expansion of a facility for hazardous waste processing
facility storage or treatment, if the facility is located in a water-related land use management
district, or in an area characterized by soluble bedrock, the PCA shall be is the RGU.
Subp. 13. Solid waste. Items A to E designate the RGU for the type of project listed:
A. For construction of a mixed municipal solid waste <u>land</u> disposal facility for
100,000 cubic yards or more of waste fill per year, the PCA is the RGU.
B. For construction or expansion of a mixed municipal solid waste <u>land</u> disposal
facility in a water-related land use management district, or in an area characterized by soluble
bedrock, the PCA is the RGU.

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- C. For construction or expansion of a mixed municipal solid waste energy recovery facility or incinerator, or the utilization use of an existing facility for the combustion of mixed municipal solid waste or refuse-derived fuel, with a permitted capacity of 250 or more tons or more per day of input, the PCA is the RGU.
- D. For construction or expansion of a mixed municipal solid waste compost facility or a refuse-derived fuel production facility when the construction or expansion results in a facility with a permitted capacity of 500 tons or more tons per day of input, the PCA is the RGU.
- E. For expansion by 25 percent or more of previous capacity of a mixed municipal 22.9 solid waste land disposal facility for 100,000 cubic yards or more of waste fill per year, the 22.10 PCA is the RGU. 22.11

[For text of subps 14 and 14a, see M.R.]

- Subp. 15. Airport runway projects. For construction of a paved and lighted airport 22.13 runway of 5,000 feet of length or greater, the DOT or local government governmental unit 22,14 shall be is the RGU. 22.15
- Subp. 16. Highway projects. For construction of a road on a new location which is 22.16 four or more lanes in width and two or more miles in length, the DOT or local government 22.17 governmental unit shall be is the RGU. 22.18

[For text of subps 17 and 18, see M.R.]

- Subp. 19. Marinas. For construction of a new or expansion of an existing marina, 22.20 harbor, or mooring project on a state or federally designated wild and scenic river, the local 22.21 government governmental unit shall be is the RGU. 22.22
- Subp. 20. Wetlands and Public waters and public water wetlands. For projects 22.23 that will eliminate a public water or public waters wetland, the DNR or the local government 22,24 governmental unit shall be is the RGU. 22.25

23.1	[For text of subps 21 to 24, see M.R.]
23.2	Subp. 25. Incineration of Incinerating wastes containing PCBs. For the incineration
23.3	of incinerating wastes containing PCB's PCBs for which an EIS is required by Minnesota
23.4	Statutes, section 116.38, subdivision 2, the PCA shall be is the RGU.
23.5	[For text of subps 26 to 28, see M.R.]
23.6	4410.4600 EXEMPTIONS.
23.7	[For text of subps 1 to 9, see M.R.]
23.8	Subp. 10. Industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities. The following projects
23.9	are exempt:
23.10	[For text of item A, see M.R.]
23.11	B. The Construction of a warehousing, light industrial, commercial, or institutional
23.12	facility with less than 4,000 square feet of gross floor space, and with associated parking
23.13	facilities designed for 20 vehicles or less, is exempt fewer.
23.14	C. Construction of a new parking facility for less fewer than 100 vehicles if the
23.15	facility is not located in a shoreland area, <u>a</u> delineated flood plain floodplain, <u>a</u> state or
23.16	federally designated wild and scenic rivers district, the Minnesota River Project Riverbend
23.17	area, or the Mississippi headwaters area is exempt.
23.18	[For text of subp 11, see M.R.]
23.19	Subp. 12. Residential development. The following projects are exempt:
23.20	A. Construction of a sewered residential development, of:
23.21	(1) less fewer than ten units in an unincorporated area;
23.22	(2) less fewer than 20 units in a third or fourth class city;
23.23	(3) less fewer than 40 units in a second class city; or

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24.1	(4) less fewer than 80 units in a first class city, no part of which is within a
24.2	shoreland area, <u>a</u> delineated flood plain <u>floodplain</u> , <u>a</u> state or federally designated wild and
24.3	scenic rivers district, the Minnesota River Project Riverbend area, or the Mississippi
24.4	headwaters area, is exempt.
24.5	[For text of item B, see M:R.]
24.6	C. Construction of a single residence or multiple residence with four dwelling
24.7	units or less fewer and accessory appurtenant structures and utilities is exempt.
24.8	[For text of subp 13, see M.R.]
24.9	Subp. 14. Highway projects. The following projects are exempt:
24.10	A. Highway safety improvement projects are exempt.
24.11	B. Installation of traffic control devices, individual noise barriers, bus shelters
24.12	and bays, loading zones, and access and egress lanes for transit and paratransit vehicles is
24.13	exempt.
24.14	C. Modernization of an existing roadway or bridge by resurfacing, restoration, or
24.15	rehabilitation that may involve the acquisition of acquiring minimal amounts of right-of-way
24.16	is exempt.
24.17	D. Roadway landscaping, or construction of bicycle and pedestrian lanes, paths,
24.18	and facilities within an existing right-of-way are exempt.
24.19	E. Any stream diversion, realignment, or channelization within the right-of-way
24.20	of an existing public roadway associated with bridge or culvert replacement is exempt.
24.21	F. Reconstruction or modification of an existing bridge structure on essentially
24.22	the same alignment or location that may involve the acquisition of acquiring minimal
24.23	amounts of right-of-way is exempt.

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Subp. 18. Agriculture and forest	y. The following pro	jects are exempt:	
A. Harvesting of timber for m	aintenance purposes i	s exempt.	
B. Public and private forest m	anagement practices,	other than clearcutting	g or the
application of applying pesticides, that it	nvolve less than 20 ac	eres of land, are exem-	pŧ.
[For text of s	ubps 19 to 26, see M.L	R.]	
Subp. 27. Recreational trails. Th	e projects listed in ite	ms A to $F \underline{H}$ are exem	pt. For
purposes of this subpart, "existing trail"	means an established	corridor in current leg	gal use.
[For text of	items A to F, see M.R.	1	
G. Paving a trail located on ar	abandoned railroad g	grade retired in accord	ance
with Code of Federal Regulations, title	49, part 1152.		
H. Adding a new motorized u	se to an existing moto	rized trail or trail segr	ment
where the trail is located only on an aba	ndoned railroad grade	retired in accordance	with
Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, p	art 1152.		
4410.5200 EQB MONITOR; PUBL	CATION REQUIRE	EMENTS.	
Subpart 1. Required notices. Gov	vernmental units are r	equired to publish not	ice of
the items listed in items A to R in the EQ	B Monitor, except that	this part constitutes a	request
and not a requirement with respect to fe	deral agencies.		
A. When a project has been no	oticed pursuant accord	ing to item D, separate	e notice
of individual permits required by that pro	oject need not be made	unless changes in the	project
are proposed that will involve new and	potentially significant	environmental effect	s not
considered previously. No decision grant	ing a permit application	on for which notice is r	equired
to be published by this part shall be is effective until 30 days following publication of the			

notice.

26.1	(2) For notice of public sales of permits for or leases to mine iron ore,
26.2	copper-nickel, or other minerals on state-owned or administered mineral rights, Minnesota
26.3	Statutes, sections 93.16, and 93.335, and 93.351, and part 6125.0500, the DNR is the
26.4	permitting authority.
26.5	[For text of subitems (3) and (4), see M.R.]
26.6	[For text of items B to R, see M.R.]
26.7	[For text of subps 2 and 3, see M.R.]
26.8	4410.7904 LICENSING OF EXPLORERS.
26.9	An applicant shall must comply with Minnesota Statutes, section 156A.071 103I.601,
26.10	subdivision 2, and parts 4727.0400 to 4727.0900 4727.0860, relating to the regulation of
26.11	exploratory boring.
26.12 26.13	4410.7906 PROCEDURE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A ISSUING DRILLING PERMIT.
26.14	[For text of subp 1, see M.R.]
26.15	Subp. 2. Content of an application for drilling permit. An application for a drilling
26.16	permit shall must be filed by the applicant with the board EQB and shall must include:
26.17	[For text of items A and B, see M.R.]
26.18	C. the applicant's explorer's license, issued under Minnesota Statutes, section
26.19	156A.071 103I.601, subdivision 2, and parts 4727.0400 to 4727.0900 4727.0860;
26.20	[For text of items D to J, see M.R.]
26.21	[For text of subps 3 and 4, see M.R.]

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27.2	Pursuant According to Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.724, subdivision 2, clause
27.3	(1), any abandonment, whether temporary or permanent, shall must comply with the state
27.4	drilling and drill hole abandonment and restoration rules governing exploratory boring under
27.5	Minnesota Statutes, chapter 156A 103I, and parts 4727.1000 to 4727.1300 4727.1250.
27.6	TERM CHANGE. The term "shall be the RGU" is changed to "is the RGU" wherever it
27.7	appears in Minnesota Rules, chapter 4410.

Exhibit D.

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STATEMENT OF NEED AND REASONABLENESS

In the Matter of Proposed Revisions of Minnesota Rule Chapters 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410.4400, 4410.5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, and 4410.4600

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The EQB has excerpted language from the draft rules and included those excerpts in this SONAR at the point that the reasonableness of each provision of the rules is discussed. This was done to assist the reader in connecting the rule language with its justification. However, there may be slight discrepancies between the excerpted language and the rule amendments as they are proposed. The EQB intends that the rule language published in the *State Register* at the time the rules are formally proposed is the rule language that is justified in this SONAR.

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Acronyms or abbreviations

Administrative Procedures Act	APA
Administrative Law Judge	ALJ
Chapter	ch.
Code of Federal Regulations	CFR
Department of Agriculture	MDA
Department of Natural Resources	DNR
Department of Transportation	MnDOT
Environmental Assessment Worksheet	EAW
Environmental Impact Statement	EIS
Environmental Quality Board	EQB or Board
Local Governmental Unit	LGU
Minnesota Environmental Policy Act	MEPA
Minnesota Rules	Minn. Rules
Minnesota Statutes	Minn. Stat.
Minnesota Management and Budget	ММВ
Minnesota	MN
Minnesota Association of Townships	MAT
National Environmental Policy Act	NEPA
Office of Administrative Hearings	OAH
Pollution Control Agency	PCA
Public Utilities Commission	PUC
Responsible Governmental Unit	RGU
Section	§
Statement of Need and Reasonableness	SONAR
Soil and Water Conservation District(s)	SWCD
Watershed Management Organization(s)	WMO
Wetland Conservation Act	WCA

I. Introduction and background

A. Introduction

The Environmental Quality Board (EQB or Board) is proposing amendments to rules relating to environmental review. This rulemaking will amend rules governing mandatory categories for environmental assessment worksheets (EAW) and environmental impact statements (EIS), definitions to support those categories, responsible governmental unit (RGU) determinations, and categories of exemptions from environmental review. (Revisor's ID Number R-04157)

In this rulemaking the EQB is also addressing two previously initiated rulemaking efforts.

- Rules relating to silica sand projects. These amendments include the mandatory categories related to mining facilities, transfer facilities, processing facilities and storage facilities related to silica sand projects. These amendments will adopt the threshold levels for silica sand projects established by the Minnesota Legislature through Laws of Minnesota 2013, Chapter 114, Article 4, Section 92. In 2014, the EQB began rulemaking to address silica sand projects (Revisor's ID Number RD-4305).
- Rules relating to Recreational trails. These amendments include thresholds for different types of recreational trails that require preparation of an EAW. In the 2015 Minnesota legislative session, Laws of Minnesota 2015, Chapter 4, Article 5, Section 33, the Minnesota Legislature passed legislation changing the EAW thresholds applicable to motorized trails. In 2015, the EQB began rulemaking to address Recreational trails projects. (Revisor's ID Number RD-4381).

This Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR)explains the need for and reasonableness of proposed amendments to the environmental review rules, specifically Minnesota Rules (Minn. R.) part(s) 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410.4400, and 4410.4600 and satisfies the requirements of Minnesota Statutes (Minn. Stat.) section (§) 14.131 and Minn. R. part 1400.2070.

B. Background

In 1969, the United States Congress enacted the National Environmental Policy Act, creating a program for assessing the environmental impacts of Federal actions. In 1973, Minnesota followed suit and passed the Minnesota Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). MEPA established the State's Environmental Review program and created the Environmental Quality Board to govern and implement its requirements. The Environmental Quality Board consists of a Governor's representative acting as chair, nine state agency heads, and eight citizen members (one citizen member from each congressional district).

EQB Member Agencies:

- Board of Water and Soil Resources
- Department of Administration
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Employment and Economic Development

- · Department of Health
- Department of Natural Resources
- Department of Transportation
- Pollution Control Agency

The MEPA environmental review process was designed to investigate public or private projects that have the potential to significantly impact the environment. The process is intended to disclose information to

project proposers, decision-makers and the public through a systematic process and works in conjunction with permits and other approvals.

Environmental review is mandatory for projects that meet certain thresholds. Each mandatory category assigns a responsible governmental unit (RGU) to conduct environmental review and uses a standard form. Mandatory review can either be in the form of an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The types of projects subject to these environmental review requirements are generally referred to as the mandatory EAW categories (441.4300) and mandatory EIS categories (4410.4400). The lists of projects that are exempt for these requirements are referred to as "exemptions categories" or sometimes just "exemptions."

Mandatory categories rulemaking

In 2012, the Minnesota Legislature, under the Laws of Minnesota for 2012, Chapter 150, Article 2, Section 3, directed the EQB, the Pollution Control Agency (PCA), the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Department of Transportation (DOT) to review mandatory categories. Part of the review included an analysis of whether the mandatory category should be modified, eliminated, or unchanged based on its relationship to existing permits or other federal, state, or local laws or ordinances. This review resulted in the Mandatory Environmental Review Categories Report (Report: Exhibit #1); finalized by the EQB, PCA, DNR, and the DOT on February 13, 2013.

Additionally, <u>2015 Special Session Law, Chapter 4, Article 3, Section 2</u> direct the EQB to work on activities that streamline the environmental review process. The changes proposed in the mandatory categories rulemaking include amendments to the mandatory EAW, EIS and exemption categories, and their supporting definitions. The amendments are based on the Report while focusing on streamlining environmental review by balancing regulatory efficiency and environmental protection.

Silica sand projects rulemaking

In 2013, the Minnesota Legislature set new, temporary, thresholds for when environmental review of silica sand projects must occur. The interim mandatory categories for silica sand projects are listed under Minn. Stat. § 116C.991 and were established in accordance with Laws of Minnesota 2013, chapter 114, article 4, section 105.

In the same section of the 2013 laws, the Legislature directed the EQB to amend its environmental review rules adopted under Minn. Stat. 116D to address silica sand projects. The legislation allowed the EQB, through its rulemaking process, to determine "whether the requirements should be different for different geographic areas of the state." The rulemaking was exempted from Minn. Stat. section 14.125; however, the interim thresholds for silica sand projects would remain in place until July 1, 2015.

The EQB initiated the silica sand project rulemaking (R-04157) in 2014 with the formation of the Silica Sand Advisory Panel. The public engagement and technical input generated by this group is identified in the Public Participation section II. of this SONAR.

In 2015, the Minnesota Legislature updated Minn. Stat. 116.991 <u>Laws of Minnesota 2015, Chapter 4, Article 4, Section 121</u>, by removing the July 1, 2015 deadline and instead requiring environmental review until rules are adopted.

116C.991 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW; SILICA SAND PROJECTS.

(a) Until July 1, 2015 a final rule is adopted pursuant to Laws 2013, chapter 114, article 4, section 105, paragraph (d), an environmental assessment worksheet must be prepared for any silica sand project that meets or exceeds the following thresholds,.....

The EQB determined that it would conduct rulemaking (R-04157) to adopt the original 2013 thresholds for environmental review of silica sand projects, as set by the Legislature. In 2017, Laws of Minnesota 2017, Chapter 93, article 1, Section 105 the Legislature made silica sand rulemaking optional. The EQB determined that because there is a continuing potential for significant environmental effects from silica sand projects in Minnesota it is needed and reasonable to have the mandatory category thresholds for silica sand project within the environmental review Mandatory Category rules.

Sec. 105.

RULES; SILICA SAND.

- (a) The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency shall may adopt rules pertaining to the control of particulate emissions from silica sand projects. The rulemaking is exempt from Minnesota Statutes, section 14.125.
- (b) The commissioner of natural resources shall adopt rules pertaining to the reclamation of silica sand mines. The rulemaking is exempt from Minnesota Statutes, section <u>14.125</u>.
- (c) By January 1, 2014, the Department of Health shall adopt an air quality health-based value for silica sand.
- (d) The Environmental Quality Board shall may amend its rules for environmental review, adopted under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116D, for silica sand mining and processing to take into account the increased activity in the state and concerns over the size of specific operations. The Environmental Quality Board shall consider whether the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.991, should remain part of the environmental review requirements for silica sand and whether the requirements should be different for different geographic areas of the state. The rulemaking is exempt from Minnesota Statutes, section 14.125.

Recreational trails projects rulemaking

To conform to the 2015 legislative directive (below), the EQB is amending Minn. R. 4410.4300, subpart 37. The legislation directing the specific environmental review threshold and authorizing the changes to the EAW thresholds for motorized trails reads:

Minn. Laws 2015, ch. 4, section 33. RULEMAKING; MOTORIZED TRAIL ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.

- a. <u>The Environmental Quality Board shall amend Minnesota Rules, chapter 4410, to allow the following without preparing a mandatory environmental assessment worksheet:</u>
 - 1. <u>constructing a Recreational trails less than 25 miles long on forested or other</u> naturally vegetated land for a recreational use;
 - 2. <u>adding a new motorized recreational use or a seasonal motorized recreational use to an existing motorized Recreational trails if the treadway width is not expanded as a result of the added use; and</u>
 - 3. <u>designating an existing, legally constructed route, such as a logging road, for motorized Recreational trails use.</u>
- b. The board may use the good cause exemption rulemaking procedure under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388, subdivision 1, clause (3), to adopt rules under this section, and Minnesota Statutes, section 14.386, does not apply except as provided under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388.

A summary of the good-cause rulemaking for the recreational trails category as well as the two judge's orders is available in **Exhibit #3**.

II. Public participation and stakeholder involvement

The EQB took the following steps to develop the draft rules, notify interested parties about the draft rules, and to solicit their input on rule language:

The EQB provided the statutorily required notifications to the public.

- A. Three Request for Comments were published in the State Register:
 - July 22, 2013
 - November 9, 2015
 - October 24, 2016
- B. The EQB has a self-subscribing rule-specific mailing list at: https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/contact which EQB used to send rule-related information to interested and affected parties.
- C. The EQB sent a GovDelivery notice and a notice the *EQB Monitor* encouraging interested and affected parties to register to receive rulemaking information via the self-subscribing rule-specific mailing list.
- D. The EQB established a rule-specific webpage: https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/eqb-mandatory-categories-rulemaking, which was used to disseminate rule-related information to interested and affected parties. (Prior to combining the silica sand projects rulemaking and the Recreational trails projects rulemaking with the mandatory categories rulemaking, each rulemaking had a rule-specific webpage. After the rulemakings were combined, all webpages directed viewers to the mandatory categories webpage for rulemaking information.)
- E. As part of the earlier silica sand rulemaking project, the EQB conducted the following activities to engage and inform interested parties and to provide the opportunity to register for future GovDelivery notices regarding this rule.
 - EQB staff traveled to eighteen local governments around the State of Minnesota (every county with silica sand facilities) to interview local government staff on issues related to silica sand and the implementation of the potential rules.
 - EQB sent out a survey
 (https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/documents/Sand%20survey%20for%20L
 GU%27s%20April%2015%20EQB.pdf
 . on preliminary silica sand rule concepts to counties, cities and townships in Minnesota via three organizations:
 - 1) Minnesota Association of Counties (18 Counties)
 - 2) Minnesota Association of Cities
 - 3) Minnesota Association of Townships (745 Townships)

The survey was utilized to receive feedback on and refine rule concepts, designated RGUs, and to develop the discussion of need and reasonable in the SONAR.

 EQB released a preliminary draft of the proposed silica sand rule language on September 5, 2014 and presented the preliminary draft of the proposed rules to the Board at the public board meeting on September 17, 2014. This was an opportunity to provide an informal comment on the EQB rules.

- EQB staff presented an updated preliminary draft of the proposed rules to the EQB Board on November 18, 2015. This was another opportunity to provide an informal comment on the EQB rules and process.
- A Silica Sand Rulemaking Advisory Panel (SSRAP) was created:
 - An application process selected SSRAP members. A November 2013 request for interest in a silica sand rule advisory panel (advisory panel) was released by PCA and DNR.
 - The focus of the advisory panel was to provide feedback and advise PCA, DNR and EQB on issues related to rule language, economic and environmental impacts and administrative elements of rules.
 - o A 15-member advisory panel was established representing public and private statewide interests. Membership included citizens, industries and local government.

Local government representatives

Keith Fossen, Hay Creek Township

Allen Frechette, Scott County

Kristi Gross, Goodhue County and Minnesota Association of County Planning and Zoning Administrators

Beth Proctor, Lime Township

Lynn Schoen, City of Wabasha

Citizen representatives

Jill Bathke, resident of Hennepin County

Katie Himanga, resident of Lake City

Jim McIlrath, resident of Goodhue County

Vince Ready, resident of Winona County

Kelley Stanage, resident of Houston County

Industry representatives

Doug Losee, Unimin Corp.

Tom Rowekamp, IT Sands LLC

Aaron Scott, Fairmount Minerals

Brett Skilbred, Jordan Sands and Industrial Sand Council

Tara Wetzel, Mathy Construction and Aggregate and Ready Mix Association

- On January 13, 2014, PCA produced a media release announcing the membership of the advisory panel. Examples of media coverage include:
 - o CBS Local, January 13, 2014: Minn. names member of Silica Sand Advisory Panel.
 - St. Paul, Pioneer Press, January 13, 2014: Minnesota: Silica sand advisory panel appointed.
 - Mankato Free Press, January 13, 2014: Three from area named to silica rulemaking panel.
- On January 28, 2014, DNR announced, via GovDelivery to 727 subscribers, the date of the first SSRAP meeting.
- The advisory panel met 12 times between January 2014 and February 2015.
 - o Staff from Management Analysis & Development facilitated these meetings.
 - SSRAP meetings were open to the public.
 - o All but the first meeting was held in Oronoco, MN, a central location for members of the panel and potentially affected persons.
 - All but the first meeting was recorded via WebEx, which allowed the public to remotely observe SSRAP meetings.

- O WebEx recordings of each meeting were posted viewing on the Environmental Quality Board's website: (https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/silica-sand-rule-advisory-panel). Meeting handouts and presentation slides are also available on this web page.
- F. The EQB hosted informational meetings regarding the mandatory categories rulemaking, open to the public, but specifically focused on implications to LGUs. These meetings were held on March 18, 21, and 22, 2016, at the EQB offices in St. Paul, MN and via WebEx (which offers audio and visual interactions with participants from any location with internet access).
 - EQB staff have presented information regarding the rulemaking to groups that have made the request:
 - The Association of Minnesota Counties Annual Meeting on June 3, 2016.
 - The Board of Water and Soil Resources: Drainage Work Group on July 14, 2016.
 - The EQB released a preliminary draft of the proposed rule language on June 20, 2016 and provided an informal comment period through August 5, 2016. EQB sent a GovDelivery notice to interested parties as well as posted preliminary language on the EQB rulemaking web page and sought informal comment. Informal comments were reviewed.
 - On June 28, 2016, the EQB hosted a Mandatory Categories Rulemaking Open House and Workshop at the EQB offices in St. Paul, MN and via WebEx (which offers audio and visual interactions with participants from any location with internet access).
 - EQB staff presented preliminary rule concepts to the Environmental Rules Advisory Panel (ERAP) in June 2017.
- G. EQB staff presented a preliminary draft of the proposed rule language at the August 15, 2018 public EQB meeting. The minutes from the Board meeting are available at EQB's website here: https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/eqb-mandatory-categories-rulemaking
- H. EQB staff presented the draft proposed rules language at the September 19, 2018 public EQB meeting. The minutes from the Board meeting are available at EQB's website here: https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/eqb-mandatory-categories-rulemaking
- I. The notifications required under Minn. Stat. ch. 14 will be provided at the time the amendments are proposed. The EQB intends to publish a dual notice for the proposed amendments in the State Register and to provide additional notice of its activities to all parties who have registered their interest in receiving such notice. Details of this notice plan are provided in section VII of this SONAR.

III. Statutory authority

The Board's statutory authority to adopt the rule amendments is given in the Minnesota Environmental Policy Act, Minn. Stat. 116D.04, subdivisions 2a(b) and 5a (Exhibit #4) and Minn. Stat. 116C.04 (Exhibit #4). Under these provisions, the Board has the necessary statutory authority to adopt the proposed rules amendments. In particular, Minn. Stat. 116D.04, subdivision 2a(b) (Exhibit #4) directs the Board to establish mandatory categories for EAWs, EISs and exemptions by rule.

This rulemaking will also include the adoption of Silica sand project thresholds in accordance with the authority provided in <u>Laws of Minnesota 2013</u>, <u>Chapter 114</u>, <u>Article 4</u>, <u>Section 91</u>. The Board's authority to establish thresholds for different types of Recreational trails that require preparation of an EAW is established in the 2015 legislative session, <u>Laws of Minnesota 2015</u>, <u>Chapter 4</u>, <u>Article 5</u>, <u>Section 33</u>.

IV. Statement of general need

Minn. Stat. ch. 14 requires the EQB to make an affirmative presentation of facts establishing the need for and reasonableness of the rules as proposed. In general terms, this means that the EQB must not be arbitrary or capricious in proposing rules. However, to the extent that need and reasonableness are separate, "need" has come to mean that a problem exists that requires administrative attention, and "reasonableness" means that the solution proposed by the EQB is appropriate. The basis of the need for this rule is described here; reasonableness, both general and specific, is addressed in the Reasonableness section below.

The proposed amendments to Minn. R. ch. 4410 are needed to:

- A. Fulfill the recommendations found in the 2013 Mandatory Environmental Review Categories Report (Report) (Exhibit #1).
- B. Streamline environmental review through both technical and housekeeping changes.
- C. Adopt thresholds specific to Silica sand projects and to amend thresholds specific to Recreational trails as directed by the Minnesota Legislature in 2013 and 2015.

The desired outcome is to make environmental review more efficient by adding clarity and specificity and thereby reducing ambiguous or confusing application of the environmental review rules. The proposed changes are needed, both to increase certainty for project proposers, RGUs and the public, and to assure that certain proposed projects are receiving environmental review.

<u>Need to fulfill the recommendations of</u> the interagency 2013 Report. The Report proposed changes to the mandatory EAW, EIS and exemption categories, and their supporting definitions. These proposed changes came from those state agencies and LGUs that have extensive experience in the day-to-day application of the rule.

Need to streamline environmental review. Many of the proposed rule amendments are technical and housekeeping changes to the existing rules, which reflect the changes to corresponding Minnesota rules and statutes. The proposed rule amendments include updates to the thresholds in EAW and EIS categories to reflect the EQB's experience in applying the process. These changes are needed because the majority of the EAW and EIS categories were established in the 1980's and 1990's and do not reflect the modern regulatory system or project types. Rule updates are needed to keep the rules relevant and more easily understood by project proposers, RGUs and citizens.

The need for these amendments is further supported by the 2015 Minnesota Legislature which set aside funding for EQB to "streamline the environmental review." There is a need to provide consistency with other state rules and statutes to reduce delay and confusion for project proposers, RGUs and the public by clearly establishing whether the environmental review rules must be applied.

Furthermore, the proposed changes need to address updates to the definitions and project specific terminology to better reflect changes in the corresponding regulatory programs. These definitions and terms are used by project proposers, RGUs and the public while working on environmental review. The proposed amendments are needed to provide clear and consistent rules that will clarify the environmental review process.

Need to adopt thresholds for silica sand projects and recreational trails. The substantive amendments include, as directed by the Minnesota Legislature in 2013 and 2015, establishing new thresholds specific to silica sand projects and amending existing thresholds specific to Recreational trails. Silica sand thresholds are needed to address the potential for significant environmental effects from silica sand projects in Minnesota. The amendments to the Recreational trail thresholds are needed to fulfill threshold language directed by the Legislature.

V. Reasonableness of the amendments

A. General reasonableness

Minn. Stat. ch. 14 requires the EQB to explain the facts establishing the reasonableness of the proposed rule amendments. "Reasonableness" means that there is a rational basis for the proposed action.

<u>Legislative directive.</u> These amendments are generally reasonable because in three separate instances the MN legislature has requested that these changes be made.

In 2013, the EQB, along with other state agencies, completed the Mandatory Environmental Review Categories Report (Report), directed by the 2012 Minnesota legislature (Laws of Minnesota for 2012, Chapter 150, Article 2, Section 3). The Report provided an analysis of whether the mandatory categories should be modified, eliminated, or unchanged, based on their relationship to existing permits or other federal, state, or local laws or ordinances.

- Pursuant to a legislative charge to support environmental review efficiency and streamline the
 environmental review process, (2015 Special Session Law, Chapter 4, Article 3, Section 2), the EQB
 is updating MN Rules ch. 4410 in this rulemaking. Specifically, the proposed amendments focus
 on streamlining:
 - o mandatory EAW and EIS categories that were identified in the 2013 Report; and
 - o categories identified by the public during rulemaking comment periods.
- The proposed amendments also include legislatively directed changes, as follows:
 - changes to the recreational trails mandatory categories include specific, required language, and
 - o changes to categories related to silica sand were the result of recommendations from a stakeholder engagement initiative and Legislative thresholds.

The proposed amendments are generally reasonable to draw clear lines as to when environmental review is necessary – by adding specificity to the definitions, the project types and thresholds in order to provide clarity to the stakeholders as to whether environmental review is required.

<u>Non-substantive changes</u>. The proposed technical and housekeeping changes to the EAW and EIS categories, which reflect the changes to corresponding Minnesota rules and statutes, are reasonable to update outdated aspects of the rules. Other changes to EAW and EIS categories' thresholds are reasonably based on the many years of rule application and experience from the practitioners.

B. Specific reasonableness

Throughout this section, to distinguish the rule amendments from the justification, the rules are indented. Amendments to the existing rules are shown by strike for deletion and underlining for new language. The rules are presented in the order that the existing rules now appear in chapter 4410.

1. Part 4410.0200, subpart 1b. Acute hazardous waste.

Acute hazardous waste. "Acute hazardous waste" has the meaning given in part 7045.0020.

Justification.

Currently, Minn. Rules ch. 4410 does not define acute hazardous waste. Providing a definition is reasonable to determine if environmental review is required for a proposed project. The proposed definition is consistent with the definition of the term in other rules (Minn. Rules 7045.0020) and helps the public with review when environmental review documents and permits are co-noticed.

2. Part 4410.0200, subpart 5a. Auxiliary lane.

Auxiliary lane. "Auxiliary lane" means the portion of the roadway that:

- A. adjoins the through lanes for purposes such as speed change, turning, storage for turning, weaving, and truck climbing; and
- B. <u>supplements through-traffic movement.</u>

Justification.

Auxiliary lane is a new definition. The term is not currently defined in chapter 4410, but is now used in the mandatory EAW categories for highway projects (4410.4300 subpart 22). The addition of this definition helps RGUs identify the types of roads that are not included in the threshold calculation.

The proposed definition of "auxiliary lane" is generally consistent with the MnDOT Road Design Manual (Section 4-3.02) and the 2011 American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets. (Chapter 1076). This AASHTO publication is known in the industry as the "Green Book." Minnesota standards and policies adhere closely to policies established by AASHTO. Numerous AASHTO publications provide background on accepted highway design practices and provide guides on details not covered in the DOT manual and provide further in-depth explanation of road design concepts. (Section 18.01)

Both the MnDOT Manual and the AASHTO Green Book include the phrase "and other purposes" in the definition of "auxiliary lane." This phrase has been excluded from the definition of auxiliary lane proposed for part 4410.0200, subpart 5a because it is vague. Because a reasonable reader will not know what "other purposes" refers to, it is reasonably omitted from the proposed rule. The proposed definition of auxiliary lane is limited to just the lanes listed in the definition; i.e., speed change, turning, storage for turning, weaving, and truck climbing. The change is reasonable e to clarify the types of auxiliary lanes that would be included in the exclusion for ease of administration and interpretation.

The term "passing lanes," a type of auxiliary lane identified in the definition used by MnDOT and the AASHTO Green Book, is not included in the proposed amendment to the definition of auxiliary lane. Passing lanes are not considered "auxiliary lanes," and are included as lanes in the two-mile threshold because passing lanes can be considered and constructed as one project. Passing lanes can continue for

several miles in length when the lanes are staggered, a situation that occurs particularly in the rural areas of Minnesota. As provided in the definition, auxiliary lanes serve specific purposes for shorter distances and are typically constructed within the existing right-of-way in urban settings.

3. Part 4410.0200, subpart 9b. Compost facility.

Compost facility. "Compost facility" has the meaning given in part 7035.0300. means a facility use to compost or co-compost solid waste, including:

- a) Structures and processing equipment used to control drainage or collect and treat leachate; and
- b) Storage areas for incoming waste, the final product, and residuals resulting from the composting process.

Justification.

Replacing the current definition with a reference to an existing definition provides greater clarity and consistency in determining if environmental review is required for a proposed project. Referencing other applicable State regulatory requirements (Minn. Rule 7035.0300) in the definition ensures that Minn. Rules ch. 4410 will stay current when other applicable State regulatory requirements are updated. Using the same terms as other applicable regulatory requirements helps the public with review when environmental review documents and permits are co-noticed.

The current definition of compost facility in Minn. rule 7035.0300 is: "Compost facility" means a site used to compost or cocompost solid waste, including all structures or processing equipment used to control drainage, collect and treat leachate, and storage areas for the incoming waste, the final product, and residuals resulting from the composting process.

4. Part 4410.0200, subpart 36a. Hazardous material.

<u>Hazardous material.</u> "Hazardous material" has the meaning given in Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 171.8.

Justification.

Minn. Rules ch. 4410 does not define hazardous material. The reference to the federal definition provides greater clarity in determining if environmental review is required for a proposed project. Referencing other applicable State regulatory requirements in the definition (Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 171.8) ensures that Minn. Rules ch. 4410 will stay current when other applicable State regulatory requirements are updated. Using the same terms as other applicable regulatory requirements helps the public with review, when environmental review documents and permits are co-noticed

The current definition of hazardous waste in the Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 171.8, is: Hazardous waste, for the purposes of this chapter, means any material that is subject to the Hazardous Waste Manifest Requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency specified in 40 CFR part 262.

5. Part 4410.0200, subpart 40b. Institutional facility.

<u>Institutional facility.</u> "Institutional facility" means a land-based facility owned or operated by an organization having a governmental, educational, civic, or religious purpose such as a school, hospital, prison, military installation, church, or other similar establishment or facility.

Justification.

The term "institutional facility" is not defined in Minn. Rules ch. 4410, nor Minnesota law. The proposed definition is the same as Code of Federal Regulations CFR 60.3078 and is reasonable for consistency with how the term is currently used in other applicable regulatory requirements. This definition is used in the mandatory EAW and EIS categories for Industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities 4410.4300 subpart 14 (EAW) and 4410.4400 subpart 11 (EIS).

In addition to being consistent with the federal definition, the proposed definition reflects the common understanding and use of the term. The change reasonably provides greater specificity in Minnesota Rule 4410.0200, and ensures consistent application of the terms across federal and Minnesota state rules.

6. Part 4410.0200, subpart 43. Local governmental unit.

Local governmental unit. "Local governmental unit" means any unit of government other than the state or a state agency of the federal government or a federal agency. # Local governmental unit includes watershed districts established pursuant according to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103 D, soil and water conservation districts, watershed management organizations, counties, towns, cities, port authorities, housing authorities, and the Metropolitan Council. # Local governmental unit does not include courts, school districts, and regional development commissions.

Justification.

The term local governmental unit is used throughout Minn. Rules ch. 4410. The term is most often used to determine which units of government are authorized to prepare and approve environmental review documents. It was unclear whether soil and water conservations districts and watershed management organizations could be considered responsible governmental units, with the authority to prepare and approve environmental documents required under Minn. Rules ch. 4410. The addition of soil and water conservation districts and watershed management organizations to this subpart does not make this subpart a comprehensive list of local governmental units. The change implements the common understanding of the terms and eliminates any confusion.

7. Part 4410.0200, subpart 52a. Mixed municipal solid waste land disposal facility.

Mixed municipal solid waste land disposal facility. "Mixed municipal solid waste land disposal facility" has the meaning given in part 7035.0300.

Justification.

Minn. Rules ch. 4410 does not define "mixed municipal solid waste land disposal facility." The proposed definition provides greater clarity in determining if environmental review is required for a proposed project. Referencing an existing definition (Minn. Rule 7035.0300) ensures that Minn. Rules ch. 4410 will

stay current when other applicable State regulatory requirements are updated. Using similar terminology with other applicable regulatory requirements helps the public with review when environmental review documents and permits are co-noticed.

The current definition of mixed municipal solid waste land disposal facility in Minn. Rule 7035.0300 is: "Mixed municipal solid waste land disposal facility" means a site used for the disposal of mixed municipal solid waste in or on the land.

8. Part 4410.0200, subpart 59a. Petroleum refinery.

<u>Petroleum refinery.</u> "Petroleum refinery" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 115C.02, subpart 10a.

Justification.

Minn. Rules ch. 4410 does not define Petroleum refinery. The definition provides greater clarity in determining if environmental review is required for a proposed project. Referencing other applicable State regulatory requirements in the definition (Minn. Stat., section 115C.02, subpart 10a) ensures that Minn. Rules ch. 4410 will stay current, when other applicable State regulatory requirements are updated. Using similar terminology with other applicable regulatory requirements helps the public with review, when environmental review documents and permits are co-noticed.

The current definition of petroleum refinery in Minn. Stat., section 115C.02, subpart 10a is: "Petroleum refinery" means a facility engaged in producing gasoline, kerosene, distillate fuel oils, residual fuel oil, lubricants, or other products through distillation of petroleum or through redistillation, cracking, or reforming of unfinished petroleum derivatives. "Petroleum refinery" includes fluid catalytic cracking unit catalyst regenerators, fluid catalytic cracking unit incinerator-waste heat boilers, fuel gas combustion devices, and indirect heating equipment associated with the refinery.

9. Part 4410.0200, subpart 71a. Refuse-derived fuel.

Refuse-derived fuel. "Refuse-derived fuel" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.03, subdivision 25d.

Refuse derived fuel. "Refuse derived fuel" means the product resulting from techniques or processes used to prepare solid waste by shredding, sorting, or compacting for use as an energy source.

Justification.

Replacing the current definition with the statutory definition (Minn. Stat. section 115A.03, subdivision 25d) from the Waste Management Act provides greater clarity in determining if environmental review is required for a proposed project. Using similar terminology with other applicable regulatory requirements helps the public with review, when environmental review documents and permits are co-noticed.

The current definition of refuse derived fuel in Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.03, subdivision 25d is: "Refuse-derived fuel" means a product resulting from the processing of mixed municipal solid waste in a manner that reduces the quantity of noncombustible material present in the waste, reduces the size of

waste components through shredding or other mechanical means, and produces a fuel suitable for combustion in existing or new solid fuel-fired boilers.

10. Part 4410.0200, subpart 82a. Silica sand.

<u>Silica sand.</u> "Silica sand" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.99, subdivision 1.

Justification.

This change reflects statutory language in 116C.99, which defines silica sand. By incorporating the definition and reference into Minn. Rules 4410.0200. The addition of Minn. Rule 4410.0200, subpart 82a. Silica sand, is established to incorporate the definition found at Minn. Stat. 116C.99, subdivision 1, paragraph (d) which states:

"'Silica sand' means well-rounded, sand-sized grains of quartz (silicon dioxide), with very little impurities in terms of other minerals. Specifically, the silica sand for the purposes of this section is commercially valuable for use in the hydraulic fracturing of shale to obtain oil and natural gas. Silica sand does not include common rock, stone, aggregate, gravel, sand with a low quartz level, or silica compounds recovered as a by-product of metallic mining."

11. Part 4410.0200, subpart 82b. Silica sand project.

<u>Silica sand project.</u> "Silica sand project" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.99, subdivision 1.

Justification.

This change reflects statutory language in 116C.99, which defines silica sand project. The addition of Minn. Rule 4410.0200, subpart 82b. Silica sand project; is established to incorporate the definition found at Minn. Stat. 116C.99, subdivision 1, paragraph (e) which states:

"Silica sand project" means the excavation and mining and processing of silica sand; the washing, cleaning, screening, crushing, filtering, drying, sorting, stockpiling, and storing of silica sand, either at the mining site or at any other site; the hauling and transporting of silica sand; or a facility for transporting silica sand to destinations by rail, barge, truck, or other means of transportation."

12. Part 4410.0200, subpart 93. Wetland.

Wetland. "Wetland" has the meaning given <u>wetlands</u> in <u>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Circular No.</u> 39 (1971 edition) <u>Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 19</u>

Justification.

The proposed change to the definition (Minn. Stat. section 103G.005, subdivision 19) aligns the current usage and understanding of the terms. The current definition for "wetlands" in Minn. Rule 4410.0200 was written in 1982 and does not reflect state rule or statutes that were specifically written for wetlands. Referencing other applicable State regulatory requirements in the definition ensures that Minn. Rules ch. 4410 will stay current,

when other applicable State regulatory requirements are updated. Using similar terminology with other applicable regulatory requirements helps the public with review, when environmental review documents and permits are co-noticed.

The current definition of wetland in Minn. Stat. section 103G.005, subdivision 19 is: (a) "Wetlands" means lands transitional between terrestrial and aquatic systems where the water table is usually at or near the surface or the land is covered by shallow water. For purposes of this definition, wetlands must have the following three attributes:

- (1) have a predominance of hydric soils;
- (2) are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support a prevalence of hydrophytic vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions; and
- (3) under normal circumstances support a prevalence of such vegetation.
- (b) For the purposes of regulation under this chapter, the term wetlands does not include public waters wetlands as defined in subdivision 15a.

13. Part 4410.0500, subpart. 4. RGU for EAW by order of EQB.

If the <u>EQB</u> orders an EAW pursuant to part 4410.1000, subpart 3, item C, the EQB shall, at the same time, designate the RGU for that EAW.

Justification.

The amendment to this subpart is reasonable to correct a spelling error. The letter "E" was inadvertently left off "EQB" when originally published.

14. Part 4410.0500, subpart 6. Exception.

Exception. Notwithstanding subparts 1 to 5, the EQB, <u>or EQB chair</u>, may designate <u>within five days</u> of receipt of the completed data portions of the EAW, a different RGU for the project if the EQB determines the designee has greater expertise in analyzing the potential impacts of the project.

Justification.

The requirement for "within five days of receipt of the completed data portions of the EAW" is removed because project proposers often work with the RGU to determine what type of information is needed. Removing the requirement to have a complete data submittal before the RGU designation process is complete, will ensure that parties are identified early in the process and work together in the EAW development process. The EQB, or EQB chair, will identify what information is required. Additionally, it is reasonable to eliminate the five day time limit because it is inconsistent with the operation of the EQB Board. The EQB uses its regularly scheduled monthly Board meeting to process requests to designate a different RGU. The process under the current rule can take as long as 45-days to complete; therefore, it is not possible for the EQB to meet the timeline designated in the current rule.

The addition of extending the ability to designate a different RGU to the EQB chair is reasonable because it allows the request to be processed more efficiently. This change will allow flexibility for making non-controversial decisions, and does not prevent anyone from making a request for the full Board to consider the decision. All requests to designate a different RGU will be published in the EQB Monitor for one week prior to approval, which will give any Board member on behalf of the public, an opportunity to request a full review by the Board.

15. Part 4410.4300, subpart 2. Nuclear fuels and nuclear waste.

Nuclear fuels and nuclear waste. Items A to F designate the RGU for the type of project listed:

A. For construction or expansion of a facility of the storage of high level nuclear waste, <u>other</u> than an independent spent-fuel storage installation, the EQB shall be is the RGU.

Justification.

For the nuclear fuels and nuclear waste mandatory EAW category, the proposed change includes the addition of the words "other than an independent spent-fuel storage installation" This amendment removes these types of projects from the mandatory requirement to prepare an EAW. Independent spent-fuel storage installations are statutorily required to prepare a mandatory EIS Minn. Stat. 116C.83, subdivision 6, paragraph (b))

"An environmental impact statement is required under chapter 116D for a proposal to construct and operate a new or expanded independent spent-fuel storage installation. The commissioner of the Department of Commerce shall be the responsible governmental unit for the environmental impact statement."

The addition of "other than an independent spent-fuel storage installation" to item A clarifies the fact that independent spent-fuel storage installation projects are not subject to the mandatory requirement to prepare an EAW but are in fact subject to the requirement for an EIS. In this rulemaking the EQB is proposing to amend Minn. Rule ch. 4410.4400, subpart 2, which governs nuclear fuels, is to reflect the statutory requirement for independent spent-fuel storage installations to prepare an EIS.

The addition of "other than independent spent-fuel storage installation" is reasonable to make this rule consistent with Minn. Stat. 116C.83, subdivision 6. The EQB retains RGU status for preparation of an EAW for non-independent spent-fuel storage installation high-level nuclear waste storage facilities.

16. Part 4410.4300, subpart 3. Electric-generating facilities.

Electric_generating facilities.

Items A through D designate the RGU for the type of project listed:

- A. For construction of an electric power generating plant and associated facilities designated for or capable of operating at a capacity of between 25 megawatts and 50 megawatts, the EQB shall be the RGU or more but less than 50 megawatts and for which an air permit from the PCA is required, the PCA is the RGU.
- B. For construction of an electric power generating plants plant and associated facilities designed for and capable of operating at a capacity of 25 megawatts or more but less than 50 megawatts or more. Environmental review shall be conducted according to parts 7849.1000 to 7849.2100 and 7850.1000 to 7850.5600.and for which an air permit from the PCA is not required, the local governmental unit is the RGU.
- <u>C.</u> For construction of an electric power generating plant and associated facilities designed for and capable of operating at a capacity of 50 megawatts or more, the PUC is the RGU,

- environmental review must be conducted according to parts 7849.1000 to 7849.2100 and chapter 7850.
- D. For construction of a wind energy conversion system, as defined in Minnesota Statutes section 216F.01, designed for and capable of operating at a capacity of 25 megawatts or more, the PUC is the RGU and environmental review must be conducted according to chapter 7854.

Justification.

This subpart has been divided into 3 sections to clarify and expand on the existing requirements. The proposed amendment to item A changes the RGU from the EQB to the PCA for certain types of electric-generating facilities, (those that are a certain size and that require a PCA air permit). This is a reasonable change because the PCA, through the permitting process, will have more knowledge of the facility and more experience with the types of processes and pollutants involved.

The proposed amendment to item B changes the RGU from the EQB to the LGU for certain types of electric-generating facilities, (those that are a certain size and that do not require a PCA air permit). This is reasonable change because such facilities typically utilize a renewable resource in a non-combustion process (e.g., solar panels). These plants are well suited to be evaluated by LGUs because LGUs have more permitting authority over the project as a whole.

The amendments to item C clarify the existing requirement in the last sentence of subpart 3. The current rule does not specifically identify the PUC as having the responsibility for environmental review for facilities over 50 megawatts but, through application of the cited rules, MN rules parts 7849.1000 to 7849.2100 and chapter 7850 it is the RGU. It is reasonable to make that clarification in new item C._Item D is added to designate the PUC as the RGU for construction of wind energy conversion systems designed for and capable of operating at a capacity of 25 megawatts or more. These types of systems were not previously addressed in this rule and the PUC is reasonably assigned as the RGU based on their approval authority over the project as a whole and their expertise for evaluating these project types

These changes to the RGU for specific types of facilities are consistent with Minn. R. 4410.0500, RGU Selection Procedures.

17. Part 4410.4300, subpart 4. Petroleum refineries.

For expansion of an existing petroleum refinery facility that increases it's the refinery's capacity by 10,000 or more barrels per day or more, the PCA shall be is the RGU

Justification.

Changes reflect the state of MN Revisor's Office recommendations to improve clarity for interpreting the rule.

18. Part 4410.4300, subpart 5. Fuel conversion facilities.

Fuel conversion facilities.

- A. Subitems (1) and (2) Items A and B designate the RGU for the type of project listed:
 - (1) A. For construction of a <u>new fuel conversion</u> facility for the conversion of coal, peat, or biomass sources to gaseous, liquid, or solid fuels if that facility has the capacity to utilize 25,000 dry tons or more per year of input, the PCA shall be is the RGU.
 - (2) B. For construction or expansion of a new fuel conversion facility for the production of alcohol fuels which that would have the capacity or would increase it's capacity by to produce 5,000,000 or more gallons or more per year of alcohol produced, the PCA shall be is the RGU.
- B. A mandatory EAW is not required for projects described in Minnesota Statutes, section 116D.04, subdivision 2a, paragraph (b).

Justification.

The addition of the phrase "new fuel conversion" to subitems (1) and (2) more clearly identifies the type of facilities for which environmental review must be considered. The addition of "new" in subitem (1) and (2), and the deletion of "or expansion" and "or would increase its capacity by" from subitem (2) makes clear that the construction at existing facilities is not included in this EAW category, per language passed by the Minnesota Legislature in 2011 and found in Minn. Stat. 116D.04, subdivision 2a paragraph (b).

Item B is reasonably added to align with the requirements passed by the Minnesota Legislature in 2011 (Minn. Stat. 116D.04, subdivision 2a, paragraph (b)), which deals exclusively with the expansion of fuel conversion facilities:

"A mandatory environmental assessment worksheet shall not be required for the expansion of an ethanol plant, as defined in section 41A.09, subdivision 2a, paragraph (b), or the conversion of an ethanol plant to a biobutanol facility or the expansion of a biobutanol facility as defined in section 41A.15, subdivision 2d, based on the capacity of the expanded or converted facility to produce alcohol fuel, but must be required if the ethanol plant or biobutanol facility meets or exceeds thresholds of other categories of actions for which environmental assessment worksheets must be prepared. The responsible governmental unit for an ethanol plant or biobutanol facility project for which an environmental assessment worksheet is prepared shall be the state agency with the greatest responsibility for supervising or approving the project as a whole."

The addition of item B provides greater clarity, specificity and efficiency in determining if environmental review is required for a proposed project.

Other changes reflect the state of MN Revisor's Office recommendations to improve clarity for interpreting the rule.

19. Part 4410.4300, subpart 6. Transmission lines.

Transmission lines. For construction of a transmission line at a new location with a nominal capacity of between 70 kilovolts and 100 kilovolts with 20 or more miles of its length in Minnesota, the EQB shall be the RGU. For construction of a high-voltage transmission lines line and associated facilities, as defined in part 7850.1000 designed for and capable of operating at a

nominal voltage of 100 kilovolts or more, the PUC is the RGU. Environmental review shall must be conducted according to parts 7849.1000 to 7849.2100 and 7850.1000 to 7850.5600.

Justification.

Changes to the mandatory EAW category for transmission lines include the deletion of the requirement for mandatory environmental review of transmission lines between 70 kilovolts and 100 kilovolts (kV). The EQB, which was the designated RGU, suggested the change because those types of transmission lines are not typically constructed in Minnesota. If a future need for these transmission lines were identified, the PUC could order a discretionary review or the public could submit a petition, if they believe the project may have the potential for significant environmental effects. The addition of the phrase "the PUC is the RGU" to this subpart makes clear that the PUC is the RGU for transmission line projects.

However, high-voltage transmission line projects are still required to be reviewed. The amendments reasonably add a reference to and existing definition of "high voltage transmission line" or "HVTL." Referencing other applicable State regulatory requirements in the definition ensures that Minn. Rules ch. 4410 will stay current, when other applicable State regulatory requirements are updated. Using similar terminology with other applicable regulatory requirements helps the public with review, when environmental review documents and permits are co-noticed.

20. Part 4410.4300, subpart 7. Pipelines.

Pipelines. Items A to D designate the RGU for the type of project listed:

- A. For routing of a pipeline, greater than six inches in diameter and having more than 0.75 miles of its length in Minnesota, used for the transportation of coal, crude petroleum fuels, or oil or their derivates, the EQB shall be the RGU.
- B. For the construction of a pipeline for distribution of natural or synthetic gas under a license, permit, right, or franchise that has been granted by the municipality under authority of Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.36, designed to operate at pressures in excess of 275 pounds per square inch (gauge) with a length greater than:
 - (1) five miles if the pipeline will occupy streets, highways, and other public property; or
 - (2) 0.75 miles if the pipeline will occupy private property; the EQB or the municipality is the RGU.
- C. For construction of a pipeline to transport natural or synthetic gas subject to regulation under the federal Natural Gas Act, United States Code, title 15, section 717, et. seq., designed to operate at pressures in excess of 275 pounds per square inch (gauge) with a length greater than:
 - (1) five miles if the pipeline will be constructed and operated within an existing right-of-way; or
 - (2) 0.75 miles if construction or operation will require new temporary or permanent right of way;

the EQB is the RGU. This item shall not apply to the extent that the application is expressly preempted by federal law, or under specific circumstances when an actual conflict exists with applicable federal law.

D. For construction of a pipeline to convey natural or synthetic gas that is not subject to regulation under the federal Natural Gas Act, United States Code, title 15, section 717, et seq.; or to a license, permit, right, or franchise that has been granted by a municipality under authority of Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.36; designed to operate at pressures in excess of 275 pounds per square inch (gauge) with a length greater than 0.75 miles, the EQB is the RGU.

Items A to D do not apply to repair or replacement of an existing pipeline within an existing right of way or to a pipeline located entirely within a refining, storage, or manufacturing facility.

For construction, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 216G.01, subdivision 2, of a pipeline, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 216G.01, subdivision, 3 or 216G.02, subdivision 1, the PUC is the RGU. Environmental review must be conducted according to Minnesota Rules, chapter 7852 and Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216G.

Justification.

Items A through D are reasonably replaced by a reference to Minn. Stat. chapter 216G.01 and 216G.02. This statute is more recent than the existing language, and is specifically written to address pipelines in the state. Minn. Stat. 216G.01, subdivision 2 and 3 deals exclusively with the construction of a pipeline:

"Subd. 2. Construction. "Construction" means any clearing of land, excavation, or other action that would adversely affect the natural environment of a pipeline route but does not include changes needed for temporary use of a route for purposes other than installation of a pipeline, for securing survey or geological data, for the repair or replacement of an existing pipeline within the existing right-of-way, or for the minor relocation of less than three-quarters of a mile of an existing pipeline.

Subd. 3. Pipeline. "Pipeline" means a pipeline located in this state which is used to transport natural or synthetic gas at a pressure of more than 90 pounds per square inch, or to transport crude petroleum or petroleum fuels or oil or their derivatives, coal, anhydrous ammonia or any mineral slurry to a distribution center or storage facility which is located within or outside of this state. "Pipeline" does not include a pipeline owned or operated by a natural gas public utility as defined in section 216B.02, subdivision 4."

The statutory language changed how the EAW category is applied to pipeline projects and identifies a different RGU for the environmental review of pipeline projects. The statute also includes new thresholds for when environmental review must be completed for pipeline projects.

Replacing the current requirements with a citation to the statutory requirements and existing rules provides greater clarity and consistency in determining if environmental review is required for a proposed project. Referencing applicable statutes and rules ensures that Minn. Rules ch. 4410 will stay current, when other applicable State regulatory requirements are updated. Using the same terminology helps the public with review, when environmental review documents and permits are co-noticed.

21. Part 4410.4300, subpart 8. Transfer facilities.

Transfer facilities. Items A and B to C designate the RGU for the type of project listed:

- A. For construction of a <u>new</u> facility which is designed for or capable of transferring 300 tons or more of coal per hour or with an annual throughput of 500,000 tons of coal from one mode of transportation to a similar or different mode of transportation; or the expansion of an existing facility by these respective amounts, the PCA shall be is the RGU.
- B. For construction of a new facility or the expansion by 50 percent or more of an existing facility for the bulk transfer of hazardous materials with the capacity of 10,000 or more gallons per transfer, if the facility is located in a shoreland area, <u>a</u> delineated flood plain floodplain, a state or federally designated wild and scenic rivers district, the Minnesota River Project Riverbend area, or the Mississippi headwaters area, the PCA <u>shall be</u> is the RGU.
- C. The PCA is the RGU for a silica sand project that:
 - (1) is designed to store or is capable of storing more than 7,500 tons of silica sand; or (2) has an annual throughput of more than 200,000 tons of silica sand.

Justification.

The changes to item A provide clarity and consistency with item B, which also addresses "new" facilities. The addition of item C aligns with the thresholds found at Minn. Stat. 116C.991, section a, paragraph (2). The interim mandatory categories for silica sand projects are listed under Minn. Stat. § 116.991 and were established as provided by Laws of Minnesota 2013, chapter 114, article 4, section 105:

- 1) excavates 20 or more acres of land to a mean depth of ten feet or more during its existence. The local government is the responsible governmental unit; or
- 2) is designed to store or is capable of storing more than 7,500 tons of silica sand or has an annual throughput of more than 200,000 tons of silica sand and is not required to receive a permit from the Pollution Control Agency. The Pollution Control Agency is the responsible governmental unit.
 - b) In addition to the contents required under statute and rule, an environmental assessment worksheet completed according to this section must include:
 - a hydrogeologic investigation assessing potential groundwater and surface water effects and geologic conditions that could create an increased risk of potentially significant effects on groundwater and surface water;
 - 2) for a project with the potential to require a groundwater appropriation permit from the commissioner of natural resources, an assessment of the water resources available for appropriation;
 - 3) an air quality impact assessment that includes an assessment of the potential effects from airborne particulates and dust;
 - 4) a traffic impact analysis, including documentation of existing transportation systems, analysis of the potential effects of the project on transportation, and mitigation measures to eliminate or minimize adverse impacts;
 - 5) an assessment of compatibility of the project with other existing uses; and
 - 6) mitigation measures that could eliminate or minimize any adverse environmental effects for the project.

In 2015, the Minnesota Legislature updated Minn. Stat. 116.991 <u>Laws of Minnesota 2015, Chapter 4, Article 4, Section 121</u>, by removing the July 1, 2015 date and changed the language to :

116C.991 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW; SILICA SAND PROJECTS.

(a) Until July 1, 2015 a final rule is adopted pursuant to Laws 2013, chapter 114, article 4, section 105, paragraph (d)...

The EQB determined that it would permanently adopt the original 2013 thresholds for when environmental review of silica sand projects must occur, as set by the Legislature, in the Mandatory categories rulemaking, R-04157. The EQB has discontinued that rulemaking and is addressing those requirements in the proposed rules.

In 2017, Laws of Minnesota 2017, Chapter 93, article 1, Section 105 was updated to read:

Sec. 105.RULES; SILICA SAND.

- (a) The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency shall may adopt rules pertaining to the control of particulate emissions from silica sand projects. The rulemaking is exempt from Minnesota Statutes, section 14.125.
- (b) The commissioner of natural resources shall adopt rules pertaining to the reclamation of silica sand mines. The rulemaking is exempt from Minnesota Statutes, section 14.125.
- (c) By January 1, 2014, the Department of Health shall adopt an air quality health-based value for silica sand.
- (d) The Environmental Quality Board shall may amend its rules for environmental review, adopted under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116D, for silica sand mining and processing to take into account the increased activity in the state and concerns over the size of specific operations. The Environmental Quality Board shall consider whether the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.991, should remain part of the environmental review requirements for silica sand and whether the requirements should be different for different geographic areas of the state. The rulemaking is exempt from Minnesota Statutes, section 14.125.

In 2017, the Legislature changed the language from "shall" to "may" amend EQB rules for environmental review. The EQB determined that the potential for significant environmental effects persists in relation to silica sand projects in Minnesota and it would be to the public's benefit to have the mandatory category threshold within the environmental review Mandatory Category rules, 4410.4300.

The proposed change clarifies that processing, transloading and storage of silica sand have the potential for causing environmental impacts relating to land use, transportation, noise, facility lights, air quality, recreation, economic, and water quality and water quantity. For economic reasons, transloading, processing and storage facilities may be very large-scale, which in some cases may increase the potential for environmental impacts including fugitive dust emissions, transportation related issues and water pollution issues.

The proposed rules are in response to environmental issues identified at these sites, which have increased as a result of increased demand for silica sand. The proposed language will provide clarity for the public, RGUs and project proposers for the types of projects that require an EAW.

The proposed change reflects the 2013 legislative thresholds for projects. The thresholds are 200,000 tons of annual throughput and 7,500 tons for storage piles. These thresholds indicate a legislative intent that these types of operations have the potential for significant environmental effects, and therefore warrant

environmental review. Proposed item C addresses the potential for air emissions related to silica sand facility operations. Silica sand dust may be emitted during mining, handling, transferring, open storage piles and transport at a silica sand transloading or processing facility. Transloading or processing at a mine or standalone facility may include the storage of silica sand or the transfer of raw materials into trucks or railcars for transport. Depending on how a processing, transloading or mining operation is configured, the proximity of businesses, residences— including sensitive populations—older, asthmatics, young children from inhalation or aspiration of particles can be directly related to its potential for environmental and health effects related to air quality.

Proposed item C establishes a throughput threshold of 200,000 tons or more of silica sand annually and a facility designed to store 7,500 tons or more of silica sand. The throughput threshold is reasonable because it was developed on the basis that the legislature determined the threshold level of 200,000 tons or more of annual throughput on a silica sand project requires environmental review due to the potential for significant environmental effects. The storage threshold is reasonable on the basis that the legislature determined 7,500 tons or more of storage was an appropriate and necessary threshold due to the potential for significant environmental effects related to air quality and transportation related issues.

The proposed thresholds are also reasonable based on a 2015, EQB survey of LGUs throughout the state of Minnesota. The survey is available on EQB's website:

https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/documents/Sand%20survey%20for%20LGU%27s%20Apri l%2015%20EQB.pdf). The survey recorded responses from 11 counties, 13 cities and 70 townships (94 total responses). The survey recorded 66% (59) respondents agreeing with the 200,000-ton throughput threshold and 7,500-ton storage threshold, and 71% (63) agreed that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (PCA) should be the RGU.

Potential environmental effects at a silica sand facility may relate to air quality, noise and safety issues associated with truck traffic transporting the sand to and from the facility. The figure of 200,000 tons per mine per year converts to approximately 7,692 loaded trucks per year (15,385 total trips). This yearly figure converts to approximately 148 loaded trucks per week, and 296 total (loaded and empty) total truck trips per week. Much depends on operating hours to determine how many trucks per day and per hour. If a 6-day work week is used as an example (several MN/WI facilities are operating this way), this would be approximately 25 loaded trucks per day, and approximately 50 total trips per day from a facility.

The PCA has been designated as the RGU in compliance with Minn. Rules ch, 4410.0500, and considering the following:

- The regional scale that silica sand processing and transloading facilities encompass, and their potential for significant environmental effects encompass (air quality, transportation, water quality/quantity). Silica sand processing facilities often work as a hub and spoke system where the processing facility is the hub and neighboring and distant mines transport the silica sand resource to the processing facility where it is processed for the specified end use. Thus, the potentially significant environmental effects from a processing and/or storage and/or transloading facility are likely to be regional and the PCA, the state agency with authority over outdoor air and water quality and the environment, is best positioned to assess these potential impacts.
- The key characteristics of processing and transloading facilities which have the potential for significant environmental effects are air quality and water quality, which are incredibly complicated and which PCA has unique expertise to best assess the potential impacts.
- Permitting authority rests with the PCA for air permits and water discharge permits for processing and transloading facilities.

- If a silica sand facility proposes to process or transload sand from offsite, it is likely to be a larger facility and require more transportation infrastructure, a larger water appropriation (for the processing), and due to a larger size, it may have the potential to have increased significant environmental effects.
- The legislature determined the PCA was the appropriate RGU when it developed and established the statutory language.
- The EQB surveyed 94 LGUs in Minnesota and 71% (63) agreed that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (PCA) should be the RGU.

22. Part 4410.4300, subpart 10. Storage facilities.

Storage facilities. Items A to $\frac{\mathsf{E} \mathsf{H}}{\mathsf{d}}$ designate the RGU for the type of project listed:

- A. For construction of a <u>new</u> facility designed for or capable of storing more than 7,500 tons of coal or with an annual throughput of more than 125,000 tons of coal; or the expansion of an existing facility by these respective amounts, the PCA <u>shall be is</u> the RGU.
- B. For construction of a <u>new major</u> facility, <u>as defined in Minn. Rule ch. 7151.1200, subpart 22, on a single site designated for or capable of storing 1,000,000 gallons or more of hazardous materials, that results in a designed storage capacity of 1,000,000 gallons or more of hazardous materials, the PCA shall be is the RGU.</u>
- C. For expansion of an existing major facility, as defined in Minn. rule chapter 7151.1200, subpart 22, with a designed storage capacity of 1,000,000 gallons or more of hazardous materials, when the expansion adds a net increase of 1,000,000 gallons or more of hazardous materials, the PCA is the RGU.
- D. For expansion of an existing facility that has less than 1,000,000 gallons in total designed storage capacity of hazardous materials, when the net increase in designed storage capacity results in 1,000,000 gallons or more of hazardous materials, the PCA is the RGU.
- E. For construction of a <u>new</u> facility designed for or capable of storing on a single site 100,000 gallons or more of liquefied natural gas, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 299F.56, subdivision 14, or synthetic gas, or anhydrous ammonia as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.02, subdivision 6b, the PCA shall be PUC is the RGU, except as provided in item G.
- F. For construction of a new facility designed for or capable of storing on a single site 100,000 gallons or more of anhydrous ammonia, the MDA is the RGU, except as provided in item G.
- G. For construction of a new facility designed for or capable of storing on a single site 100,000 gallons or more of a combination of liquefied natural gas, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 299F.56, subdivision 14, synthetic gas, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.02, subdivision 6b, or anhydrous ammonia, the PUC is the RGU.
- H. The PCA is the RGU for a silica sand project that:

(1) is designed to store or is capable of storing more than 7,500 tons of silica sand; or (2) has an annual throughput of more than 200,000 tons of silica sand.

Justification.

Item A is amended to clarify that the first clause applies to "new" facilities. The Office of the Revisor has suggested changing "shall be" to "is."

For items B and C, adding the term "major" facility resolves a long standing problem when trying to determine whether a facility meets the threshold of this subpart. The addition of the clarifying language is reasonable because it assists project proposers, the public, and the RGU to consistently determine whether a new facility requires a mandatory environmental review. The definition clearly identifies which components of a site must be considered in determining whether the project meets mandatory thresholds.

Item B only refers to the construction of a new major facility, while item C establishes a separate threshold for the expansion of an existing facility. In consultation with the PCA, the RGU for this EAW category, the separation of these activities – construction of a new facility and expanding an existing facility, is reasonable to better reflect the types of projects that have historically been addressed in this category.

Item C addresses the expansion of existing major facilities rather than the construction of new major facilities as discussed in item B. The separation of the two activities, building a new major facility and expanding an existing major facility is reasonable, to eliminate the inconsistent application of the threshold.

Nothing in the current subpart addresses increases in volume as a result of expansion. Using the term "net" increase in new items C and D helps add clarification when facilities are proposing to add or remove storage areas. The environmental review process considers the entire property or contiguous properties when factoring in net increase.

The new item D adds clarification that environmental review is required when the expansion of an existing facility with less than 1,000,000 gallons has a net increase in designed storage capacity of 1,000,000 gallons or more of hazardous materials, and designates the PCA as the RGU.

Items E, F and G are expansions of existing item E and address liquid natural gas, synthetic gas, and anhydrous ammonia. Item E is amended to expand existing rule language to cross reference to already existing definitions of liquefied nature gas and synthetic gas and also to identify a more appropriate RGU. The proposed change removes the PCA as the RGU and assigns the PUC as the RGU.

The re-assignment of the PUC as the RGU in each of these items is reasonable because the PUC is the regulatory authority for these liquids. Historically a single threshold was established for multiple substances—liquefied natural gas, synthetic gas and anhydrous ammonia were all contained in the same item with the PCA as the RGU. However, the PCA has no approval authority of any of the substances. The PUC regulates liquefied natural gas and synthetic gas, making them the more appropriate RGU. Similarly, the PCA does not regulate anhydrous ammonia, but the MDA does and is the more appropriate RGU. While the thresholds have not changed, the RGU has changed. Additionally in item G, the RGU with the greatest approval authority over the project is identified as the PUC. This change is consistent with other parts of Minn. Rules ch. 4410 and is consistent with the regulatory system around each substance.

The new threshold item H, is established to align with the thresholds found at Minn. Stat. 116C.991, section a, paragraph (2) as provided by Laws of Minnesota 2015, Chapter 4, Article 4, Section 121, which states:

- "(a) Until a final rule is adopted pursuant to Laws 2013, chapter 114, article 4, section 105, paragraph (d), an EAW must be prepared for any silica sand project that meets or exceeds the following thresholds, unless the project meets or exceeds the thresholds for an environmental impact statement under rules of the Environmental Quality Board and an environmental impact statement must be prepared:
 - (2) is designed to store or is capable of storing more than 7,500 tons of silica sand or has an annual throughput of more than 200,000 tons of silica sand and is not required to receive a permit from the PCA. The PCA is the RGU."

Item H is identical to Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 8, item C. The purpose of its inclusion in the Storage facilities mandatory EAW category is to ensure a project proposer or RGU is aware of the threshold if silica sand facility is developed that just includes storage. The justification for the need and reasonableness for this category and thresholds is described above in the justification section for Minnesota Rules 4410.4300, subpart 8, item C.

23. Part 4410.4300, subpart 12. Nonmetallic mineral mining.

Nonmetallic mineral mining. Items A to $\in \underline{D}$ designate the RGU for the type of project listed:

Item A [unchanged]

B. For development of a facility for the extraction or mining of sand, gravel, stone, or other nonmetallic minerals, other than peat, which will extract 40 or more acres of land to a mean depth of ten feet or more during its existence, the local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU.

Item C [unchanged]

D. For development of a silica sand project that excavates 20 or more acres of land to a mean depth of ten feet or more during the project's existence, the local governmental unit is the RGU.

Justification.

In item B, the term "government" is replaced with the term "governmental", to provide consistency with how this term is used in other parts of this chapter. This change ensures consistent application of terms throughout Minn. Rules ch. 4410. The term "shall be" is reasonably changed to "is at the recommendation of the Office of the Revisor.

Item D follows the intent of the interim rules the 2013 and 2015 legislature set forth in Minn. Stat. § 116C.991, paragraph (a), clause (1), which state:

- "(a) Until July 1, 2015, an environmental assessment worksheet must be prepared for any silica sand project that meets or exceeds the following thresholds, unless the project meets or exceeds the thresholds for an environmental impact statement under rules of the Environmental Quality Board and an environmental impact statement must be prepared:
- (1) excavates 20 or more acres of land to a mean depth of ten feet or more during its existence. The local government is the RGU; or..."

The addition of item D is reasonable because the extraction, mining, and ancillary features associated with extraction and mining of silica sand deposits have the potential for significant environmental effects relating to land use, transportation, noise, air quality, water quality and vibrations.

Activities and features associated with the extraction and mining processes and mine area land disturbance directly relate to the need for environmental review due to the potential for significant environmental effects caused by these activities. Specifically, the activities include truck transport of the silica sand from the mine site, which has the potential to result in increased traffic impacts, road degradation, increased noise, safety concerns and increased dust. Mine area activities also include permanent landscape alterations caused by removing overburden to access the silica sand resources and permanent landscape alterations from removing the silica sand resources from the site. The landscape alterations have the potential to change the way-of-life in a community in which these facilities are located. This change in the way-of-life may be characterized as the loss of a notable land feature from an area's viewshed or the disruption of the character of a place due to mine area activities. Additional activities and features associated with the extraction and mining process that have the potential to change the way-of-life include lights, noise, and hours of operation. In 2015, EQB completed a survey of LGUs throughout the state of Minnesota. The survey is available on EQB's website: https://www.egb.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/documents/Sand%20survey%20for%20LGU%27s%20Apri l%2015%20EQB.pdf). Survey respondents stated that non-metallic mining causes disruption to traffic flows in an area, noise, odor, dust and have a significant impact on area residents way-of-life.

Mine activities and features with the potential for significant environmental effects include: clearing the mine site, removal of vegetation, compaction, stripping, grading, grubbing, filling, storing materials, settling ponds, berms, constructed buildings associated with mine activities, haul roads and refuse piles.

Proposed item D is reasonable because the Minnesota Legislature set the threshold at 20-acre and the mean depth of 10-feet or more, indicating a legislative intent and concern that a silica sand project that excavates 20-acres or more to a mean depth of 10 feet has the potential for significant environmental effects, and therefore warrants environmental review.

Item D establishes the LGU as the RGU. The 2015 survey of LGUs throughout the state recorded responses from 11 counties, 13 cities and 70 townships. The survey recorded 56% (49) respondents agreeing with the 20 acre mine threshold and 77% (69) agreed that the LGU should be the RGU.

It is reasonable to designate the LGU as the RGU because:

- Mines are a land-use issue. LGUs have the greatest authority for supervising and permitting
 authority over land-use and projects in their community; LGUs have local knowledge and expertise
 regarding what is appropriate for their community and quality of life; thus it is necessary to
 involve the LGU and reasonable to designate it as the RGU.
- LGUs are in a better position to understand and protect the unique local resources that the local community deems valuable. LGUs have access to local insights and have a strong incentive to ensure that all risks of silica sand mining are mitigated.
- The environmental review program has a historic precedent to identify LGUs as the RGU because they have the greatest approval authority over a project via a land use permit.

Based on the potential for environmental impacts at existing and proposed silica sand mine sites it is reasonable to require environmental review on silica sand mine sites larger than the proposed threshold.

24. Part 4410.4300, subpart 14. Industrial, commercial, and institutional.

Industrial, commercial, and institutional. Items A and B designate the RGU for the type of project listed, except as provided in items C and D:

- A. For construction of a new or expansion of an existing warehousing or light industrial facility equal to or in excess of the following thresholds, expressed as gross floor space, the local governmental unit shall be is the RGU:
 - (1) unincorporated area, 150,000 square feet;
 - (2) third or fourth class city, 300,000 square feet;
 - (3) second class city, 450,000 square feet; and
 - (4) first class city, 600,000 square feet.
- B. For construction of a new or expansion of an existing industrial, commercial, or institutional facility, other than a warehousing or light industrial facility, equal to or in excess of the following thresholds, expressed as gross floor space, the local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU:
 - (1) unincorporated area, 100,000 square feet;
 - (2) third or fourth class city, 200,000 square feet;
 - (3) second class city, 300,000 square feet; and
 - (4) first class city, 400,000 square feet.

Justification.

During the EQB rulemaking in 1982, the words "square feet" were inadvertently omitted from item A of this subpart, but were included in item B. They term is reasonably added to item A to eliminate any question regarding which units of measurement must be used.

The term "government" is replaced with the term "governmental," to provide consistency with how this term is used in other parts of this chapter. This change ensures consistent application of Minn. Rules ch. 4410.

25. Part 4410.4300, subpart 16. Hazardous waste.

Hazardous waste. Items A to D designate the RGU for the type of project listed:

- A. For construction of a new or expansion of a an existing hazardous waste disposal facility the PCA shall be is the RGU.
- B. For construction of a <u>new facility for</u> hazardous waste <u>storage</u>, <u>processing facility with a capacity of 1,000 or more kilograms per month or treatment that is generating or receiving 1,000 kilograms or more per month of hazardous waste or one kilogram or more per month of acute hazardous waste, the PCA shall be is the RGU.</u>
- C. For expansion of <u>an existing facility for hazardous waste storage processing facility storage</u> <u>or treatment</u>, that increases <u>it's the facility's</u> capacity by ten percent or more, the PCA <u>shall be</u> is the RGU.
- D. For construction or expansion of a facility that sells hazardous waste storage services to generators other than the owner and operator of the facility or construction of a facility at

which a generator's own hazardous wastes will be stored for a time period in excess of 90 days, if the facility is located in a water-related land use management district, or in an area characterized by soluble bedrock, the PCA shall be is the RGU.

Justification.

The changes to the mandatory EAW category for hazardous waste in items A, B and C clarify that the term "construction" is referring to a new facility and "expansion" applies to an existing facility.

In items B and C, the word "processing" is removed, as the term is confusing when applied to hazardous waste treatment. The terms "storage" and "treatment" are defined in Minn. R. pt. 7045.0020 and are used by the regulatory authority when permitting hazardous waste facilities. Removing the term "processing facility" and using hazardous waste "storage" or "treatment," aligns the environmental review rules with the language in other State rules. Using the same terminology also helps the public with review when environmental review documents and permits are co-noticed.

In item B, the term "acute hazardous waste" was added to the category as there are two types of hazardous waste collected at storage and treatment facilities, "acute" and "non-acute." and the threshold currently does not differentiate between the two. Technical experts at the PCA recommended that the category provide a separate, smaller, volume threshold for acute hazardous waste because acutewastes are more toxic, therefore posing more risk to human health and the environment at smaller exposure amounts.

The threshold volume of one kilogram (kg) was chosen to align with the Federal hazardous waste laws that regulate hazardous waste. Generating 1 kg of acute hazardous waste per month is regulated under the hazardous waste program equivalently to businesses generating 1000 kg per month of non-acute hazardous waste.

26. Part 4410.4300, subpart 17. Solid waste.

Solid waste. Items A to G designate the RGU for the type of project listed:

- A. For construction of a mixed municipal solid waste <u>land</u> disposal facility for up to 100,000 cubic yards of waste fill per year, the PCA is the RGU.
- B. For expansion by 25 percent or more of <u>previous previously permitted</u> capacity of a mixed municipal solid waste <u>land</u> disposal facility_for up to 100,000 cubic yards of waste fill per year, the PCA is the RGU.
- C. For construction or expansion of a mixed municipal solid waste transfer station for 300,000 or more cubic yards per year, the PCA is the RGU.
- D. For construction or expansion of a mixed municipal solid waste energy recovery facility_or incinerator, or the utilization use of an existing facility for the combustion of mixed municipal solid waste or refuse-derived fuel_with a permitted capacity of 30 tons or more tons-per day of input, the PCA is the RGU.
- E. For construction or expansion of a mixed municipal solid waste compost facility_z or a refuse-derived fuel production facility with a <u>permitted</u> capacity of 50 tons or more tons per day of input, the PCA is the RGU.

F. For expansion by at least ten percent but less than 25 percent of previous previously permitted capacity of a mixed municipal solid waste land disposal facility for 100,000 cubic yards or more of waste fill per year, the PCA is the RGU.

Justification.

The addition of the term "land" in items A, B and F aligns the terms with other applicable State rules. Using the same terminology with other applicable regulatory requirements helps the public with review, when environmental review documents and permits are co-noticed

Adding the terms "permitted:" and "previously permitted" adds greater clarity for identifying the correct capacity to the applicable threshold.

27. Part 4410.4300, subpart 18. Wastewater system.

Wastewater system. Items A to <u>CF</u> designate the RGU for the type of project listed:

- A. For expansion, modification, or replacement of a municipal sewage collection system resulting in an increase in design average daily flow of any part of that system by 1,000,000 gallons per day or more if the discharge is to a wastewater treatment facility with a capacity less than 20,000,000 gallons per day or for expansion, modification, or replacement of a municipal sewage collection system resulting in an increase in design average daily flow of any part of that system by 2,000,000 gallons per day or more if the discharge is to a wastewater treatment facility with the capacity of 20,000,000 gallons or greater, the PCA is shall be the RGU.
- B. For expansion or reconstruction of an existing municipal or domestic wastewater treatment facility which results in an increase by 50 percent or more and by at least 200,000 gallons per day of its average wet weather design flow capacity, or construction of a new municipal or domestic wastewater treatment facility with an average wet weather design flow capacity of 200,000 gallons per day or more, the PCA shall be the RGU:
- C. For expansion or reconstruction of an existing industrial process wastewater treatment facility which increases its design flow capacity by 50 percent or more and by at least 200,000 gallons per day or more, or construction of a new industrial process wastewater treatment facility with a design flow capacity of 200,000 gallons per day or more, 5,000,000 gallons per month or more, or 20,000,000 gallons per year or more, the PCA shall be the RGU. This category does not apply to industrial process wastewater treatment facilities that discharge to a publicly-owned treatment works or to a tailings basin reviewed pursuant to subpart 11, item B.
- B. For expansion, modification, or replacement of a municipal sewage collection system resulting in an increase in design average daily flow of any part of that system by 2,000,000 gallons per day or more if the discharge is to a wastewater treatment facility with the capacity of 20,000,000 gallons per day or greater, the PCA is the RGU.
- <u>C.</u> B. For expansion or reconstruction modification of an existing municipal or domestic wastewater treatment facility which that results in an increase by 50 percent or more and

- by at least 200,000 gallons per day of it's the facility's average wet weather design flow capacity, the PCA is the RGU.
- <u>D.</u> <u>For</u> construction of a new municipal or domestic wastewater treatment facility with an average wet weather design flow capacity of 200,000 gallons per day or more, the PCA <u>shall be is</u> the RGU.
- <u>E.</u> For expansion or <u>reconstruction modification</u> of an existing industrial process wastewater treatment facility <u>which that increases it's the facility's</u> design flow capacity by 50 percent or more and by at least 200,000 gallons per day or more—or, the PCA is the RGU.
- For construction of a new industrial process wastewater treatment facility with a design flow capacity of 200,000 gallons per day or more, 5,000,000 gallons per month or more, or 20,000,000 gallons per year or more, the PCA shall be is the RGU. This category does not apply to industrial process wastewater treatment facilities that discharge to a publiclyowned publicly owned treatment works or to a tailings basin reviewed pursuant according to subpart 11, item B

The requirements in former items A, B and C have been revised for clarity as follows: the requirements in former item A are now addressed in items A and B; the requirements in former item B are now addressed in items C and D; and, the requirements in former item C are now addressed in items E and F.

In new items C and E, the deletion of the term "reconstruction" and the addition of the term "modification" corrects a long-standing problem. The word "reconstruction" causes confusion as it implies the existing municipal wastewater treatment facility is being rebuilt instead of modified. It is more accurate to use the term "modification," as proposers are more likely to add on new components, or significantly alter a portion of a wastewater treatment facility in order to increase treatment capacity. This proposed change will have a positive impact by preventing delays in the environmental review process.

The term "modification" does not include movement of the discharge outfall to a different location. The movement of discharge pipe and outfall to another location – such as different location of the same receiving water, a different receiving water, or different on land or subsurface disposal location, is not considered a modification and results in the need for an EAW. A new wastewater treatment facility includes:

- construction that replaces an existing wastewater treatment facility, or
- construction of a wastewater treatment facility or new discharge outfall location, where one did not exist before.

The 1986 EQB SONAR language indicated "the work will increase [treatment] capacity," and therefore the change in language follows the intent of the 1986 EQB SONAR.

28. Part 4410.4300, subpart 20. Campgrounds and RV parks.

Campgrounds and RV parks.

For construction of a seasonal or permanent recreational development, accessible by vehicle, consisting of 50 or more sites, or the expansion of such a facility by 50 or more sites, the local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU.

The term "government" is replaced with the term "governmental," to provide consistency with how this term is used in other parts of Minn. Rules 4410. The change ensures consistent application of Minn. Rules ch. 4410.

29. Part 4410.4300, subpart 20a. Resorts, campgrounds, and RV parks in shorelands

Resorts, campgrounds, and RV parks in shorelands.

The local government governmental unit is the RGU for construction or expansion of a resort or other seasonal or permanent recreational development located wholly or partially in shoreland, accessible by vehicle, of a type listed in item A or B:

Justification.

The term "government" is replaced with the term "governmental", to provide consistency with how this term is used in other parts of Minn. Rules 4410. The change ensures consistent application of Minn. Rules ch. 4410.

30. Part 4410.4300, subpart 21. Airport projects.

Airport projects. Items A and B designate the RGU for the type of project listed:

- A. For construction of a paved, new airport runway, the DOT, local governmental unit, or the Metropolitan Airports Commission shall be is the RGU.
- B. For construction of a runway extension that would upgrade an existing airport runway to permit usage by aircraft over 12,500 pounds that are at least three decibels louder than aircraft currently using the runway, the DOT, local government governmental unit, or the Metropolitan Airports Commission shall be the RGU. The RGU shall be is selected according to part 4410.0500, subpart 5.

Justification.

The term "government" is replaced with the term "governmental", to provide consistency with how this term is used in other parts of Minn. Rules 4410. This change ensures consistent application of Minn. Rules ch. 4410.

31. Part 4410.4300, subpart 22. Highway projects.

Highway projects. Items A to C designate the RGU for the type of project listed:

- A. For construction of a road on a new location over one mile in length that will function as a collector roadway, the DOT or local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU.
- B. For construction of additional travel through lanes or passing lanes on an existing road for a length of one two or more miles, exclusive of auxiliary lanes, the DOT or local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU.
- C. For the addition of one or more new interchanges to a completed limited access highway, the DOT or local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU.

The primary changes to the mandatory EAW category for highway projects are the change of "travel" lane to "through" lane, excluding "auxiliary lanes" but including "passing lanes," and extending the threshold length of through lanes from one to two miles. Auxiliary lanes is a new term in the rules as further defined in part 4410.0200, subpart 5a.

With the introduction of the term "auxiliary lane", the DOT proposes changing the term "travel lane" to "through lane." This change is necessary to clarify the types of lanes used in road design projects. A review of 1982 SONAR does not indicate why the phrase "travel lane" was chosen. Because the term has not been previously defined, this rulemaking is an opportunity to update the rule with terminology that is commonly used today.

Types of traffic lanes are described in the MnDOT Road Design Manual (MnDOT Manual). http://roaddesign.dot.state.mn.us/ See Chapter 4, section 4-3.0. As described in section 4-3.0 "travel lanes" is the overall umbrella term for lanes and then a subset of travel lanes is "through lanes" and "auxiliary lanes." Because the rule will now include the term "auxiliary lane," it is necessary to clarify the lane terminology and separate out both through lane and auxiliary lane. Managed lanes, such as bus lanes, value- priced lanes, and high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes are considered standard higher speed through lanes to provide optimum transportation services and fully utilize the capacity of congested highways in urban areas. Often times these types of lanes are accomplished by using existing highway facilities. The definition of "auxiliary lane" is consistent with the DOT Road Design Manual (Section 4-3.02) and the 2011 American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets (Chapter 1076).

Auxiliary lanes are excluded from the threshold because these types of lanes are typically short distances and as such, have a minimal effect on the impact of the project. Auxiliary lanes are most often used to:

- A. Comply with the principle of lane balance.
- B. Comply with capacity requirements in the case of adverse grades.
- C. Accommodate speed changes.
- D. Accommodate weaving.
- E. Accommodate traffic pattern variations at interchanges.
- F. Accommodate maneuvering of entering and exiting traffic.
- G. Simplify traffic operations by reducing the number of lane changes." (MnDOT Manual 6-1.05.04)

AASHTO explains that, generally, auxiliary lanes are used preceding median openings and are used at intersections preceding right- and left-turning movements. Auxiliary lanes may also be added to increase capacity and reduce crashes at an intersection. In many cases, an auxiliary lane may be desirable after completing a right-turn movement to provide for acceleration, maneuvering, and weaving. Auxiliary lanes can serve as a useable shoulder for emergency use or off-tracking vehicles or both. Auxiliary lanes are also used for deceleration and storage of vehicles while waiting to turn. Auxiliary lanes are used to balance the traffic load and maintain a uniform level of service on the highway. They facilitate the positioning of drivers at exits and the merging of drivers at entrances. (Green Book, 9-124-127, 10-76, 10-79)

Also, the threshold will increase from one mile to two miles. The 1982 SONAR does not specifically state why one mile was chosen (https://www.leg.state.mn.us/archive/sonar/SONAR-00003.pdf); however, comments made by the public in 1982 rulemaking provided that: "A one mile threshold for additional travel lanes is also too restrictive. Five or ten miles ... would be more reasonable." (December 1, 1981)

Comment by John Voss, Planning consultant, Urban Planning and Design, Inc.). As the designated RGU, the DOT conducted a 10-year historical data review of projects that completed an EAW for this subpart and found that projects between 1 mile and 2 miles did not have the potential for significant environmental effects. Project files and comments received were reviewed to determine whether potential environmental effects were identified that would not have otherwise been mitigated by a permit or other required governmental approvals. Based on that data review, the DOT determined that it is reasonable to increase the threshold from one mile to two miles.

The term "government" is replaced with the term "governmental," to provide consistency with how this term is used in other parts of Minn. Rules 4410. This change ensures consistent application of Minn. Rules ch. 4410.

32. Part 4410.4300, subpart 25. Marinas.

Marinas. For construction or expansion of a marina or harbor that results in a 20,000 or more square foot total or a 20,000 or more square foot increase of water surface area used temporarily or permanently for docks, docking, or maneuvering of watercraft, the local government governmental unit is the RGU.

Justification.

The term "government" is replaced with the term "governmental", to provide consistency with how this term is used in other parts of Minn. Rules 4410. This change ensures consistent application of Minn. Rules ch. 4410.

33. Part 4410.4300, subpart 26. Stream diversion.

Stream diversion. For a diversion, realignment, or channelization of any designed trout stream, or affecting greater than 500 feet of natural watercourse with a total drainage area of ten or more square miles unless exempted by part 4410.4600, subpart 14, item E, or 17, the <u>DNR or</u> local government governmental shall be is the RGU.

Justification.

The proposed change to the stream diversion mandatory EAW category includes adding the DNR as a possible RGU .Minn. Rule 4410.4300, subpart 26 assigns the RGU to only the LGU. However, there are circumstances where DNR is the more appropriate RGU due to having similar or greater approval of the project as a whole, in addition to possibly having greater expertise in analyzing the potential impacts. Some examples of these types of projects may include stream habitat restoration projects and floodplain management projects.

The current rule assigns the LGU to be the RGU for these projects, who may not have the natural resources expertise or approval authority related to floodplain management, erosion control, water quality, fisheries habitat, wildlife habitat, recreation, and aesthetics. There exists great variation across local governments regarding the technical/scientific expertise necessary to evaluate these projects. The addition of "DNR or" allows the DNR to be the designated RGU, when their expertise and approval authorities are appropriate. LGUs can work with the DNR to determine the most appropriate RGU to accurately assess these projects and related impacts.

Under the change, the LGU and DNR will confer early in the EAW process for the RGU determination. If it is unclear which unit of government is the designated RGU, then under Minn. Rules part 4410.0500,

subpart 5. B. (2) the question will be submitted to the EQB chairperson for a determination, based upon which governmental unit has greatest responsibility for supervising or approving the project or has greater expertise that is relevant for the environmental review.

The term "government" is replaced with the term "governmental", to provide consistency with how this term is used in other parts of Minn. Rules 4410. This change ensures consistent application of Minn. Rules ch. 4410.

34. Part 4410.4300, subpart 27. Wetlands and public waters.

Wetlands and Public waters, public water wetlands and wetlands. Items A and B designate the RGU for the type of project listed:

- A. For projects that will change or diminish the course, current, or cross-section of one acre or more of any public water or public waters wetlands except for those to be drained without a permit <u>pursuant according</u> to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103G, <u>DNR or</u> the local <u>government governmental</u> unit <u>shall be is</u> the RGU.
- B. For projects that will change or diminish the course, current, or cross section of 40 percent or more or five or more acres of types 3 through 8 wetland of 2.5 acres or more cause an impact, as defined in part 8420.0111, to a total of one acre or more of wetlands, excluding public waters wetlands, if any part of the wetland is within a shoreland area, a delineated flood plain floodplain, a state or federally designated wild and scenic rivers district, the Minnesota River Project Riverbend area, or the Mississippi headwaters area, the local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU.

Justification.

Item A currently assigns the RGU to only the LGU. However, there are circumstances where the DNR is the more appropriate RGU, because the DNR may have similar or greater approval authority of the project as a whole. In some cases, the DNR may also have greater expertise in analyzing the potential impacts. Some examples of these types of projects may include wetland or stream habitat restoration projects, and floodplain management projects. In item A, the term "government" is replaced with the term "governmental", to provide consistency with how this term is used in other parts of Minn. Rules 4410.

The current language in item B does not consider the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA), as WCA was enacted into law after the establishment of mandatory requirements for wetland under Minnesota Rule Chapter 4410.4300 Subpart 27. B (1982). WCA was implemented into Laws of the State of Minnesota in 1991 to regulate those wetlands not inventoried by DNR as Public Waters or Public Water Wetlands.

The current rule assigns the LGU to be the RGU for these projects, who may not have the natural resources expertise or approval authority related to flood control, erosion control, water quality, wildlife habitat, recreation, and aesthetics. There is variation across local governments regarding the technical/scientific expertise necessary to evaluate these projects. The addition of "DNR or" to item A is added for the situations where the DNR has expertise and approval authorities. LGUs can work with the DNR to determine the most appropriate RGU to accurately assess these projects and related impacts.

The existing SONAR for designation of LGU as RGU identifies that these type of projects typically are associated with land use developments and thus the LGU is the appropriate RGU. The DNR has been added as a possible RGU for the types of projects that are not associated with land use development, and/or where LGUs sometimes have very little regulatory oversight.

Under the change, the LGU and DNR will confer early in the EAW process for the RGU determination. If it is unclear which unit of government is the designated RGU, then under Minn. Rules part 4410.0500, subpart 5. B. (2) the question will be submitted to the EQB chairperson for a determination based greatest responsibility for supervising or approving the project or has expertise that is relevant for the environmental review.

Item B references "the course, current, or cross section" of a wetland. These terms are used to define an alteration to a public waters and public water wetlands found in Minn. Rule part 6115.0170, subpart 2. This portion of item B will be removed and replaced with the WCA description found in Minn. Rule part 8420.0111, subpart 32, which more accurately defines an "impact" as a loss in the quantity, quality, or biological diversity of wetland associated with projects that will partially or wholly drain, fill, or excavate wetlands. The proposed change is needed and reasonable as it reflects the current regulatory provisions under WCA and aligns state rules and statutes.

Item B references "40 percent or more or five or more acres of types 3 through 8 wetland of 2.5 acres." The EQB has found that this criterion is confusing for LGUs, the RGUs for this item, to apply. Furthermore, the criteria has no association with the WCA, which generally does not distinguish wetland functions and values based on type or size. Rather, the purpose of the WCA is to achieve no net loss in quantity, quality, and biological diversity of Minnesota's existing wetlands as described in Minn. Rule 8420.0100, subpart 1. As a result, the type of wetlands has been removed, which reflects the current regulatory provisions under WCA and aligns state rules and statutes.

The existing requirement of 2.5 acres defines the size criteria for DNR public water wetlands in incorporated areas – see Minn. Stat. 103G.005, subdivision 15a. This size specification also has no specific implication in WCA. Wetlands regulated under WCA include a variety of areas and types and the jurisdictional boundary is not labeled by a specific area. Consequently in consultation with the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) staff, DNR and PCA staff, the equation of "40 percent or more or five or more acres of types 3 through 8 wetland of 2.5 acres" currently found in the rule has been removed and replaced with a threshold of "1 acre." The proposed change to one acre reflects the lowest possible size threshold established by the current rule. All of these changes are needed to better reflect the changes that have occurred to wetland programs in the state since the original 1982 EAW category was written. The criteria incorporate more recent WCA standards or clarify existing thresholds in environmental review rules.

In item B., the term "government" is replaced with the term "governmental", to provide consistency with how this term is used in other parts of Minn. Rules 4410. This change ensures consistent application of Minn. Rules ch. 4410.

35. Part 4410.4300, subpart 28. Forestry.

Forestry. Items A and B designate the RGU for the type of project listed:

A. For harvesting of timber for commercial purposes on public lands within a state park, <u>a</u> historical area, <u>a</u> wilderness area, <u>a</u> scientific and natural area, <u>a</u> wild and scenic rivers district, the Minnesota River Project Riverbend area, the Mississippi headwaters area, or <u>a</u> critical area that does not have an approved plan under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.09 or 116G.07, the DNR shall be is the RGU.

B. For a clearcutting of 80 or more contiguous acres of forest, any part of which is located within a shoreland area and within 100 feet of the ordinary high water mark of the lake or river, the DNR shall be is the RGU.

Justification.

Changes to this subpart include state of MN Revisor's Office recommendations to improve clarity for interpreting the rule.

36. Part 4410.4300, subpart 30. Natural areas.

Natural areas. For projects resulting in the permanent physical encroachment of lands within a national park, <u>a</u> state park, <u>a</u> wilderness area, state lands and water within the boundaries of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, <u>or a</u> scientific and natural areas, <u>or state trail corridor</u> when the encroachment is inconsistent with laws applicable to or the management plan prepared for the recreational unit, the DNR or local <u>governmentgovernmental</u> unit <u>shall be is</u> the RGU.

Justification.

The more recent addition of a recreational trails category, (Minn. Rules part 4410.4300, subpart 37), was developed to be a more precise measure for determining if a trail project may have the potential for environmental effects than inconsistency with state trail master plan revisions. There was no mandatory recreational trails category when the rule was enacted.

Eliminating the state trail provision is appropriate because it is unlikely that a project inconsistent with the state trail master plan would be authorized by DNR to encroach on a state trail corridor. An unintended consequence of the existing rule language is that revisions to state trail master plans can be interpreted as a "project" under Minnesota Rules 4410.0200. This interpretation results in these plan revisions requiring environmental review under the Recreational trails mandatory category if the master plan revisions propose to add new recreational uses, regardless of length, type or size

The Recreational Trails category was developed in part to serve this purpose and provides clear thresholds for when designating uses would require environmental review. The current rule assumes state trails have statutory boundaries and defined corridors similar to other outdoor recreation units. State trails do not have statutory boundaries and may or may not identify a corridor. If a state trail master plan only identifies a search corridor, it is not practical or appropriate to evaluate other proposed projects that fall within the identified search corridor. This is especially true if the trail has not been built yet, or the trail has been built but does not identify the route to construct. For situations where a new state trail is authorized, or changes in designated use(s) are proposed through a master plan amendment, this must be considered against the recreation trails mandatory EAW criteria found in Minn. Rules part 4410.4300, subpart 37.

The category was adopted to allow for the review of non-DNR projects that are proposed within established recreation units, particularly those projects that may be inconsistent or incompatible with the recreational purposes or management plan of the unit. The DNR proposed the category to ensure the agency had the chance to review projects in conflict with the management plan. The most likely situation would be a private development proposal on an inholding within a state park, not a state trail. Prior to

legislative action in 2003, Recreational trails were not identified as exhibiting impacts that may be potentially significant.

The current rule was adopted to ensure review of projects that conflict with approved master plans for outdoor recreation units. Designation of these facilities includes preparation of a master plan for the unit. These plans may vary according to the characteristics of the area and purposes for designation. The category requires review for projects that conflict with approved master plans for outdoor recreation units.

37. Part 4410.4300, subpart 31. Historical places.

For the destruction, in whole or part, or the moving of a property that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places or State Register of Historic Places, the permitting state agency or local governmental unit of government shall be is the RGU, except this does not apply to projects reviewed under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, United States Code, title 16 54, section 470 306108, or the federal policy on lands, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites pursuant to United States Code, title 49, section 303, or projects reviewed by a local heritage preservation commission certified by the State Historic Preservation Office pursuant to Code of Federal Regulations, title 36, sections 61.5 and 61.7. This subpart does not apply to a property located within a designated historic district if the property is listed as "noncontributing" in the official district designation or if the State Historic Preservation Office issues a determination that the property is noncontributing.

Justification.

Changes to this subpart include state of MN Revisor's Office recommendations to improve clarity for interpreting the rule and corrections to references for the most recent applicable Code of Federal Regulations (COF, title 54, section 306108).

38. Part 4410.4300, subpart 36. Land use conversion, including golf courses.

- A. For golf courses, residential development where the lot size is less than five acres, and other projects resulting in the permanent conversion of 80 or more acres of agricultural, native prairie, forest, or naturally vegetated land, the local governmentgovernmental unit shall be is the RGU, except that this subpart does not apply to agricultural land inside the boundary of the Metropolitan Urban Service Area established by the Metropolitan Council.
- B. For projects resulting in the conversion of 640 or more acres of forest or naturally vegetated land to a different open space land use, the local government-governmental unit shall be is the RGU.

Justification.

The term "government" is replaced with the term "governmental", to provide consistency with how this term is used in other parts of Minn. Rules 4410. This change ensures consistent application of Minn. Rules ch. 4410.

39. Part 4410.4300, subpart 36a. Land conversions in shoreland.

- A. For a project <u>proposing a permanent conversion</u> that alters 800 feet or more of the shoreline in a sensitive shoreland area or 1,320 feet or more of shoreline in a nonsensitive shoreland area, the local governmental unit is the RGU.
- B. For a project <u>proposing a permanent conversion</u> that alters more than 50 percent of the shore impact zone if the alteration measures at least 5,000 square feet, the local governmental unit is the RGU.
- C. For a project that permanently converts 20 or more acres of forested or other naturally vegetated land in a sensitive shoreland area or 40 or more acres of forested or other naturally vegetated land in a nonsensitive shoreland area, the local governmental unit is the RGU.

This mandatory category was added as part of EQB rulemaking that ended in 2009. The category was intended to apply to development activities that result in increased water runoff and loss of aquatic habitat. However, projects proposing habitat and shoreline restoration also often involve the "alteration" of shoreline as discussed by the 2009 SONAR. However, restoration activities typically do not have the negative long-term water quality and aquatic habitat impacts that are associated with shoreland conversion projects and alterations resulting from development activities, which was the original intent in developing the category.

Some of the challenges with this subpart may have been that the title identifies land conversions, but items A and B do not reference land conversion, but instead reference alterations. Per Minn. Stat. 645.49, headnotes printed in boldface type are not considered part of the statute. Therefore, the addition of "permanent conversion" meant to provide clarity about what was intended by this subpart and provide consistency with the term "permanent conversion" as it is used throughout Minnesota Rules chapter 4410.

It is important to note that this clarification does not exempt public water restoration projects from environmental review, but will likely prevent environmental review from being mandatory in this category. A governmental unit may still order discretionary environmental review in response to a citizen petition of if the governmental unit determines a project may have the potential for significant environmental effects.

40. Part 4410.4300, subpart 37. Recreational trails.

Recreational trails. If a project listed in items A to F will be built on state-owned land or funded, in whole or part, by grant-in-aid funds administered by the DNR, the DNR or the LGU is the RGU. For other projects, if a governmental unit is sponsoring the project, in whole or in part, that governmental unit is the RGU. If the project is not sponsored by a unit of government, the RGU is the local governmental unit. For purposes of this subpart, "existing trail" means an established corridor in current legal use.

<u>A.</u> Constructing a trail at least ten <u>25</u> miles long on forested or other naturally vegetated land for a recreational use other than snowmobiling or cross-country skiing, unless exempted

- by part 4410.4600, subpart 14, item D, or constructing a trail at least 20 miles long on forested or other naturally vegetated land exclusively for snowmobiling or cross-country skiing.
- B. Designating at least 25 miles of an existing trail for a new motorized recreational use other than snowmobiling. When designating an existing motorized trail or existing corridor in current legal use by motor vehicles, the designation does not contribute to the 25-mile threshold under this item. When adding a new recreational use or seasonal recreational use to an existing motorized recreational trail, the addition does not contribute to the 25-mile threshold if the treadway width is not expanded as a result of the added use.

In applying items A and B, if a proposed trail will contain segments of newly constructed trail and segments that will follow an existing trail but be designated for a new motorized use, an EAW must be prepared if the sum total length of the quotients obtained by dividing the length of the newly constructed and newly designated trail by 25 miles, equals or exceeds one segments is at least 25 miles.

- <u>C.</u> Paving ten or more miles of an existing unpaved trail, unless exempted by part 4410.4600, subpart 27, item B or F. Paving an unpaved trail means to create a hard surface on the trail with a material impervious to water.
- <u>D.</u> Constructing an off-highway vehicle recreation area of 80 or more acres, or expanding an off-highway vehicle recreation area by 80 or more acres, on agricultural land or forested or other naturally vegetated land.
- <u>E.</u> Constructing an off-highway vehicle recreation area of 640 or more acres, or expanding an off-highway vehicle recreation area by 640 or more acres, if the land on which the construction or expansion is carried out is not agricultural, is not forested or otherwise naturally vegetated, or has been significantly disturbed by past human activities such as mineral mining.
- <u>F.</u> Some recreation areas for off-highway vehicles may be constructed partially on agricultural naturally vegetated land and partially on land that is not agricultural, is not forested or otherwise naturally vegetated, or has been significantly disturbed by past human activities. In that case, an EAW must be prepared if the sum of the quotients obtained by dividing the number of acres of agricultural or naturally vegetated land by 80 and the number of acres of land that is not agricultural, is not forested or otherwise naturally vegetated, or has been significantly disturbed by past human activities by 640, equals or exceeds one.

Justification.

The current rule change to item A. and B. is necessary to fulfill a directive by the Legislature to update environmental review rules to allow certain trails to be built or designated without requiring environmental review.

Changes to items A – B will fulfill the Legislative directive to update rule language with statutory language:

Minn. Laws 2015, ch. 4, section 33. RULEMAKING; MOTORIZED TRAIL ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.

- (a) The Environmental Quality Board shall amend Minnesota Rules, chapter 4410, to allow the following without preparing a mandatory environmental assessment worksheet:
 - (1) constructing a Recreational trails less than 25 miles long on forested or other naturally vegetated land for a recreational use;
 - (2) adding a new motorized recreational use or a seasonal motorized recreational use to an existing motorized Recreational trails if the treadway width is not expanded as a result of the added use; and
 - (3) designating an existing, legally constructed route, such as a logging road, for motorized Recreational trails use.
- (b) The board may use the good cause exemption rulemaking procedure under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388, subdivision 1, clause (3), to adopt rules under this section, and Minnesota Statutes, section 14.386, does not apply except as provided under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388.

Under the Revisor ID Number R-4381, the EQB used the good cause exemption rulemaking procedure to adopt rules in accordance with the above Minn. Laws from the 2015 legislative session in November 2015. The proposed rules were not approved. In addition, in February 2016, the EQB again submitted the proposed rules for adoption. The proposed rules were not adopted. The rulemaking under Revisor ID Number R-4381 has been incorporated into this rulemaking.

Administrative Law Judge Barbara J. Case's Order on Review (OAH 82-9008-32965) it is stated that the phrases "legally constructed route" and "logging road" were, "...impermissibly vague if it is so indefinite that one must guess at its meaning. A rule must establish a reasonably clear policy or standard to control and guide administrative officers so that the rule is carried out by virtue of its own terms and not according to the whim and caprice of the officer. This language is impermissibly vague and therefore unconstitutional."

The current changes to A. and B. will fulfill the intent of the 2015 legislation by utilizing commonly understood language for trails and motorized corridors while maintaining the integrity of the intent of the legislation—to allow trails to be constructed or designated without requiring an EAW or environmental review. By including the changes in the mandatory category section, as "exclusions" instead of in the "exemptions" category of Minn R. ch. 4410, citizens and stakeholders can still petition if a project presents the potential for significant environmental effects. The threshold changes to A. and B. are necessary and reasonable because the 2015 Legislature determined there was potential for significant environmental effects at the proposed threshold levels.

41. Part 4410.4400, subpart 2. Nuclear fuels.

Nuclear fuels. Items A to $\frac{D}{E}$ designate the RGU for the type of project listed:

- A. For the construction or expansion of a nuclear fuel or nuclear waste processing facility, including fuel fabrication facilities, reprocessing plants, and uranium mills, the DNR shall be is the RGU for uranium mills; otherwise, the PCA shall be is the RGU.
- B. For construction of a high-level nuclear waste disposal site, the EQB shall be is the RGU.
- C. <u>For construction or expansion of an independent spent-fuel storage installation, the</u> Department of Commerce is the RGU.

- D. For construction of an away-from-reactor, facility for temporary storage of spent nuclear fuel, the Public Utilities Commission PUC is shall be the RGU.
- E. For construction of a low-level nuclear waste disposal site, the MDH shall be is the RGU.

The addition of item C, "For construction of an independent spent-fuel storage installation, the Department of Commerce is the RGU" reflects Minn. Stat. 116C.83, subdivision 6, paragraph (b) which states:

"An environmental impact statement is required under chapter 116D for a proposal to construct and operate a new or expanded independent spent-fuel storage installation. The commissioner of the Department of Commerce shall be the responsible governmental unit for the environmental impact statement."

The addition of item C makes this rule subpart consistent with Minn. Stat. 116C.83, subdivision 6. The addition of item C clarifies that for a specific type of storage facility for high-level nuclear waste, an independent spent fuel storage installation, the Minnesota Legislature has directed that the Minnesota Department of Commerce prepare an EIS.

Other changes reflect the state of MN Revisor's Office recommendations to improve clarity for interpreting the rule.

42. Part 4410.4400, subpart 3. Electric-generating facilities.

Electric-generating facilities. For construction of a large electric power generating plant, <u>as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 216E.01, subdivision 5, the PUC is the RGU</u>. Environmental review <u>shall must</u> be conducted according to parts 7849.1000 to 7849.2100 and 7850.1000 to 7850.5600.

Justification.

The addition of "as defined in <u>Minnesota Statutes</u>, <u>section 216E.01</u>, <u>subdivision 5</u>," provides greater clarity in determining if environmental review is required for a proposed project. The RGU is not designated in the current rule.

The current rule does not define or reference large electric-power generating facilities, which leads to confusion and unnecessary interpretation when determining whether a mandatory EIS is required for a proposed project. This subpart now has an RGU designation. The change aligns State environmental review rules with the other applicable MN statutes for greater continuity and efficiency.

43. Part 4410.4400, subpart 4. Petroleum refineries.

Petroleum refineries. For construction of a new petroleum refinery facility, the PCA shall be is the RGU.

Need and Reasonableness: Changes reflect the state of MN Revisor's Office recommendations to improve clarity for interpreting the rule.

44. Part 4410.4400, subpart 5. Fuel conversion facilities.

Fuel conversion facilities. Items A and B designate the RGU for the type of project listed:

- A. For construction of a <u>new fuel conversion</u> facility for the conversion of <u>converting</u> coal, peat, or biomass sources to gaseous, liquid, or solid fuels if that the facility has the capacity to <u>utilize</u> <u>use</u> 250,000 dry tons or more per year of input, the PCA shall be is the RGU.
- B. For construction of a new or expansion of a an existing fuel conversion facility for the production of alcohol fuels which that would have or would increase it's the facility's capacity by 50,000,000 gallons or more per year of alcohol produced if the facility will be in the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area or by 125,000,000 gallons or more per year of alcohol produced if the facility will be outside the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area, the PCA shall be is the RGU.
- C. A mandatory EIS is not required for projects described in Minnesota Statutes, section 116D.04, subdivision 2a, paragraph (c).

Justification.

The addition of the term "new fuel conversion" facility to items A and B more clearly identifies the type of facilities for which environmental review must be considered. The addition of item C aligns with the language passed by the Minnesota Legislature and found in Minn. Stat. 116D.04, subdivision 2a, paragraph (c). Other changes reflect the state of MN Revisor's Office recommendations to improve clarity for interpreting the rule.

The changes provide greater clarity in determining if environmental review is required for a proposed project. The addition of item C aligns with the language passed by the Minnesota Legislature and found in Minn. Stat. 116D.04, subdivision 2a, paragraph (c), which deals exclusively with the expansion of fuel conversion facilities:

"(c) A mandatory environmental impact statement is not required for a facility or plant located outside the seven-county metropolitan area that produces less than 125,000,000 gallons of ethanol, biobutanol, or cellulosic biofuel annually, or produces less than 400,000 tons of chemicals annually, if the facility or plant is: an ethanol plant, as defined in section 41A.09, subdivision 2a, paragraph (b); a biobutanol facility, as defined in section 41A.15, subdivision 2d; or a cellulosic biofuel facility. A facility or plant that only uses a cellulosic feedstock to produce chemical products for use by another facility as a feedstock is not considered a fuel conversion facility as used in rules adopted under this chapter."

45. Part 4410.4400, subpart 6. Transmission lines.

Transmission lines. For construction of a high_voltage transmission line and associated facilities, as defined in part 7850.1000, the PUC is the RGU. Environmental review shall must be conducted according to parts 7849.1000 to 7849.2100 and 7850.1000 to 7850.5600.

Justification.

The addition of the phrases "construction of a high-voltage" and "as defined in <u>part 7850.1000</u>" clarifies the definition of "associated facilities" and "high-voltage transmission line." The addition of the phrase "the PUC is the RGU" to this subpart makes clear that the PUC is the RGU for transmission line projects.

The definition ensures consistency for determining whether transmission lines and associated facilities require environmental review, as the definition clearly identifies which components of a site must be considered in determining whether the project means mandatory thresholds.

46. Part 4410.4400, subpart 8. Metallic mineral mining and processing.

Metallic mineral mining and processing. Items A to C and B designate the RGU for the type of projected listed:

A. For mineral deposit evaluation involving the extraction of 1,000 tons or more of material that is of interest to the proposer principally due to its radioactive characteristics, the DNR shall be the RGU.

- A. For construction of a new facility for mining metallic minerals or for the disposal of tailings from a metallic mineral mine, the DNR shall be is the RGU.
- B. For construction of a new metallic mineral processing facility, the DNR shall be is the RGU.

Justification.

The existing rule envisioned the potential for projects involving extraction of radioactive minerals to occur. Bulk samples are taken to evaluate the mineral characteristics and economic feasibility of the materials. These actions were elevated to a mandatory EIS category because of the increased potential for adverse environmental impacts and human health impacts. The 1,000-ton threshold was adopted as a feasible threshold to provide a level of concern for significant adverse environmental impacts. This amount is near the limit of the amount of ore commonly analyzed in deposit evaluations.

The existing rule is unnecessary because this type of action is not being proposed. Although thought to be possible when originally enacted, the rule is now obsolete given little or no expected radioactive mineral extraction in Minnesota.

Eliminating the current rule is appropriate when there is little or no potential for actual projects that fit the rule to be proposed. The category has no history of revisions and DNR staff are not aware of ever conducting an EIS for this type of project.

According to the DNR Division of Lands and Minerals, exploration for uranium has not occurred in Minnesota since the 1970s. It is also believed that future radioactive mineral exploration is unlikely to occur in Minnesota. It should be noted that although the mandatory EIS category is proposed to be eliminated, if future exploration were to occur, an EAW would be mandatory under Minn. Rules part

4410.4300, subpart 11A. If such extraction of radioactive minerals were proposed, such exploration could be subject to preparation of an EIS if a positive declaration is made, or preparation of a discretionary EIS is volunteered, both under Minn. Rules part 4410.2000, subpart 3.

The amendment will have a positive effect by eliminating a rule for which the likelihood of the action being proposed is minimal. If such a project were proposed, it would be subject to mandatory EAW preparation under Minn. Rules part 4410.4300, subpart 11A. An EIS would be required if the project were determined to have the potential for significant environmental effects under Minn. Rules part 4410.1700, subpart 7.

47. Part 4410.4400, subpart 9. Nonmetallic mineral mining.

Nonmetallic mineral mining.

Items A to C designate the RGU for the type of project listed:

- A. For development of a facility for the extraction or mining of peat which will utilize 320 acres of land or more during its existence, the DNR shall be is the RGU.
- B. For development of a facility for the extraction or mining of sand, gravel, stone, or other nonmetallic minerals, other than peat, which will excavate 160 acres of land or more to a mean depth of ten feet or more during its existence, the local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU.

Justification.

The term government is replaced with the term governmental, to provide consistency with how this term is used in other parts of Minn. Rules 4410. This change ensures consistent application of Minn. Rules ch. 4410.

48. Part 4410.4400, subpart 11. Industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities.

Industrial, commercial, and institutional. Items A and B designate the RGU for the type of project listed, except as provided in items C and D:

- A. For construction of a new or expansion of an existing warehousing or light industrial facility equal to or in excess of the following thresholds, expressed as gross floor space, the local governmental unit is the RGU:
 - (1) unincorporated area, 375,000 square feet;
 - (2) third or fourth class city, 750,000 square feet;
 - (3) second class city, 1,000,000 square feet; and
 - (4) first class city, 1,500,000 square feet.
- B. For construction of a new or expansion of an existing industrial, commercial, or institutional facility, other than a warehousing or light industrial facility, equal to or in excess of the following thresholds, expressed as gross floor space, the local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU:
 - (1) unincorporated area, 250,000 square feet;
 - (2) third or fourth class city, 500,000 square feet;

- (3) second class city, 750,000 square feet; and
- (4) first class city, 1,000,000 square feet.

During the EQB rulemaking in 1982, the words "square feet" were omitted from item A of this subpart, but were included in item B. In order to eliminate any question regarding which units of measurement must be used in applying item A, the EQB is adding the words "square feet" to this subpart.

The term "government" is replaced with the term "governmental", to provide consistency with how this term is used in other parts of Minn. Rules 4410. This change ensures consistent application of Minn. Rules ch. 4410.

49. Part 4410.4400, subpart 12. Hazardous waste.

Hazardous waste. Items A to C designate the RGU for the type of project listed:

C. For construction of expansion of a <u>facility for</u> hazardous waste processing facility <u>storage</u>, <u>or treatment</u>, if the facility is located in a water-related land use management district, or in an area characterized by soluble bedrock, the PCA <u>shall be is</u> the RGU.

Justification

The word "processing" is confusing when applied to hazardous waste treatment, as the terms "storage" and "treatment" are more often used by the regulatory authority when permitting hazardous waste facilities.

Removing the term "processing facility" and using hazardous waste "storage" or "treatment," aligns the environmental review rules with the language in other State rules. Using similar terminology also helps the public with review when environmental review documents and permits are co-noticed.

50. Part 4410.4400, subpart 13. Solid waste.

Solid waste. Items A to E designate the RGU for the type of project listed:

- A. For construction of a mixed municipal solid waste <u>land</u> disposal facility for 100,000 cubic yards or more of waste fill per year, the PCA is the RGU.
- B. For construction or expansion of a mixed municipal solid waste <u>land</u> disposal facility_z in a water-related land use management district_τ or in an area characterized by soluble bedrock, the PCA is the RGU.
- C. For construction or expansion of a mixed municipal solid waste energy recovery facility, or incinerator, or the utilization use of an existing facility for the combustion of mixed municipal solid waste or refuse-derived fuel, with a permitted capacity of 250 tons or more tons per day of input, the PCA is the RGU.
- D. For construction or expansion of a mixed municipal solid waste compost facility_z or a refuse-derived fuel production facility <u>when the construction or expansion results in a facility</u> with a <u>permitted capacity of 500 tons</u> or more tons per day of input, the PCA is the RGU.

E. For expansion by 25 percent or more of previous capacity of a mixed municipal solid waste <u>land</u> disposal facility for 100,000 cubic yards or more of waste fill per year, the PCA is the RGU.

Justification.

The addition of the term "land" in items A through E allows the environmental rule language to align with other applicable State regulatory requirements. This change provides greater clarity, specificity and efficiency for determining if environmental review is required for a proposed project. In addition, using similar terminology helps the public with review when environmental review documents and permits are co-noticed.

51. Part 4410.4400, subpart 15. Airport runway projects.

For construction of a paved and lighted airport runway of 5,000 feet of length or greater, the DOT or local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU.

Justification.

The term "government" is replaced with the term "governmental", to provide consistency with how this term is used in other parts of Minn. Rules 4410. This change ensures consistent application of Minn. Rules ch. 4410. Other changes reflect the state of MN Revisor's Office recommendations to improve clarity for interpreting the rule.

52. Part 4410.4400, subpart 16 Highway projects.

For construction of a road on a new location, which is four or more lanes in width and two or more miles in length, the DOT or local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU.

Justification.

The term "government" is replaced with the term "governmental", to provide consistency with how this term is used in other parts of Minn. Rules 4410. This change ensures consistent application of Minn. Rules ch. 4410. Other changes reflect the state of MN Revisor's Office recommendations to improve clarity for interpreting the rule.

53. Part 4410.4400 subpart. 19. Marinas.

For construction of a new or expansion of an existing marina, harbor, or mooring project on a state or federally designated wild and scenic river, the local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU.

Justification

The term "government" is replaced with the term "governmental", to provide consistency with how this term is used in other parts of Minn. Rules 4410. This change ensures consistent application of Minn. Rules ch. 4410. Other changes reflect the state of MN Revisor's Office recommendations to improve clarity for interpreting the rule.

54. Part 4410.4400, subpart 20. Wetlands and public waters.

Wetlands and Public waters, <u>public water wetlands</u>. For projects that will eliminate a public water or public water wetland, the <u>DNR or the local government governmental</u> unit <u>shall be is</u> the RGU.

Justification.

The current rule assigns the RGU to only the LGU when there are circumstances where DNR has greater expertise in analyzing the potential impacts. The 1982 SONAR identifies these resources as significant, pursuant to the DNR's inventory program. The elimination of such resources would have significant local and regional impacts. There is variation across local governments regarding the technical/scientific expertise necessary to evaluate these projects.

Under the change, the LGU and DNR will to confer early in the process for the RGU determination. If it is unclear which unit of government is the appropriate designated RGU, then under Minn. Rules part 4410.0500, subpart 5. B. (2) the question will be submitted to the EQB chairperson, for a determination based greatest responsibility for supervising or approving the project or has expertise that is relevant for the environmental review.

The term "government" is replaced with the term "governmental", to provide consistency with how this term is used in other parts of Minn. Rules 4410. This change ensures consistent application of Minn. Rules ch. 4410. Other changes reflect the state of MN Revisor's Office recommendations to improve clarity for interpreting the rule.

55. Part 4410.4400, subpart 25. Incineration of wastes containing PCBs.

Incineration of Incinerating wastes containing PCBs. For the incineration of incinerating wastes containing PCB's PCBs for which an EIS is required by Minnesota Statutes, section 116.38, subdivision 2, the PCA shall be is the RGU.

Justification.

Changes reflect the state of MN Revisor's Office recommendations to improve clarity for interpreting the rule.

56. Part 4410.4600, subpart 10. Industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities.

Industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities. The following projects are exempt:

- B. The Construction of a warehousing, light industrial, commercial, or institutional facility with less than 4,000 square feet of gross floor space, and with associated parking facilities designed for 20 vehicles or less, is exempt fewer.
- C. Construction of a new parking facility for less fewer than 100 vehicles if the facility is not located in a shoreland area, a delineated flood plain floodplain, a state or federally

designated wild and scenic rivers district, the Minnesota River Project Riverbend area, or the Mississippi headwaters area is exempt.

Justification.

Changes reflect the state of MN Revisor's Office recommendations to improve clarity for interpreting the rule.

57. Part 4410.4600, subpart 12. Residential development.

Residential development. The following projects are exempt:

- A. Construction of a sewered residential development, of:
 - (1) less fewer than ten units in an unincorporated area;
 - (2) less fewer than 20 units in a third or fourth class city;
 - (3) less fewer than 40 units in a second class city; or
 - (4) less fewer than 80 units in a first class city, no part of which is within a shoreland area, a delineated flood plain floodplain state or federally designated wild and scenic rivers district, the Minnesota River Project Riverbend area, or the Mississippi headwaters area, is exempt.
- B. Construction of less than ten residential units located in shoreland, provided all land in the development that lies within 300 feet of the ordinary high water level of the lake or river, or edge of any wetland adjacent to the lake or river, is preserved as common open space.
- C. Construction of a single residence or multiple residence with four dwelling units or less fewer and accessory appurtenant structures and utilities is exempt.

Justification.

Changes reflect the state of MN Revisor's Office recommendations to improve clarity for interpreting the rule.

58. Part 4410.4600, subpart 14. Highway projects.

Highway projects. The following projects are exempt:

- <u>A.</u> Highway safety improvement projects are exempt.
- <u>B.</u> Installation of traffic control devices, individual noise barriers, bus shelters and bays, loading zones, and access and egress lanes for transit and paratransit vehicles is exempt.
- C. Modernization of an existing roadway or bridge by resurfacing, restoration, or rehabilitation that may involve the acquisition of acquiring minimal amounts of right-ofway is exempt.
- <u>D.</u> Roadway landscaping, <u>and</u> construction of bicycle and pedestrian lanes, paths, and facilities within <u>an</u> existing right-of-way are exempt.
- <u>E.</u> Any stream diversion, realignment, or channelization within the right-of-way of an existing public roadway associated with bridge or culvert replacement is exempt.

<u>F.</u> Reconstruction or modification of an existing bridge structure on essentially the same alignment or location that may involve the acquisition of acquiring minimal amounts of right-of-way-is exempt.

Justification.

Revisor's office change to improve clarity for interpreting the rule and adding the word "realignment to make this change to be consistent with part 4410.4300, subpart 26, Stream Diversion. Part 4410.4300, subpart 26 provides as follows:

Subpart 26. Stream diversion. For a diversion, *realignment*, or channelization of any designated trout stream, or affecting greater than 500 feet of natural watercourse with a total drainage area of ten or more square miles unless exempted by part 4410.4600, subpart 14, item E, or 17, the local government unit shall be the RGU. (Emphasis added)

During the EQB rulemaking in 1997, the EQB amended subpart 26 to add the word "realignment." Prior to the 1997 amendment, part, 4410.4300, subpart 26 and the highway project exemption language in part 4410.4600, subpart 14, item E were consistent. Both subparts referenced stream diversion or channelization for the EAW threshold and the highway project exemption. The 1997 rulemaking did not address the language in part 4410.4600, subpart 14, item E, however, the language regarding the exemption in part 4410.4600, subpart 14, item E, remained in part 4410.4300, subpart 26. Therefore, it appears that the omission of "realignment" in part 4410.4600, subpart 14, item E was overlooked as a cross-reference that should have been updated in 1997 as well. The EQB is now proposing the amendment in part 4410.4600, subpart 14, item E to correct this oversight.

59. Part 4410.4600, subpart 18. Agriculture and forestry.

Agriculture and forestry. The following projects are exempt:

- A. Harvesting of timber for maintenance purposes is exempt.
- B. Public and private forest management practices, other than clearcutting or the application of applying pesticides, that involve less than 20 acres of land, are exempt.

Justification.

Changes reflect the state of MN Revisor's Office recommendations to improve clarity for interpreting the rule.

60. Part 4410.4600, subpart 27. Recreational trails.

Recreational trails. The projects listed in items A to F H are exempt. For purposes of this subpart, "existing trail" means an established corridor in current legal use.

- G. Paving a trail located on an abandoned railroad grade retired in accordance with Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, part 1152.
- H. Adding a new motorized use to an existing motorized trail or trail segment where the trail is located only on an abandoned railroad grade retired in accordance with Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, part 1152.

Recreational trails projects developed on abandoned rail grades have minimal environmental impacts and do not have the potential to result in significant environmental effects. Because these corridors already exist, there is little or no potential for new surface disturbance resulting in permanent cover-type conversion or other impacts. The rail grade is already filled and compressed to withstand the weight of a train, so it seems unlikely that paving and/or motorized use will cause much physical impact. Water crossings are already in place, whether by bridge or culvert. The activities covered by this proposed exemption would have a minimal impact and the environment and warrant being exempted.

The current mandatory categories do not distinguish between abandoned rail grades and other types of surfaces, whether for completely new projects or addition of new uses to existing trails. Utilizing these corridors when available is desirable because impacts have already occurred when the rail line was originally constructed. Little or no environmental effects are anticipated from paving or adding a motorized use to abandoned rail grades, thus warranting an exemption.

The proposed exemptions pertain to projects employing abandoned rail grades for trail siting. As used by railroad companies, "abandon" means to cease operation on a line, or to terminate the line itself. The most frequent type of abandonment is where the track has not been used for two years or more or the track has so little traffic on it that it is clear that the carrier could not be making a profit. "Abandoned," when used with reference to a rail line or right-of-way, means a line or right-of-way where the Surface Transportation Board (STB) or other responsible federal regulatory agency has permitted discontinuance of rail service. The STB's procedures are codified under 49 CFR 1152.

The proposed exemptions will have a positive effect by eliminating from environmental review a specific type of trail development with minimal impact.

For the remaining sections, the changes reflect the state of MN Revisor's Office recommendations to improve clarity for interpreting the rule.

61. Part 4410.5200, subpart 1. Required notices.

Required notices. Governmental units are required to publish notice of the items listed in items A to R in the EQB Monitor, except that this part constitutes a request and not a requirement with respect to federal agencies.

- A. When a project has been noticed pursuant to item D, separate notice of individual permits required by that project need not be made unless changes in the project are proposed that will involve new and potentially significant environmental effects not considered previously. No decision granting a permit application for which notice is required to be published by this part shall be is effective until 30 days following publication of the notice.
 - (1) For all public hearings conducted pursuant to water resources permit applications, Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103G, the DBR is the permitting authority.
 - (2) For notice of public sales of permits for or leases to mine iron ore, copper-nickel, or other minerals on state-owned or administered mineral rights, Minnesota

Statutes, section 93.16, and 93.335, and 93.351, and part 6125.0500, the DBR is the permitting authority.

Justification.

Changes reflect the state of MN Revisor's Office recommendations to improve clarity for interpreting the rule.

62. Part 4410.7904, Licensing of Explorers.

LICENSING OF EXPLORERS.

An applicant shall <u>must</u> comply with Minnesota Statutes, section $\frac{156A.071}{103I.601}$, subdivision 2, and parts 4727.0400 to $\frac{4727.0900}{1000}$ 4727.0860, relating to the regulation of exploratory boring.

Justification.

Changes reflect the state of MN Revisor's Office recommendations to improve clarity for interpreting the rule.

63. Part 4410.7906, subpart 2. Content of an application for drilling permit.

Content of an application for drilling permit. An application for a drilling permit shall <u>must</u> be filed by the applicant with the board <u>EQB</u> and shall <u>must</u> include:

C. the applicant's explorer's license, issued under Minnesota Statutes, section 156A.071 1031.601, subdivision 2 and parts 4727.0400 to 4727.0900 4727.0860;

Justification.

Changes reflect the state of MN Revisor's Office recommendations to improve clarity for interpreting the rule.

64. Part 4410.7926. Abandonment of Exploratory Borings.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.724, subdivision 2, clause (1), any abandonment, whether temporary or permanent, shall must comply with the state drilling and drill hole abandonment and restoration rules governing exploratory boring under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 156A.103I, and part 4727.1000 to 4727.1300 4727.1250.

Justification.

Changes reflect the state of MN Revisor's Office recommendations to improve clarity for interpreting the rule.

VI. Regulatory analysis

This part addresses the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 14.131 (a), which compel state agencies to address a number of questions in the SONAR. In some cases, the response will depend on specific amendment being proposed and specific detail will be provided. However, for most of the questions, the EQB's response can

be general and will apply across all of the components of this rulemaking, regardless of the specific amendment being proposed.

A. Description of the classes of person who probably will be affected by the proposed rule, including classes that will bear the costs of the proposed rule and classes that will benefit from the proposed rule.

As with the existing rules, the proposed amendments to Minn. Rules 4410.0200, 4410.4300 and 4410.4400 will primarily affect persons who propose to develop projects in Minnesota that have, or may have the potential for significant environmental effects. The greatest economic impact would occur to those proposers whose projects would require an EAW or EIS under the proposed rules but not under existing Minn. Rules ch. 4410 or under other current law/statute.

Most of the changes proposed in this rulemaking with have little to no effect on the cost to proposers or Responsible Government Units (RGU) responsible for environmental review due to the fact that a majority of the changes proposed in this rulemaking are an attempt to align with statute, and provide more clarity and certainty on which types of projects require environmental review for potential proposers and RGUs. Where a specific class will be affected, a discussion is provided below.

All changes proposed in this rulemaking provide the benefit of clarity and certainty for EQB, project proposers, RGUs and citizens. Often, changes to the proposed rules that increase clarity and certainty for EQB, project proposers, and RGUs also reduce costs due to a reduction in process time, the staff time in determination if a project requires environmental review; such as the proposed change under Minn. Rules 4410.0500, subpart 6. Exceptions. Clarity in this subpart should reduce staff time spent determine a project's environmental review status and the appropriate RGU at EQB and thus reduce costs to EQB, project proposers, and RGUs.

1. Regulatory Analysis: Minn. Rules 4410.0200

For the proposed changes to Minn. Rules 4410.0200, EQB expects there to be no change in cost to RGUs, proposers, EQB and citizens. The changes to Minn. Rules 4410.0200, provide benefit to RGUs, proposers and citizens by increasing clarity and aligning definitions with other applicable regulatory requirements will benefit the public, project proposers, RGUs and the EQB with review, when environmental review documents and permits are co-noticed. It is challenging to determine if definitional changes, which provide the benefit of more clarity and certainty for proposers, RGUs and the public, will result in more or less environmental review.

2. Regulatory Analysis: Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 2 Nuclear fuels and Nuclear Waste

For the proposed change in Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 2. Nuclear fuels and Nuclear Waste; EQB expects there to be no change to the number of EAWs or EISs as a result of the change that excludes "independent spent-fuel storage installation." Since this threshold update is already required in statute, EQB does not anticipate there to be any change in costs to proposers or the RGU. This clarification and change was required by the Minnesota Legislature in Minn. Stat. 116C.83, subdivision 6, paragraph (b).

3. Regulatory Analysis: Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 3. Electric-generating facilities

The proposed change for Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 3. Electric-generating facilities, item A., will result in less cost to EQB due to the reduction in process steps by directly referring the responsibility for the proposed project to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (PCA) instead of a proposed project coming before the EQB Board and then being referred to the PCA (as usually occurs).

Similarly, the change to Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 3., item B means that proposed projects generating between 25 megawatts and 50 megawatts will be reviewed by the Local Government Unit (LGU) instead of going before the EQB Board and then potentially being referred to a Local Government Unit (LGU). This change is expected to increase costs for LGUs because with this change, LGUs will always be the RGU (the LGU is now designated as the RGU) where in the past, in some cases EQB was the RGU and in some cases the RGU was re-designated. Since 2011, the EQB has records of thirteen projects in this category, of the thirteen projects, one would have been between 25 and 50 megawatts and would have triggered an EAW that would have been conducted by a LGU. To mitigate any EAW costs, local government units have the option of creating a local ordinance to require project proposers to pay the costs of an environmental assessment worksheet.

The change to item C is expected to result in less cost to EQB due to the reduction in process steps by directly referring the proposed project to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) instead of a proposed project coming before the EQB Board and then being referred to the PUC (as usually occurs).

The change to item D is expected to result in less cost to EQB due to the reduction in process steps by directly referring the proposed project to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) instead of a proposed project coming before the EQB Board and then being referred to the PUC.

4. Regulatory Analysis: Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 4. Petroleum refineries

The proposed rule language change for Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subp. 4. Petroleum refineries, EQB expects there to be no change to cost for EQB, proposers or RGU.

5. Regulatory Analysis: Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 5. Fuel conversion facilities.

EQB expects the changes to items A and B, which add the phrase "new fuel conversion" to reduce costs to the proposer and RGU. The clarity of specifying "new fuel conversion" will help a proposer and RGU more effectively and efficiently determine if a proposed project should undergo environmental review and complete an EAW.

The change to item B, that deletes "or expansion" from the mandatory category is expected to reduce the number of EAWs in this category—thus reducing the cost for proposers and RGU (in this case, the PCA). The additional change to item B, that deletes "or would increase its capacity by..." and changes it to "a capacity" provides more certainty on when a new fuel conversion facility should undergo environmental review.

Finally, the proposed change to item C is expected to provide more clarity and certainty to proposers, RGUs and citizens when determining which projects in this category must undergo mandatory environmental review. This change aligns with Minnesota Statutes 116D.04, subdivision 2a, paragraph (b) and thus there is no actual change to the mandatory category. environmental review. The additional language in item c, helps the proposer, RGU and citizens more easily access the statutory language by its inclusion in 4410.4300.

6. Regulatory Analysis: Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 6. Transmission lines.

The proposed change to Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 6. Transmission lines, is expected to have minimal effect on the cost to proposers, RGUs or citizens of Minnesota. The changes to this category are a language alignment of rule language with already existing Minnesota Rule and statutory language. Inclusion of Minnesota Rule references of the "high-voltage transmission lines" definition will provide more ease of access for proposers, citizens and RGUs and EQB expects no change to cost for EQB, RGUs, proposers, or citizens.

The additional change to subpart 6, the change of the RGU from EQB to PUC should reduce costs for EQB, because EQB will no longer need to re-designate the RGU for a proposed Transmission line project. Per Minn. Rules, <u>7849.1000</u> to <u>7849.2100</u> and <u>7850.1000</u> to <u>7850.5600</u>; environmental review for a proposed high-voltage transmission line project must be conducted by the PUC as required by Minn. Stat., section <u>216B.243</u> or <u>216B.2425</u>.

7. Regulatory Analysis: Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 7. Pipelines.

The proposed change to Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 7. Pipelines, is expected to increase clarity and efficiency in processing proposed pipeline projects. The deletion of all the current mandatory category language and the introduction of new language will provide clarity to proposers, EQB, citizens, and the RGU through simplification of the threshold determination. EQB expects this change to reduce costs for EQB because it will no longer need to re-designate the Public Utilities Commission the RGU. The change aligns with and incorporates Minn. Stat. 216G and Minn. Rules 7852, which directs how environmental review is conducted. This incorporation of statute into rule will increase ease of access to all relevant statutory and rule requirements for the proposer, RGU and citizen when determining the environmental review process.

8. Regulatory Analysis: Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 8. Transfer facilities.

The proposed rule language change to Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 8. Transfer facilities. Item C. is an incorporation of existing statutory language and is expected to have no effect on the cost to EQB, RGUs, citizens or proposers due to the fact that these environmental review threshold requirements are already in affect through statute (Minn. Stat. 116C.991).

9. Regulatory Analysis: Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 10. Storage facilities.

The proposed rule language change to Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 10. Storage facilities. Item A. is a simple readability change and should have no effect on the cost to EQB, RGUs, citizens or proposers.

The proposed rule language change to Item B is a change that should provide more clarity through defining "new major facility" (Minn. Rule 7151.1200) and "hazardous materials" (CFR, title 49, section 171.8) to help the RGU, proposer and citizens more easily determine when a facility is required to conduct a mandatory Environmental Assessment Worksheet. These changes should benefit the proposer, RGUs, EQB and citizens by clarifying what a "new major facility" is and what "hazardous materials" are through other, already established, Minnesota rules and Federal codes. All other changes for item B are for readability and should have no effect on costs.

The proposed rule language for Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 10. Storage facilities, item C, is completely new and will likely increase costs for the RGU and proposers due to the fact that more Environmental Assessment Worksheets will be completed. This cost increase will be bore by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (PCA) and proposers and will not affect costs for small municipalities. EQB has no record of any projects of this type being proposed in the last 10 years.

The proposed rule language for item D may increase costs for the RGU and proposers due to the fact that more Environmental Assessment Worksheets may be completed because the threshold related to "expansion". This cost increase will be bore by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (PCA) and proposers, and will not affect costs for small municipalities. It is unknown how much this change may cost for proposers or the RGU because it is new and it is unclear to EQB how many projects may occur in the future.

The proposed rule language for item E. will increase clarity through incorporating statutory definitions of "liquefied natural gas" (Minn. Stat. 299F.56) and "synthetic natural gas" (Minn. Stat. 216B.02) into the new proposed rule language. These definitions will provide more clarity for proposers, RGU and the EQB by incorporating the already established definitions from statute. The proposed change that deletes the PCA as the RGU and adds the Public Utilities Corporation (PUC) as the RGU aligns with statute and PUC's jurisdictional authority and expertise. This change should reduce time and costs for the EQB, because now the EQB will not need to re-designate the RGU to the PUC for the proposed project.

The proposed rule change to item F, which aligns a mandatory category with an agency that already has oversight over anhydrous ammonia, Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA), provides a benefit to the PCA and EQB, by eliminating their role as an RGU, but may increase costs to MDA. Changing the RGU to MDA may increase costs for proposers and MDA by increasing the level of scrutiny of proposals. This change will benefit all Minnesotans because anhydrous ammonia facilities will undergo environmental review by a state agency that already tracks the location and size of these facilities.

The proposed rule language for item G will increase clarity through incorporating statutory definitions of "liquefied natural gas" (Minn. Stat. 299F.56) and "synthetic natural gas" (Minn. Stat. 216B.02) into the new proposed rule language. These definitions should provide more clarity for proposers, RGU and EQB by incorporating the already established definitions from statute.

The proposed change that deletes the PCA as the RGU and adds the Public Utilities Corporation (PUC) as the RGU aligns with statute and PUC's jurisdictional authority and expertise. This change should reduce time and costs for the PCA and the EQB because now the EQB will not need to redesignate the RGU to the PUC for the proposed project.

The proposed rule language for item H is an incorporation of existing statutory language and is expected to have no effect on the cost to EQB, RGUs, citizens or proposers due to the fact that these statutory requirements are already in effect. Including this change into 4410.4300 rule language will benefit proposers and the RGU by making it easier to know when a proposed project requires environmental review.

10. Regulatory Analysis: Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 12. Nonmetallic mineral mining.

The proposed rule language change to Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 12. Nonmetalic mineral mining, is an incorporation of existing statutory language (Minn. Stat. 116C.991) and is expected to have no effect on the cost to EQB, RGUs, citizens or proposers due to the fact that this threshold is already in effect through statute. Including this change into 4410 rule language (where proposers and RGUs look when determining if environmental review is required) will benefit proposers and the RGU by making it easier to know when a proposed project requires environmental review.

11. Regulatory Analysis: Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 14. Industrial, commercial and institutional facilities.

The proposed rule language change to Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 14. Industrial, commercial and institutional facilities, is a readability change (adding "square feet") and will have no effect on cost or the number of EAWs in the State of Minnesota. Readability will benefit proposers when determining if a proposed project requires environmental review.

12. Regulatory Analysis: Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 16. Hazardous waste.

The proposed rule language change to Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 16. Hazardous waste. Item A, is a change that adds additional clarity to "new" and "existing". This change should have no effect in costs for proposers, the RGU or the EQB.

Much of the proposed rule language change to Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 16. Hazardous waste. Item A and B adds additional clarity. The clarity changes (wording, "new", etc.) should have no effect in costs for proposers, the RGU or the EQB. The deletion of "with a capacity of 1,000 or more kilograms per month" and the change to "is generating or receiving 1,000 kilograms or more per month," may increase or reduce the costs to proposers of potential projects because now the mandatory threshold is not just about a site's "capacity" but about how much a site "generates" or "receives." This equates to a threshold change and may require proposers of potential projects to undergo environmental review now where they were not required in the past.

The proposed change of "one kilogram or more per month of acute hazardous waste" is also a threshold change and may increase costs for proposers of potential projects to undergo environmental review now where they we're not required in the past. This change may also increase costs for the RGU (PCA) due to additional environmental review of proposed projects that would now be required to conduct a mandatory environmental review. This category has many unknowns because no projects have been proposed in the last ten years and there is no indication there would be any new projects in future years. This cost increase will be bore by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (PCA) and proposers and will not affect costs for small

municipalities. It is unknown how much this change may cost for proposers or the RGU because it is new and it is unclear to EQB how many projects may occur in the future.

The proposed rule language change to Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 16. Hazardous waste. Item C adds additional clarity. The clarity changes should have no effect in costs for proposers, the RGU or the EQB.

13. Regulatory Analysis: Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 17. Solid waste.

The proposed rule language change to Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 17. Solid waste. Item A, provides more clarity by incorporating "land" into the category to clarify that this is for locations on the land with solid waste. This change should have no effect on costs for proposers, the RGU (PCA) or the EQB.

The proposed rule language change to Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 17. Solid waste. Item B, adds words that provide more clarity in what the threshold is for this mandatory category. This change may or may not increase costs for proposers and the RGU. This change will benefit proposers, the RGU and citizens by having certainty of how to measure the mandatory threshold.

The proposed rule language change to Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 17. Solid waste. Item D, E and F, provides more clarity by increasing readability of the category. This category assumes similar changes to B, E and F, which all add in the word "permitted". Including "permitted" into the category should provide more clarity for RGUs, proposers and citizens. It is unknown if this change will increase or decrease costs for proposers, the RGU or the EQB. Currently the threshold is related to the "capacity" of a site which EQB assumes would be the "permitted capacity" and thus there should be no change to the number of environmental reviews required. The word "permitted" is incorporated to provide more clarity that the threshold is derived from that which is permitted not a "potential" or "designed" capacity.

14. Regulatory Analysis: Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 18. Wastewater system.

The proposed change to Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 18. A, provides more clarity by increasing readability of the category by splitting "A" into two parts: "A" and "B". The thresholds do not change and thus EQB expects there to be no change in cost to RGUs, EQB, proposers, or citizens.

The proposed change to Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 18. C, by adding "modification" may increase the number of EAWs due to more clarity and specificity in the mandatory category. It is unknown if costs will increase for proposers and RGUs due to more EAWs. It is unknown if this category was applied when a project "modified" a wastewater treatment plant or if they only completed an EAW when they "reconstructed" a wastewater plant.

The proposed change to Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 18, D. EQB expects there to be no cost changes to RGUs, project proposers, or citizens, due to the fact that this is a simple language clarification change.

The proposed change to Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 18. E, by adding "modification" may increase the number of EAWs due to more clarity and specificity in the mandatory category. It is unknown if costs will increase for proposers and RGUs due to more EAWs. It is unknown if this

category was applied when a project "modified" a wastewater treatment plant or if they only completed an EAW when they "reconstructed" a wastewater plant.

The proposed change to Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 18, F. EQB expects there to be no cost changes to RGUs, project proposers, or citizens, due to the fact that this is a simple language clarification change.

15. Regulatory Analysis: Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subparts 20, 20a, 21.

The proposed change to Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart. 20., 20a and 21. EQB expects there to be no cost changes to RGUs, project proposers, or citizens, due to the fact that this is a simple language clarification change.

16. Regulatory Analysis: Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 22. Highway projects.

The proposed change to Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 22. Highway Projects. EQB expects there to be less cost to EQB, project proposers and RGUs due to the fact that there will be less EAWs due to the increase in threshold (from 1-mile to 2-miles).

17. Regulatory Analysis: Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subparts 25, 30, 31, 36.

The proposed changes to Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subparts 25, 30, 31, 36, are expected to be no change to costs for EQB, project proposers and RGUs.

18. Regulatory Analysis: Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 26. Stream diversion.

The proposed change to Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 26 that allows for either the "DNR or LGU" to be the RGU may or may not reduce costs for a proposed project. It is likely to reduce costs and time for the proposer due to the reduction in EQB process of re-designation if an LGU wants the DNR to be the RGU for a project (this occurs often).

19. Regulatory Analysis: Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 27. Wetlands and public waters.

The proposed changes to Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 27. Wetlands and Public waters. changes the title of the category for readability. This will have no effect on costs for proposers, the RGU, EQB or citizens.

The proposed change to item A, may or may not reduce costs for a proposed project. It is likely to reduce costs and time for the proposer due to the reduction in EQB process of re-designation if an LGU wants the DNR to be the RGU for a project (this occurs often).

The proposed change to Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 27, item B, may increase costs for project proposers that trigger this mandatory threshold. The proposed language change incorporates "impact", defines it through existing Minnesota Rule (Minn. Rule 8420.0111). The deletion of "change or diminish the course, current, or cross-section of 40 percent or more of five or more acres of types 3 through 8 wetlands of 2.5 acres or more" and the replacement with "cause an impact" simplifies the determination of if a project crosses the mandatory threshold and thus

requires environmental review. From this perspective, the simplification in language will reduce costs for the RGU and potentially the project proposer due to the renewed ease of determining if a project requires environmental review. Although, the change in "cause an impact" of "one or more acre or wetland" may increase costs for project proposers that impact wetlands with a proposed project due to clarity and removal of a confusing formula and replacement with a simple threshold. This may mean more Environmental Assessment Worksheets (EAW) will be required and thus increase costs for proposers and RGUs. All other changes to item B are for readability and will have no effect on cost.

20. Regulatory Analysis: Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 30. Natural Areas.

Most of the proposed changes to Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subp. 30. Natural Areas. are for readability and will have no effect on cost for the RGU or proposers. The deletion of "state trail corridor," will likely reduce costs for the RGU due to no mandatory Environmental Assessment Worksheet being required (in this category) on proposed projects in state trail corridors.

21. Regulatory Analysis: Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 31. Historical places.

The proposed changes to Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 31 is a housekeeping change and is expected to have no change to costs for EQB, project proposers and RGUs.

22. Regulatory Analysis: Minn. Rules Part 4410.4300, subpart 36. Land use conversions, including golf courses.

The proposed changes to Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 36 is a housekeeping change and is expected to have no change to costs for EQB, project proposers and RGUs.

23. Regulatory Analysis: Minn. Rules Part 4410.4300, subpart 36a. Land conversions in shoreland.

The addition of "permanent conversion" meant to provide clarity about what was intended by this subpart and provide consistency with the term "permanent conversion" as it is used throughout Minnesota Rules chapter 4410. The proposed language is expected to have little effect on the costs for EQB, project proposers and the RGU, LGUs.

24. Regulatory Analysis: Minn. Rules 4410.4300, subpart 37. Recreational Trails.

The proposed change at MInn. Rules 4410.4300, subp. 37. Recreational Trails. EQB expects there to be less cost to EQB due to clarity and certainty on if a project is required to undergo mandatory environmental review—or if it is excluded via Legislatively directed language, Minn. Laws 2015, ch. 4, section 33.

25. Regulatory Analysis: Minn. Rules 4410.4400.

All the proposed changes to Minn. Rules 4410.4400 are expected to have little to no change in projected costs for EQB, proposers or RGUs due to the language changes being for readability (clarity), alignment with statute, and minor grammatical updates.

26. Regulatory Analysis: Minn. Rules 4410.4600.

All the proposed changes to Minn. Rules 4410.4600, are expected to have little to no change in projected costs for EQB, proposers or RGUs due to the language changes being for readability (clarity), alignment with statute, and minor grammatical updates.

27. Regulatory Analysis: Minn. Rules 4410.5200

All changes to Minn. Rules 4410.5200 are expected to have little to no change in projected costs for EQB, proposers or RGUs due to the language changes being for readability (clarity), alignment with statute, and minor grammatical updates.

28. Regulatory Analysis: Minn. Rules 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926.

All changes to Minn. Rules 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926 are expected to have little to no change in projected costs for EQB, proposers or RGUs due to the language changes being for readability (clarity), alignment with statute, and minor grammatical updates.

B. The probable costs to the agency and to any other agency of the implementation and enforcement of the proposed rule and any anticipated effect on state revenues.

The proposed rule amendments clarify practices and mandatory EAW and EIS category thresholds already in place for the statewide environmental review program, therefore the proposed rule amendments are unlikely to result in a significant increase in costs to the state. Costs associated with the implementation of the existing rules includes EQB staff time and staff resources to provide technical assistance to citizens, project proposers and RGUs around the state. One goal of the proposed rules is to reduce EQB staff time needed to process requests to designate different RGUs and to determine whether projects meet the mandatory EAW and EIS category thresholds. Moreover, project proposers and RGUs will benefit from those same time and cost savings.

Other state agencies and many local governmental units are RGUs and therefore responsible for overseeing the completion of the environmental review process, often in the form of an EAW or EIS. Those agencies and local governmental units may incur some additional costs or reduction in costs because the rule amendments clarify mandatory EAW and EIS category thresholds and therefore there may be some projects that require environmental review that had not previously been captured by the threshold. Nevertheless, most of the changes proposed in this rulemaking are intended to make environmental review clearer and easier to understand and apply, so any increase or decrease in costs as a result of this rule should be nominal. Please refer to Section A. above for more details on which categories may result in increased costs for other agencies due to RGU change or other proposed language changes.

C. A determination of whether there are less costly methods or less intrusive methods for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule.

The vast majority of the proposed rule amendments are technical changes and to align state rule with state statutes and in doing so, gaining efficiencies for all classes of people affected by these rules. Consequently, the only straightforward method for making technical and statutory changes to the rules is through rulemaking.

D. A description of any alternative methods for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule that were seriously considered by the Agency and the reasons why they were rejected in favor of the proposed rule.

The alternative of not conducting this rulemaking was considered. However, this would not achieve the goal of the proposed rules, including clarifying the rules, keeping the rules up to date with state statute language and technical changes, and streamlining the rules. Therefore, not amending the existing rules was rejected by the EQB in favor of the proposed rule amendments.

Moreover, EQB's alternatives were limited, particularly for changes related to recreational trails, a rulemaking directed by the Minnesota state legislature. The proposed changes could not be addressed through agency policy, development of guidance or internal rule interpretation.

E. The probable costs of complying with the proposed rule, including the portion of the total costs that will be borne by identifiable categories of affected parties, such as separate classes of governmental units, businesses, or individuals.

The potential or probable costs are discussed in detail in item A. of this section. Environmental review costs are project and RGU dependent. Costs are wide ranging and difficult to ascertain since the complexity and location of a proposed project plays a significant factor in determining costs for affected parties.

F. The probable costs or consequences of not adopting the proposed rule, including those costs or consequences borne by identifiable categories of affected parties, such as separate classes of government units, businesses, or individuals.

The potential or probable costs or consequences of not adopting the proposed rules are discussed in detail in item A. of this section. Environmental review costs are project and RGU dependent. Costs are wide ranging and difficult to ascertain since the complexity and location of a proposed project plays a significant factor in determining costs for affected parties. The consequences of not adopting these rules is that environmental review reviews will continue to not align with Statute, will be unclear and difficult to read and comprehend for proposers, LGUs, RGUs and citizens.

G. An assessment of any differences between the proposed rule and existing federal regulations and a specific analysis of the need for and reasonableness of each difference.

It is possible for a given project to require review of its environmental impacts under requirements of the NEPA as well as the MEPA. The federal process prescribes environmental documents similar to state EAWs and EISs and uses processes similar in general outline although different in details to the Minnesota process under chapter 4410. Almost always, it is public projects such as highways, water resources projects, or wastewater collection and treatment that require such dual review. In the few cases where dual review is needed, specific provisions in the environmental review rules provide for joint state-federal review with one set of environmental documents to avoid duplication of effort. These provisions, found in part 4410.1300, which provides that a federal Environmental Assessment document can be directly substituted for a state EAW document and part 4410.3900, which provides for joint state and federal review in general. Neither or these provisions will be affected by the proposed amendments.

H. An assessment of the cumulative effect of the rule with other federal and state regulations related to the specific purpose of the rule.

Minn. Stat. § 14.131 defines "cumulative effect" as "the impact that results from incremental impact of the proposed rule in addition to the other rules, regardless of what state or federal agency has adopted the other rules. Cumulative effects can result from individually minor but collectively significant rules adopted over a period of time."

These is no cumulative effect of the rule with other federal and state regulations related to environmental review. The 4410 rules cover the process, definitions, mandatory thresholds for EAW and EIS and exclusions and have no relation to federal and state regulations because environmental review is not a regulation per se, it is an exercise in fact finding and due diligence to develop a project that will not have the potential for significant environmental effects.

VII. Notice plan

Minn. Stat. § 14.131 requires that an Agency include in its SONAR a description of its efforts to provide additional notification to persons or classes of persons who may be affected by the proposed rule, or explain why these efforts were not made.

The EQB utilizes a self-subscription service for interested and affected parties to register to receive rule related activities at the EQB. Each EQB rule projects has a page on the EQB's website and rulemaking information include status, timelines and drafts can be found on the rulemaking webpage.

A. Notice

The EQB published notice requesting comments on planned rule amendments to Minn. R. ch. 4410. The notice was placed on the EQB's rulemaking webpage. Three Request for Comments were published in the State Register:

- a. July 22, 2013 The Request for Comments closed on August 23, 2013 at 4:30pm.
- b. November 9, 2015 The Request for Comments closed on December 31, 2015 at 4:30pm.
- c. October 24, 2016 The Request for Comments closed on November 28, 2016 at 4:30pm.

On November 9, 2015, the EQB sent messages to the following audiences: MN Cities; MN Townships and members of the Association of Minnesota Counties. The message was sent via email and noticed in the EQB Monitor. All recipients were invited to visit the EQB webpage to use the self-subscription service and sign up for notification on topics of interest to them. Listed topics include rulemaking projects.

1. Minn. Stat. § 14.14, subdivision 1a. On the date the Notice is published in the State Register, the EQB intends to send an electronic notice with a hyperlink to electronic copies of the Notice, SONAR, and proposed rule amendments to all parties who have self-subscribed to the EQB rulemaking distribution lists for the purpose of receiving notice of rule proceedings. The EQB will also distribute an electronic notice with a hyperlink to electronic copies of the Notice, SONAR, and proposed rule amendments in the next available EQB Monitor.

Additionally, the EQB intends to send an electronic notice with a hyperlink to electronic copies of the Notice, SONAR, and the proposed rule amendments to the following organizations:

Name	Contact	Email
Association of MN Counties	Jennifer Berquam, Environment & Natural Resources Policy Analyst	
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MN Association of Townships (MAT)		
Center for Environmental Advocacy	Kathryn Hoffman	khoffman@mncenter.org
MN Chamber of Commerce	Tony Kwilas	tkwilas@mnchamber.com
MN Solid Waste Administrators Association	Troy Freihammer, SWA President	<u>Troy.Freihammer@co.stearns.mn.us</u>
Metropolitan Council	Leisa Thompson, MCES General Manager	leisa.thompson@metc.state.mn.us

A copy of the Notice, proposed rule amendments and SONAR will be posted on the EQB's rulemaking webpage: https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/eqb-mandatory-categories-rulemaking

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 14.14, subdivision 1a, the EQB believes its regular means of notice, including publication in the State Register, EQB Monitor and on the EQB's rulemaking webpage, will provide adequate notice of this rulemaking to persons interested in or regulated by these rules.

Minn. Stat. § 14.116. The EQB intends to send a cover letter with a hyperlink to electronic copies of the Notice, SONAR, and the proposed rule amendments to the chairs and ranking minority party members of the legislative policy and budget committees with jurisdiction over the subject matter of the proposed rule amendments, as required by Minn. Stat. § 14.116. The timing of this notice will occur at least 33 days before the end of the comment period because it will be delivered via U.S. Mail.

This statute also states that if the mailing of the notice is within two years of the effective date of the law granting the agency authority to adopt the proposed rules, the agency must make reasonable efforts to send a copy of the notice and SONAR to all sitting House and Senate legislators who were chief authors of the bill granting the rulemaking. This does not apply because no bill was authored within the past two years granting rulemaking authority.

Minn. Stat. §14.111. If the rule affects agricultural land, Minn. Stat. § 14.111 requires an agency to provide a copy of the proposed rule changes to the Commissioner of Agriculture no later than 30 days before publication of the proposed rule in the State Register. This rule is expected to impact the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA). The rule changes will be submitted to the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture with a cover letter notifying the MDA of the changes.

VIII. Additional notice plan

Minn. Stat. § 14.14 requires that in addition to its required notices:

"each agency shall make reasonable efforts to notify persons or classes of persons who may be significantly affected by the rule being proposed by giving notice of its intention in newsletters, newspapers, or other publications, or through other means of communication."

The Environmental Quality Board (EQB) considered these statutory requirements governing additional notification and as detailed in this section, intends to fully comply with them. In addition, as described in Section 2, Public participation and stakeholder involvement, the EQB has made reasonable efforts, thus far, to notify and involve the public and stakeholders in the rule process, including various meetings and publishing the RFC.

The EQB intends to request that the Office of Administrative Hearings review and approve the Additional Notice Plan, pursuant to Minn. R. 1400.2060. The EQB's plan to notify additional parties includes the following:

- Publish its Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules on the EQB's webpage at https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/eqb-mandatory-categories-rulemaking.
- 2. Provide specific notice to tribal authorities. The EQB maintains a list of the 12 federally recognized tribes in Minnesota. The EQB will send specific electronic notice to the designated tribal contact person of Minnesota's tribal communities. The notice will be sent on or near the day the proposed rule amendments are published in the State Register, and will have a hyperlink to the webpage where electronic copies of the Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules, proposed rule amendments, and SONAR can be viewed.
- 3. Provide specific notice to associations related to responsible governmental units (RGUs), environmental groups, other industry associations that may be affected by the proposed rules. The notice will be sent to the following associations and groups on or near the day the proposed rule amendments are published in the State Register, and will have a hyperlink to the webpage where electronic copies of the Notice, proposed rule amendments, and SONAR can be viewed.
 - Metro Cities Association of Metropolitan Municipalities
 - Association of Minnesota Counties
 - Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities
 - · League of Minnesota Cities
 - Metropolitan Council
 - · Minnesota Association of Small Cities
 - Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
 - Minnesota City/County Management Association
 - Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy
 - Minnesota Environmental Partnership
 - Sierra Club North Star Chapter
 - PCA Environmental Justice Advisory Group
 - PCA Environmental Justice List serve
 - Environmental Justice Advocates of Minnesota (EJAM)
 - The Alliance Advancing Regional Equity
 - Minnesota Farm Bureau
 - Minnesota Farmers Union
 - Minnesota Corn Growers Association

- Minnesota Association of Wheat Growers
- Minnesota Land Improvement Contractors Association
- · Red River Watershed Management Board
- Minnesota Soybean Growers Association
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- Minnesota Industrial Sand Council
- · Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
- Minnesota Department of Commerce
- · Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Note: some members of these associations may already subscribe to receive GovDelivery notices.

- 4. Providing an extended comment period to allow additional time for the review of the proposed revisions. The EQB intends to provide more than the minimum 30-day comment period prior to the hearings and to request that the administrative law judge provide the maximum allowed posthearing comment period.
- 5. Email the Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules; the proposed rules; links to the SONAR and any additional documents related to the rulemaking; to persons on the EQB's broader email list, the "EQB Monitor".
 - The EQB Monitor is a weekly publication announcing environmental review documents, public comment periods and other actions of the Environmental Quality Board. The EQB Monitor is published every Monday at 8:00 am.
- 6. The EQB believes that by following the steps of this Additional Notice Plan, and its regular means of public notice, including early notification of the GovDelivery mail list for this rulemaking and the broader "EQB Monitor" email list, publication in the State Register, and posting on the EQB's webpages, the EQB will adequately provide additional notice pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 14.14, subd. 1a.

IX. Performance-based rules

Minn. Stat. §14.002 requires state agencies, whenever feasible, to develop rules that are not overly prescriptive and inflexible, and rules that emphasize achievement of an agency's regulatory objectives while allowing maximum flexibility to regulated parties and to an agency in meeting those objectives.

The goal of the environmental review program is to obtain useful information about potential environmental effects of proposed projects and how they can be avoided or mitigated. The structure of the rules promotes flexibility for units of government in obtaining this information. The rules specify the types of information that are needed, but the RGU chooses how it will obtain the information. Except for one of the proposed amendments, which will streamline RGU determinations early in the environmental review process, the present rulemaking does not substantially affect the procedures of environmental review. Rather it makes minor adjustments to the thresholds at which review is required. Furthermore, environmental review is not a regulatory program, and hence the EQB has no "regulatory objectives" in this rulemaking.

X. Consult with MMB on local government impact

As required by Minn. Stat. § 14.131, the EQB will consult with Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB). The EQB will do this by sending MMB copies of the documents that are sent to the Governor's office for review and approval on the same day the EQB sends them to the Governor's office. The Agency will do this before publishing the Notice of Intent to Adopt/Dual Notice/Notice of Hearing. The documents will include - the Governor's Office Proposed Rule, and SONAR Form, the proposed rules; and the SONAR. The EQB will submit a copy of the cover correspondence and any response received from MMB to the Office of Administrative Hearing (OAH) at the hearing or with the documents it submits for Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) review (Exhibit #5).

XI. Impact on local government ordinances and rules

Minn. Stat. § 14.128, subdivision 1, requires an agency to determine whether a proposed rule will require a local government to adopt or amend any ordinances or other regulation in order to comply with the rule. The EQB has determined that the proposed amendments will not have any effect on local ordinances or regulations.

XII. Costs of complying for small business or city

Minn. Stat. § 14.127, subds. 1 and 2 require an agency to "determine if the cost of complying with a proposed rule in the first year after the rule takes effect will exceed \$25,000 for any one business that has less than 50 full-time employees, or any one statutory or home rule charter city that has less than ten full-time employees."

The EQB determined that the cost of complying with the proposed rules in the first year after the rules take effect may or may not exceed \$25,000 for any small business or small city. The Board has made this determination based on the probable costs of complying with the proposed rule, as described in the Regulatory Analysis section of this SONAR. The potential or probable costs of adopting the proposed rules are discussed in detail in item A. of this section. In general, local units of government prepare approximately two-thirds of the total environmental review documents each year, and eighty-percent of the total projects are reviewed using the EAW process.

It is difficult to assess the potential cost of an individual project and/or categories of projects. The overall project costs can vary based on the adequacy of the data submitted to the RGU, the complexity of the project, the project's location and proximity to sensitive resources, and the level of controversy. Because the EQB delegates the authority to prepare and approve environmental documents, they do not have reliable historic project data. EQB staff attempted to better understand the RGU costs of preparing these environmental documents through survey questions, but did not receive substantive responses. According to 2017 survey (Exhibit 2) data collected, the average cost for environmental review for RGUs was \$35,960, with a range of \$200 to \$75,000 (Exhibit #2). It is worth noting there was a small sample size related to RGU costs and a large range reported.

Additionally, EQB staff reached out to several local governments and state agencies who are RGUs for projects that require environmental review. According to these RGUs, the cost for EAWs ranged from \$1,500 to \$368,600. An example project, is the Lilydale Regional Park Master Plan EAW. The EAW for this project was estimated to cost between \$18,889 and \$28,058. Another example is a more complex project, CHS Field in St. Paul, MN. The estimated proposed cost for the EAW for this project was \$368,600. Another set of example of estimated EAW costs, from Scott County, for three mining projects ranged

from \$17,000-\$53,000. Scott County also provided an estimate cost for an EIS for a mining project, this estimate was \$232,000 for a completed EIS.

To mitigate any EAW costs, local government units have the option of creating a local ordinance to require project proposers to pay the costs of an environmental assessment worksheet.

XIII. Authors and SONAR exhibits

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B. SONAR exhibits

Exhibits are located at the end of this document.

XIV. Conclusion

In this SONAR, the EQB has established the need for and the reasonableness of each of the proposed amendments to Minn. Rules ch. 4410. The EQB has provided the necessary notifications and in this SONAR documented its compliance with all applicable administrative rulemaking requirements of Minnesota statute and rules. The EQB will comply with Minn. Stat. 14.131 and 14.23 and submit the SONAR to the Legislative Reference when the EQB mails out the Dual Notice.

Based on the forgoing, the proposed amendments are both needed and reasonable.

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XV. SONAR exhibits

- 1. Mandatory Categories Report (2013)
- 2. 2017 Survey Results RGUs and Project Proposers Debrief
- 3. Recreational Trails Legal Review of Previous Efforts
 - (a) Judge's Order: December 2, 2015
 - (b) Judge's Order: February 16, 2016
- 4. EQB Statutory Authority
- 5. MMB Letter

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Exhibit D.1.



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Mandatory Environmental Review Categories

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Mandatory Environmental Review Categories

Purpose of Report

This report was prepared in response to the Minnesota Legislature's 2012 amendment of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 116D, known as the Minnesota Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). This statutory amendment directs specific state agencies to examine the categories for mandatory environmental review that were created by Minnesota Rules 4410. The amendment was as follows:

LAWS of MINNESOTA for 2012 CHAPTER 150–S.F.No. 1567 ARTICLE 2

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 116D.04, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 5b. Review of environmental assessment worksheets and environmental impact statements. By December 1, 2012, and every five years thereafter, the Environmental Quality Board, Pollution Control Agency, Department of Natural Resources, and Department of Transportation, after consultation with political subdivisions, shall submit to the governor and the chairs of the house of representatives and senate committees having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources a list of mandatory environmental assessment worksheet and mandatory environmental impact statement categories for which the agency or a political subdivision is designated as the responsible government unit, and for each worksheet or statement category, a document including:

- (1) intended historical purposes of the category;
- (2) whether projects that fall within the category are also subject to local, state, or federal permits; and
- (3) an analysis of whether the mandatory category should be modified, eliminated, or unchanged based on its relationship to existing permits or other federal, state, or local laws or ordinances.

<u>History of Environmental Review in Minnesota</u>

A brief history is necessary in order to understand the purposes of the environmental review program. The program was established in 1973 by Minnesota Statute 116D, otherwise known as the Minnesota Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). This statute created the environmental review program for the state and required the preparation of rules for the program (Minnesota Rules 4410). Specific authority for the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) to promulgate rules relating to the mandatory categories is granted under Minn. Statute 116D.04, Subd. 2a.(a) and Subd. 5a.

Rulemaking, including rule amendments, must follow a process that is defined in Minn. Statute 14, the Administrative Procedure Act. The process requires public notification of the rulemaking and the proposed rule changes must be made available for public review and comment. Comments are considered and decisions made for the final version of the rules. Though an agency prepares the draft rules, the process is overseen by the Office of Administrative Hearings. The statute requires an open public process for preparing and amending agency rules.

The statute also requires that a rule amendment proposal include a Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR), which explains the reasons for proposed rule changes. The SONAR also discusses such things as who will be affected, alternative methods for achieving the purpose of the rule amendment, and other points listed in statute.

The following excerpt from the SONAR prepared in 1982 will help understand the historical purposes of the environmental review program overall.

Excerpt from 1982 Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR)

I. AUTHORITY

These rules are proposed to implement the 1980 amendments to the Minnesota Environmental Policy Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 116D. Existing rules 6 MCAR § 3.021 through 3.032 are deleted in their entirety and are replaced by proposed rules 6 MCAR §§ 3.021 through 3.041. Existing rules 6 MCAR §§ 3.033 through 3.047 are amended to become 6 MCAR §§ 3.042 through 3.054. These sections contain minor revisions as indicated. Rules 6 MCAR §§ 3.055 and 3.056 replace the existing rule 6 MCAR § 3.025 G.

Specific authority to promulgate rules relating to the Environmental Review Program is granted under Minn. Stat. § 116D.04, subd. 5 (a) and Minn. Stat. § 116D.045. General rule-making authority is given the Environmental Quality Board in Minn. Stat. § 116C.04 and Minn. Stat. § 116D.

II. HISTORY OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW IN MINNESOTA

The concept of environmental review was spawned in the late 1960s with the developing environmental conscience. Its purpose was to implement environmental protection as a matter of public policy and to utilize the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) as a planning tool in the decision-making process. Environmental review does not of itself make decisions; rather it provides necessary information to governmental units which they can utilize to make environmentally sensitive decisions in the best interests of the public. It has a further purpose in allowing the public to participate in decisions that affect them. The intent is to prevent environmental degradation by wise and informed decisions.

Minnesota's Environmental Review Program was established by the Minnesota Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) of 1973. Companion legislation, found at Minn. Stat. ch. 116c, established the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB). Rules implementing the process were promulgated in 1974 and remained in effect until 1977. Under the initial process all decision-making authority was centralized in the EQB. The EQB decided on a case-by-case basis which projects were major actions with the potential for significant environmental effects.

In 1977 the Environmental Review Program Rules were amended to incorporate recommendations based on the history of the first three years of the program. The most significant change was the decentralization of the process by allowing local and state agencies to assume more authority in decisions on the need for EISs for proposed projects under their jurisdiction. The agency that had the most approval authority over a project was required to prepare an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) to determine whether the project warranted an EIS. Decisions made by the responsible agencies were subject to review and reversal by the EQB. These rules are currently in effect for the Environmental Review Program and are referred to throughout this Statement as the "current rules".

During the 1979-80 legislative session, the EQB, a business group, and an environmental group submitted proposals to the legislature for revisions to MEPA. The EQB staff was given these three proposals and told to work out a compromise. The staff drew elements from each of the three proposals, the new Council on Environmental Quality regulations, and existing processes in other states, and developed compromise legislation. This draft legislation was submitted to the legislature and served as the basis for amendments to MEPA which became law on April 3, 1980.

III. 1980 AMENDMENTS TO THE MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

The main elements of the amended MEPA include:

- 1. Further decentralization of decision-making authority to allow local units of government and permitting state agencies to make final administrative decisions regarding the need for and adequacy of environmental review. The EQB retains the authority to make rules governing the environmental review process, however, the EQB may intervene only at specified times during the process. Local and state agency administrative decisions may no longer be appealed to the EQB. Appeals must be filed directly in district court.
- 2. Establishment of specific thresholds for projects and impacts that will automatically require preparation of an EAW or EIS to assure greater predictability in the process. Categories of projects which are exempt from environmental review were also required.
- 3. Establishment of strict time limits for the preparation and review of environmental documents.
- 4. Encouragement of citizen participation early in the process of environmental review to promote a non-adversarial process. The agency responsible for preparing the EAW must submit the EAW for a 30 day public review and comment period. The final decision on the need for an EIS is not made until after public comment has been received.
- 5. Establishment of a relaxed process of citizen initiation of environmental review to enable citizen involvement early in the process to promote non-adversarial interaction on controversial projects.
- 6. Provision for flexible content requirements for EISs. An early and open scoping process is established as the first step in EIS preparation. Through this process, only the relevant issues are analyzed in the EIS. This provides for a shorter, more timely and less expensive document that is more relevant and useable for decision makers.
- 7. Provision for alternative forms of environmental review. The intent is to allow environmental review to proceed in the most timely, cost effective manner as long as the alternative process meets base criteria.

Exhibit D.1.

Analysis of Mandatory Categories

To comply with Minnesota Laws 2012 Ch. 150, Art. 2, Sec. 3, several state agencies analyzed the categories for mandatory environmental review that are established by Minn. Rules 4410. The Department of Transportation, Department of Natural Resources, and the Pollution Control Agency examined the categories for which they are the designated Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU). The statute does not assign a specific agency to address categories designating the local governmental unit—political subdivisions of the state—as the RGU, so EQB staff took on the responsibility to analyze those categories.

The EQB is designated as the RGU for the categories for nuclear waste facilities, power generating facilities, electrical transmission lines, and pipelines. However, these categories were altered significantly by the statutory transfer of siting and routing authority to the Public Utilities Commission. Because the Department of Commerce administers the review and analysis of siting, routing, and certificate of need applications and also conducts the environmental review required for the Public Utilities Commission's decisions in those matters, Commerce staff provided the majority of the review of those categories. Similarly, because all releases of genetically engineered organisms have been agriculturally-related, the Dept. of Agriculture provided the analyses for those categories.

These analyses reviewed rule amendment SONARs prepared in 1982, 1986, 1988, 1997, 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2007. Some amendments occurred to reflect amendments to the MEPA statute. Others occurred based on experience over time, whether in response to particular issues that arose or a need to clarify the rules. (Amendments under the "good cause" provisions of statute were not examined because they simply reflect statutory changes and thus do not have reasoning behind the changes explained in a SONAR.)

Each agency performed the review of its categories. While the agencies consulted on the work and the present similar information, the reports differ in some aspects. For example, in the MnDOT table the recommendations column has separate EAW and EIS discussions. In the local government table, the EAW and EIS categories themselves are shown separately but the historical purpose, potential permits, and recommendations are combined unless specifically indicated. These differences are due to the types of projects, the agencies' roles, and the format of the information found in past SONARS.

Permits, Approvals, Laws, Ordinances Applicable to Projects

The legislation requires the analysis to address "whether projects that fall within the category are also subject to local, state, or federal permits". Recommendations for amending the category are to be based on the "relationship to existing permits or other federal, state, or local laws or ordinances".

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This element of the analysis is extremely complex several reasons. First, it is important to understand that an environmental review is not a decision document: a project does not "pass" or "fail" an environmental review. In contrast, a permit is a decision document: either a project meets the requirements and a permit is issued, or the permit is not issued. On some projects, the environmental review provides a basis of information for preparing permits and approvals. On other projects, permit information will be fundamental for the analyses performed for the environmental review document. Permits and environmental review are different tools. It is not true that they duplicate the same function.

Second, many of the mandatory categories are very broad. For example the category for "industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities" covers a very broad spectrum: retail, warehousing, heavy manufacturing, schools, hospitals, etc. A shopping mall and a steel manufacturing facility will have some common types of environmental impacts. However, the traffic generation, lighting, noise, air emissions, stormwater runoff, water usage, and wastewater discharges will differ greatly. Because of those differences, the specific permits or approvals that might be involved will vary greatly. It is impossible to create a definitive list of every permit that applies to every type of project in this and other categories.

Third, both state and local government units issue many project permits and approvals: thousands each year across the state. In contrast, relatively few environmental reviews are prepared. An environmental review examines all potential impacts, consolidating information in one document. A specific permit often focuses on one type of impact such as air emissions. This is one of the important purposes of environmental review compared to permits.

Fourth, different local governments have different permit/approvals that apply to projects. What might be required in one county will not reflect requirements in another county. Fifth, local governmental units frequently have very different levels of experience and expertise for project review and approval. The local permits or approvals often do not consider the entire project, nor do they consider all potential effects on the community and the environment.

In summary, there is no one-size-fits-all permit, approval, or ordinance for projects within a single mandatory category. The variation in possibilities is extensive. Thus, it is impossible to create a definitive list of the permits/approvals/ordinances/laws that will apply and the relationships to environmental reviews. The tables do not pretend to do so. Instead, the tables attempt to list examples of that might be applicable with the caveat that it will depend on the specific project and location in the state as well as the mandatory category for that project type.

Amending the Mandatory Categories: Rulemaking

The agencies arrived at a number of recommendations regarding potential amendments to the mandatory categories. The recommendations are summarized below and listed with more detail in the tables in the appendices. EQB intends to initiate the rulemaking process to open the process for public dialogue and comments on the mandatory thresholds. The EQB plans to publish a notice of its intent to initiate the process in early 2013.

This rulemaking process will be conducted in accordance with the statute that governs agency rulemaking and amendment. Rulemaking according to the statute ensures public accountability, access, and participation. In fact, these are stated as important purposes of how the rulemaking process is designed. The purposes of the statute are as follows:

CHAPTER 14 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

14.001 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.

The purposes of the Administrative Procedure Act are:

- (1) to provide oversight of powers and duties delegated to administrative agencies;
- (2) to increase public accountability of administrative agencies;
- (3) to ensure a uniform minimum procedure;
- (4) to increase public access to governmental information;
- (5) to increase public participation in the formulation of administrative rules;
- (6) to increase the fairness of agencies in their conduct of contested case proceedings; and
- (7) to simplify the process of judicial review of agency action as well as increase its ease and availability.

In accomplishing its objectives, the intention of this chapter is to strike a fair balance between these purposes and the need for efficient, economical, and effective government administration. The chapter is not meant to alter the substantive rights of any person or agency. Its impact is limited to procedural rights with the expectation that better substantive results will be achieved in the everyday conduct of state government by improving the process by which those results are attained.

Summary of Recommendations

RGU: Local Governmental Unit	recommendation	page
Mandatory Category Number, Title 4410.4300 EAW CATEGORY.	Consider possible change in thresholds but this	number A 5
Subp. 14. Industrial, commercial, and	Consider possible change in thresholds, but this merits very careful examination.	A 3
institutional facilities.	Clarification of language may be productive for A.	
4410.4400 EIS CATEGORY.	and B., definitely for C. and D.	
Subp. 11. Industrial, commercial, and	and B., definitely for C. and D.	
institutional facilities.		
4410.4300 EAW CATEGORY.	Consider possible change in thresholds in larger	A 7
Subp. 19. Residential development.	cities with comprehensive and environmental	11 /
4410.4400 EIS CATEGORY.	planning expertise, but this merits very careful	
Subp. 14. Residential development.	examination because of the variation in expertise	
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4410.4300 EAW CATEGORY	Consider possible change in thresholds for	A 16
.Subp. 32. Mixed residential and industrial-	communities with comprehensive plans that include	1110
commercial projects.	specified elements, but this merits very careful	
4410.4400 EIS CATEGORY.	examination. The variation in expertise,	
Subp. 21. Mixed residential and commercial-	sophistication, interest, and effectiveness in	
industrial projects.	planning and regulatory methods across local	
	governments remains. The diversity of projects also	
	continues. The threshold quantities were	
	controversial in 1982 and there's little reason to	
	believe this has changed.	
4410.4300 EAW CATEGORY.	Consider possible change to threshold quantity.	A 17
Subp. 36. Land use conversion, including golf	Consider possible clarification of language for	
courses.	project type.	
4410.4300 EAW CATEGORY.	Review intent and consider clarifying language.	A 18
Subp. 36a. Land conversions in shoreland.		
RGU: Department of Transportation	recommendation	page
Mandatory Category Number, Title		number
4410.4300 EAW CATEGORY.	"B. For construction of additional travel lanes on an	B 2
Subp. 22. Highway projects.	existing road for a length of one or more miles,"	
	threshold should be increased from 1 mile to 2	
	miles.	
RGU: Environmental Quality Board	recommendation	page
Mandatory Category Number, Title		number
4410.4300 EAW CATEGORY.	There may be overlap between 4410.4300 Subp.	C 1
Subp. 2. Nuclear fuels and nuclear waste.	2.A. and 4410.4400, Subp. 2.C. This should be	
4410.4400 EIS CATEGORY.	examined.	
Subp. 2. Nuclear fuels and nuclear waste.		
4410.4300 EAW CATEGORY.	Initiate discussion on RGU for EAW on facilities	C 1
Subp. 3. Electric generating facilities.	under 50 MW other than Large Wind energy	
4410.4400 EIS CATEGORY.	Conversion Systems.	
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Subp. 3. Electric generating facilities.	·	
4410.4300 EAW CATEGORY.	Based on review by the Dept. of Commerce, the	C 2
4410.4300 EAW CATEGORY. Subp. 7. Pipelines	Based on review by the Dept. of Commerce, the category should be reviewed to confirm if all	C 2
4410.4300 EAW CATEGORY.	Based on review by the Dept. of Commerce, the	C 2

RGU: Department of Natural	recommendation	page
Resources		number
Mandatory Category Number, Title		
4410.4300 EAW CATEGORY	Eliminate this mandatory EAW category.	D 5
Subp. 28 B. Forestry		
4410.4300 EAW CATEGORY.	· The DNR believes it is unlikely an inconsistent	D 5
Subp. 30. Natural areas	project would encroach on a state trail corridor	
	and therefore recommends deleting state trail	
	corridors from the category.	
	 Clarification could be considered regarding how 	
	this category applies when master plan revisions	
	(that are subject to a public review process) are	
	proposed.	
4410.4300 EAW CATEGORY.	Consider modifications regarding how miles of new	D 9
Subp. 37 B. Recreational trails	types of motorized trail use are calculated. Also	
	consider not counting new motorized uses on	
	abandoned rail grades toward Item 37B threshold.	
4410.4300 EAW CATEGORY.	Maintain this EAW category, but provide an	D 10
Subp. 37 C. Recreational trails	exemption for paving trails on abandoned railroad	
	grades.	
RGU: Pollution Control Agency	recommendation	page
Mandatory Category Number, Title		number
4410.4300 EAW CATEGORY.	Recommend review of definition of biomass in	E 2
Subp 5. Fuel Conversion Facilities.	EQB Rules to ensure consistency with term as used	
4410.4300 EAW CATEGORY.	in other rules or statutes.	E 4
	A review of the use of coal and peat is suggested as	E 4
Subp. 8. Transfer Facilities. 4410.4300 EAW CATEGORY.	it relates to Subpart A.	E 9
	Suggested language changes to reflect current	E 9
Subp. 16. Hazardous Waste.	permit language	
	• Suggest rule change - work with DNR to add	
	sediment cleanups at Superfund or other	
	remediation program sites as exemptions to Subp.	
4410.4300 EAW CATEGORY.	27 (wetlands and public waters) EAW and EIS:	E 10
		E 10
subp. 17. Solid Waste	Category language should be changed to reflect	
4410.4400 EIS CATEGORY	current permitting process	
Subp. 13. Solid Waste	Future review of landfill projects may be accomplished by many of an elemetical	
Suop. 13. Some waste	accomplished by means of an alternative	
	environmental review or AUAR-like process.	
	Transfer facilities should be reviewed for possible elimination.	
	possible elimination.	
	No change to the remainder of the subparts.	

Wastewater Systems 4410.4300 Subp. 18	Review for possible change in requirements for expansion of WWTF.	E 13
1110.1300 5469. 10	Review for possible addition to the category for the following items. The following wastewater is not currently being addressed: Utility wastewater (cooling tower blowdown, reject, etc.) NOT associated with an industrial wastewater classified as process wastewater under the federal regulations should be considered for review. Waste streams resulting from the removal of pollutants or "impurities" from water being used for either industrial or drinking water should be considered for review. Water Treatment Plant Residual (backwash, reject, etc.) from a domestic water treatment plant should be considered for review.	

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APPENDIX A

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RGU CATEGORIES

EQB staff sent out a draft table to select representatives of local governmental units including counties and municipalities in both Greater Minnesota and the Metropolitan Area. These units were selected to include experience with a broad range of mandatory categories. Recognizing that this focused method does not capture all possible experiences or perspectives, it was chosen because of limitations on time and on EQB staff resources. Input addressed specific categories as well as the environmental review program overall.

Input was received from staff from the following:

Crow Wing County Kandiyohi County

Scott County
Sherburne County
Washington County

City of Bloomington

City of Hugo

General statements are included here first. Category-specific input is listed in the table in the respective mandatory categories.

General Input from a Metro county:

I have been coordinating the preparation of environmental reviews for private projects located within the townships in (the county) since the mid 1980s. Most of the projects triggering a mandatory EAW were for residential developments or golf courses triggered by Subparts 19, 36 or gravel mining triggered by Subpart 12B. The EAWs provide answers to questions often resulting in proposed mitigation and eventually becoming conditions for plats, conditional or interim use permits. Without the knowledge gathered by the preparation of an EAW it would be difficult to identify and justify many of the conditions that we need to place on such permits to protect the environment or public health and safety. Since such projects are normally just dealt with by land use planners who lack the understanding for many of the technical environmental issues those issues would likely not have been noted before approval was recommended by staff to the Planning Commission and County Board. In the past unrecognized impacts became costly for local officials to address. Some examples we have observed with developments that were approved before environmental reviews were required include lack of planning and funding for necessary road improvements, failure to recognize flooding impacts and establish storm water drainage infrastructure and easements, incompatible land uses resulting in later complaints for odor, noise, and air pollution. Recognizing this we have worked closely with planners, traffic engineers, township officials, soil and water conservation staff and other experts as needed for each environmental review we prepare. Our approach has evolved into a County-coordinated team approach involving townships and even adjacent city officials in addition to state and

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federal officials (when appropriate) who meet, review the issues and approve drafts before they are released for comment. Following comments, the responses to comments are prepared by staff and then reviewed and edited by the team. In this way, we build rapport, understanding and trust among all affected jurisdictions. The meetings are open for observance by interested parties as well.

I have no suggestions for changing the thresholds associated with triggers for environmental review. I generally feel that the thresholds are appropriate and have weathered the test of time. Though, some of the categories are more associated with municipal development than with the unsewered areas we deal with.

The EAW process has been streamlined somewhat in recent years to enable completion by the project proposer in response to complaints by affected groups that the process was taking too long. Since we had always worked with a project proposer to prepare a draft EAW we haven't seen much change from our perspective. The projects that seem to run into the biggest problems are those where the proponents' own consultants fail to communicate effectively with the (proposer's) development team or to advise them of major obstacles they are likely to encounter or even worse, downplay such obstacles leaving the proponent with false expectations.

I also did not add to your permits column. I got the impression that if permits are required then perhaps an environmental review is not as important. This might be the case if every local jurisdiction had the advantages of technically knowledgeable staff in the issues related to a permit but most local permits are land use permits with open-ended conditions attached. The MPCA, DNR and MDH, MNDOT have such expertise for issues related to the permits they issue for air quality, water quality, ground water and traffic, but local jurisdictions mostly do not and they are concerned about these issues whether or not there are state permits involved. In most cases separate state permits are not involved, but even when they are, these permits are limited to address issues for which rules have been written. When rules have not kept pace with changing developments valid concerns may not be addressed. An example is the recent growth of silica sand mining and processing. Arguably, the MPCA Air Quality rules are lacking in their ability to address silica dust effectively. Local land use permits can still do this regardless of the lack of rules. Even when rules exist, like the state noise rules, they don't address impacts such as impulse noise and nuisance sounds or wildlife disturbance that may be important local area concerns. So, I didn't feel that listing potential permits was appropriate, since it might give some people (who lack a technical appreciation for the scope of rules) the false impression that environmental reviews were redundant and not important if permits were otherwise required anyway.

The historical purpose sections in your table for some of the subparts suggest justification because such projects are often "controversial". Controversy or the lack of it shouldn't be a determining factor for conducting an environmental review, but rather the purpose should be to obtain a better understanding of the potential impacts associated with projects that have the potential to result in adverse impact to improve decisions. Controversy can be totally unrelated to the questions associated with an environmental review and often is borne out of fear of the unknown.

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The environmental review process has been tinkered with for various reasons over the years. Some changes were beneficial to improving the process and some appeared to be politically motivated to satisfy powerful interests. For example, the environmental review process was significantly compromised in 2005, with passage of legislation that transferred the environmental review process away from the EQB and to the Public Utilities Commission for things like crude oil pipelines. The first project to evade a proper environmental review was the MinnCan pipeline by Koch Industries, a project that arguably instigated the change in the rules in 2005. Recognizing that the first major pipeline constructed in Minnesota since the EQB rules went into effect crossed through the center of Minnesota and through three rapidly developing metropolitan counties did not receive one comment from a State Agency as part of the so-called environmental review process is indicative of the failure of the environmental review process conducted by the PUC. Crude oil is not even a PUC regulated commodity and crude oil pipelines are certainly not a public utility, but rather a private commodity conveyance system that has wrongfully been afforded the power of eminent domain.

The failure of the environmental review process for the MinnCan pipeline suggests the need for a reversal of the politically inspired decision to short circuit the environmental review process and restore to the EQB the responsibility of conducting environmental reviews for crude oil pipelines and for any other private transmission or conveyance systems for which rates are not regulated by the PUC.

One change that might also be considered is more logistical, considering the current role the MPCA has been given in regard to administering the EQB rules. Many smaller governmental units lack the experienced staff needed to tackle an environmental review. The result has either been review documents that have been completely prepared by the developer's consultants and then simply signed by unwitting local officials or have resulted in long preparatory times frustrating the developers. I would suggest that the MPCA field officers become familiar with the environmental review process and provide hands on assistance to local units guiding them through the process of preparing an environmental review document. This would also help engage the MPCA in the process as well.

Many of the EAWs we have distributed for comment receive only a cursory review by the state agencies if any. Local units of government rely on the expertise at the state level that they lack locally. When that doesn't happen, the process sometimes isn't even worth doing. Often we have had to badger state agencies to respond to environmental reviews when we recognize concerns but lack the expertise, or political support to weigh in on them. On some recent environmental reviews with significant environmental issues, after pestering state agencies we have received belated comments that we then had to acknowledge despite the end of the official comment period or try to incorporate into conditions in a land use permit. This has created problems for the official record when challenged by the developer. We recognize the lack of resources environmental agencies face now, but as environmental impacts become more critical to identify and prevent as population grows, failure in this regard can have significant consequences.

General Input from a Metro suburb:

The difference between cities of the first class and cities of the second class is blurring. Many cities of the second class are fully developed now. Recommend merging these into one category, using the thresholds for cities of the first class.

In general, there is a lot of duplication in review related to storm water:

- · City Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan requirements
- Grading, drainage, utility, and erosion control plans approved by the City Engineer
- Watershed District requirements
- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements facilitated by MPCA

There can also be some duplication when it comes to sanitary sewer and watermain review:

- Grading, drainage, utility, and erosion control plans approved by the City Engineer (reviewed by Utilities)
- MPCA Sanitary Sewer Extension Permit (dual review by Metropolitan Council)
- MDH Watermain Permit

From a PW (public works) perspective, it seems that everything PW related in an EIS/EAW is covered in other parts of the City review process. We have conditions and City code requirements that ensure that environmental issues are covered before the development is constructed. That being said, for a larger project, staff have found the preliminary environmental review helpful. For smaller projects, less helpful.

Mandatory Categories Analysis

The following table includes:

- All mandatory categories for an environmental assessment worksheet (EAW) and environmental impact statement (EIS) for which the responsible government unit is a local government (political subdivision).
- Intended historical purposes of the category: summaries of reasons for past rule amendments.
- Examples of possible local, state, or federal permits to which projects may or may not be subject.
- Recommendations regarding whether the mandatory category should be modified, eliminated, or unchanged. This column also input from local governments specific to a category.

Example Local, State, Federal Should category be modified, eliminated, or unchanged based on Permits, Laws, Ordinances relationship to existing permits or other federal/state/local Mandatory Categories: Local Government as RGU **Intended Historical Purpose** that may (or may not) apply. laws/ordinances? 4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORY. page 127 OF 1982 SONAR This category area was proposed because of the potential for **Local government:** Subp. 12. Nonmetallic mineral mining. Items A to C designate the significant effects on ground and surface water quality and quantity, air quality, land use, -Comprehensive plan amend if Great variation remains across local governments in expertise, and the local and state economy. Other local and state regulations relating to these the community has a plan. sophistication, interest, and effectiveness in planning and regulatory RGU for the type of project listed: -Rezoning if the community has activities do not necessarily deal with the full spectrum of potential impacts. A. For development of a facility for the extraction or mining of peat zoning. which will result in the excavation of 160 or more acres of land during its Environmental review would facilitate multi-agency coordination. existence, the DNR shall be the RGU. -Subdivision/platting approval. Judging from the enormity of the frac sand mining issue, and the -Conditional Use Permit or a B. For development of a facility for the extraction or mining of This category area is subdivided into categories relating to peat and categories relating to number of citizen petitions regarding proposed frac sand mines received sand, gravel, stone, or other nonmetallic minerals, other than peat, which will aggregate minerals because the impacts relating to these activities differ. local mining permit. in 2012, it would be premature to alter this category now. No consensus excavate 40 or more acres of land to a mean depth of ten feet or more during its -Site plan approval. on changes is evident. -Grading/drainage/erosion existence, the **local government unit** shall be the RGU. The extraction of peat resources has the potential for causing environmental impacts C. For development of a facility for the extraction or mining of relating to land use, air quality, water quality, mining and drainage. Peat mining activities control plan. Recommendation: No change to this category. sand, gravel, stone, or other nonmetallic minerals, other than peat, which will tended to be of small scale and for the purpose of marketing the peat as a horticultural -Wetlands mitigation plan. excavate 20 or more acres of forested or other naturally vegetated land in a product or as a briquet fuel. Peat mining was expected to be extremely controversial if -Road access permit on local sensitive shoreland area or 40 acres of forested or other naturally vegetated land proposals developed to utilize the resource for other energy uses. Data based on actual road. INPUT RECEIVED FROM POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: in a nonsensitive shoreland area, the local governmental unit shall be the RGU. development of these resources on a broad scale is limited. The threshold levels of 160 -Building permits for structures. Threshold for an EAW could be raised to something over the 4410,4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORY. acres for a mandatory EAW and 320 acres for a mandatory EIS coincided with current 40 acres: ultimately through our conditional use permit Subp. 9. Nonmetallic mineral mining. Items A to C designate the RGU Department of Natural Resources policy as set forth in the Minnesota Permit Program **State:** process we rely on input from state agencies, and often there are Policy Recommendations. In the previous rules the 320 acre threshold for an EAW for -Water appropriation permit for the type of project listed: state permits required. A. For development of a facility for the extraction or mining of peat nonmetallic resources would have applied to peat extraction. -Permit to mine (Reclamation which will utilize 320 acres of land or more during its existence, the DNR shall permit) Keep this unchanged. The extraction of aggregate resources has the potential for causing environmental impacts be the RGU. -Land lease Companies have done projects in phases with just enough years in relating to land use, transportation, noise, air quality, water quality and vibrations. -NPDES/SDS permit B. For development of a facility for the extraction or mining of between to avoid doing the EAW process. Category should be Proposed activities are frequently in or near populated areas and therefore tend to be -Clean Water Act 401 certif. sand, gravel, stone, or other nonmetallic minerals, other than peat, which will amended to solve this issue. controversial. The threshold levels of 40 acres to a ten foot depth ·for a mandatory EAW -Driveway permit (Mn/DOT) if excavate 160 acres of land or more to a mean depth of ten feet or more during its and 160 acres to a ten foot depth for a mandatory EIS were developed pursuant to the state highway. existence, the local government unit shall be the RGU. Keep this unchanged. public participation process and on the basis of the history of environmental review for C. For development of a facility for the extraction or mining of sand, gravel, stone, or other nonmetallic minerals, other than peat, which will these activities. A previous rule was not specific as to the degree of mining required to Federal: excavate 40 or more acres of forested or other naturally vegetated land in a trigger the threshold. If a lesser area is actually developed, the entire parcel of land would -Clean Water Act 404 permit still be included in the measurement. Petitions have been received for environmental sensitive shoreland area or 80 or more acres of forested or other naturally (wetlands) vegetated land in a nonsensitive shoreland area, the local governmental unit is review on facilities as low as 10 acres. pages 42 and 52 of 2007 SONAR: The clauses for projects in shoreland areas were added the RGU. in 2007 due to concern over lakeshore development. (See Subp. 19a.) 4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORY. page 130 OF 1982 SONAR This category area is proposed because of the potential for Great variation remains across local governments in expertise, Local government: Subp. 14. Industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities. Items A significant impacts on water quality, air quality, solid waste generation, hazardous waste -Comprehensive plan amend if sophistication, interest, and effectiveness in planning and regulatory and B designate the RGU for the type of project listed, except as provided in generation, transportation, land use, demographic and economic impacts on local the community has a plan. methods. -Rezoning if the community has items C and D: economies. The spectrum of impacts is diverse and the regulation of the impacts varies in A. For construction of a new or expansion of an existing effectiveness with the units of government responsible. This type of project tends to be zoning. The diversity of projects also continues. warehousing or light industrial facility equal to or in excess of the following controversial, as witnessed by the number of projects previously subjected to -Subdivision/platting approval. thresholds, expressed as gross floor space, the **local governmental unit** shall be -Conditional Use Permit. The threshold quantities were controversial in 1982 and there's little environmental review. the RGU: The diversity of projects precludes fine tuning of categories further. Thresholds -Site plan approval. reason to believe this has changed. (1) unincorporated area, 150,000; relating to the operational size of the facility relative to the size of the local community are -Wetlands mitigation plan. (2) third or fourth class city, 300,000; used. The basic theory is that the larger the facility, the greater the output and the greater -Building permits for structures. Recommendation: Consider possible change in thresholds, but this the potential for local societal and environmental disruption. Square footage thresholds merits very careful examination. (3) second class city, 450,000; (4) first class city, 600,000. were set at relatively high levels (i.e., not likely to be proposed) for the EIS category and Clarification of language may be productive for A. and B., definitely for **State:** -Driveway permit B. For construction of a new or expansion of an existing industrial, at moderate levels for the EAW category to allow discretion of the RGU in evaluating the (Mn/DOT) if state highway. C. and D. commercial, or institutional facility, other than a warehousing or light industrial merit of the other variables. facility, equal to or in excess of the following thresholds, expressed as gross floor The actual quantitative thresholds proposed were the subject of considerable Federal: -Clean Water Act 404 INPUT RECEIVED FROM POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: space, the **local government unit** shall be the RGU: controversy through the public meeting process used in preparation of these rules. permit (wetlands) Keep this unchanged. (1) unincorporated area, 100,000 square feet; Although these thresholds do not represent consensus, they do represent a negotiated (2) third or fourth class city, 200,000 square feet; workable threshold.

Mandatory Categories: Local Government as RGU	Intended Historical Purpose	Example Local, State, Federal Permits, Laws, Ordinances that may (or may not) apply.	Should category be modified, eliminated, or unchanged based on relationship to existing permits or other federal/state/local laws/ordinances?
(3) second class city, 300,000 square feet; (4) first class city, 400,000 square feet. C. This subpart applies to any industrial, commercial, or institutional project which includes multiple components, if there are mandatory categories specified in subparts 2 to 13, 16, 17, 20, 21, 23, 25, or 29, or part 4410.4400, subparts 2 to 10, 12, 13, 15, or 17, for two or more of the components, regardless of whether the project in question meets or exceeds any threshold specified in those subparts. In those cases, the entire project must be compared to the thresholds specified in items A and B to determine the need for an EAW. If the project meets or exceeds the thresholds specified in any other subpart as well as that of item A or B, the RGU must be determined as provided in part 4410.0500, subpart 1. D. This subpart does not apply to projects for which there is a single mandatory category specified in subparts 2 to 13, 16, 17, 20, 23, 25, 29, or 34, or part 4410.4400, subparts 2 to 10, 12, 13, 17, or 22, regardless of whether the project in question meets or exceeds any threshold specified in those subparts. In those cases, the need for an EAW must be determined by comparison of the project to the threshold specified in the applicable subpart, and the RGU must be the governmental unit assigned by that subpart. 4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORY. Subp. 11. Industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities. Items A and B designate the RGU for the type of project listed, except as provided in items C and D: A. For construction of a new or expansion of an existing warehousing or light industrial facility equal to or in excess of the following thresholds, expressed as gross floor space, the local governmental unit is the RGU: (1) unincorporated area, 375,000; (2) third or fourth class city, 750,000; (3) second class city, 1,000,000; (4) first class city, 1,000,000 square feet; (3) second class city, 1,000,000 square feet; (4) first class city, 1,000,000 square feet; (5) second class city, 1,000,000 square feet; (6)	pages 9 and 14 of 1986 SONAR: The amendment adding C. and D. was intended to make explicit in the rules how to interpret the general mandatory categories for industrial, commercial, and institutional projects. This amendment was needed to avoid confusion about how this category should applied in two types of situations: (1) where the project consists of several components, some of which may be of types for which mandatory EAW categories have been established; and (2) where the project is of an industrial, commercial or institutional nature, but of a single specific type for which there is a mandatory EAW category. page 39 of 1988 SONAR: The category was separated into two types of projects, distinguishing "warehousing or light industrial facility" from others. The rationale was that traffic generation was the greatest impact, and warehousing and light industry generated less traffic than other types of industrial, commercial, and institutional projects. Therefore, the thresholds could be higher for warehousing and light industry.	that may (or may not) apply.	 Eliminate this category for both EAW and EIS (comprehensive plan establishes the use, local planning and project reviews are enough). Use higher thresholds for all, not separate and lower thresholds for 'other than warehouse or light industrial'. Improve language to clarify whether the threshold refers to the addition only or the total square footage of the building after the addition (existing plus addition).

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In those cases, the need for an EIS or an EAW must be determined by		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
comparison of the project to the threshold specified in the applicable subpart, and			
the RGU must be the governmental unit assigned by that subpart.			
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORY.	page 141 OF 1982 SONAR: This category area is proposed because of the potential for	Local government:	
Subp. 19. Residential development. An EAW is required for residential	significant impacts on land use, demographic and economic impacts on local economies,	-Comprehensive plan amend if	Great variation remains across local governments in expertise,
development if the total number of units that may ultimately be developed on all	transportation facilities, wildlife habitat and water quality. Additional concerns are	the community has a plan.	sophistication, interest, and effectiveness in planning and regulatory
contiguous land owned or under an option to purchase by the proposer, except land identified by an applicable comprehensive plan, ordinance, resolution, or	generated because of increased potential for secondary development fostered by increased population and human activity. The spectrum of impacts is diverse and the regulation of	-Rezoning if the community has zoning.	methods.
agreement of a local governmental unit for a future use other than residential	the impacts varies in effectiveness with the units of government responsible. This type of	-Subdivision/platting approval.	The diversity of projects also continues.
development, equals or exceeds a threshold of this subpart. In counting the total	project tends to be controversial, as witnessed by the number of projects previously	-Conditional Use Permit.	The diversity of projects also continues.
number of ultimate units, the RGU shall include the number of units in any plans	subjected to environmental review.	-Site plan approval.	The threshold quantities were controversial in 1982 and they continue to
of the proposer; for land for which the proposer has not yet prepared plans, the	The diversity of projects precludes fine tuning of categories further. Thresholds relating	-Wetlands mitigation plan.	be. However, in communities with expertise and extensive planning
RGU shall use as the number of units the product of the number of acres	the number of residential dwellings to the size of the local community were used. This	-Building permits for structures.	experience, the thresholds are worth examining.
multiplied by the maximum number of units per acre allowable under the	measure was used because larger communities are more likely to be able to provide social	8 F	8
applicable zoning ordinance or, if the maximum number of units allowable per	and economic services to accommodate a greater population increase; therefore, the	State: -Driveway permit	
acre is not specified in an applicable zoning ordinance, by the overall average	societal and environmental disruption per capita increase is likely to be lower. Thresholds	(Mn/DOT) if state highway.	Recommendation: Consider possible change in thresholds in larger
number of units per acre indicated in the plans of the proposer for those lands for	were set at relatively high levels (i.e., not likely to be proposed) for the EIS categories and		cities with comprehensive and environmental planning expertise, but
which plans exist. If the total project requires review but future phases are	at moderate levels for the EAW categories to allow discretion by the RGU in evaluating	Federal: -Clean Water Act 404	this merits very careful examination because of the variation in expertise
uncertain, the RGU may review the ultimate project sequentially in accordance	the merit of all variables.	permit (wetlands)	among local governments.
with part 4410.1000, subpart 4. If a project consists of mixed unattached and	The 1982 SONAR included separate thresholds for projects in shoreland,		
attached units, an EAW must be prepared if the sum of the quotient obtained by	floodplain, or wild and scenic river areas if the community had not adopted ordinances for		
dividing the number of unattached units by the applicable unattached unit	those areas.		
threshold, plus the quotient obtained by dividing the number of attached units by	The category for developments near water resources was further tied to whether		
the applicable attached unit threshold, equals or exceeds one. The local	or not the local governmental unit has complied with existing regulations. Those that have		INPUT RECEIVED FROM POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:
governmental unit is the RGU for construction of a permanent or potentially permanent residential development of:	are presumed to have incorporated adequate environmental protection measure and are therefore subject to the same threshold as developments in upland areas. Those that have		Number of units in unsewered unincorporated area could be
A. 50 or more unattached or 75 or more attached units in an	not are subject to more stringent thresholds. In actual application developments in		increased, perhaps 100 for EAW.
unsewered unincorporated area or 100 unattached units or 150 attached units in a	shoreland areas are most likely to be involved. All Minnesota counties have adopted		• (though have not done EAW or EIS for residential)have had a
sewered unincorporated area;	shoreland ordinances; therefore, all developments in unincorporated areas actually would		couple residential developments approach the current thresholds:
B. 100 unattached units or 150 attached units in a city that does not	have the same measure applied. Approximately 50 of Minnesota's approximately 850		based on working through those projects, I am comfortable with current thresholds
meet the conditions of item D;	cities have adopted shoreland ordinances. Approximately 150 more cities will have		current intesnotas
C. 100 unattached units or 150 attached units in a city meeting the	adopted ordinances within the next biennium. This schedule will cover almost all cities		· Although a good exercise for review, I don't think other agencies
conditions of item D if the project is not consistent with the adopted	likely to have proposed developments of sizes exceeding this threshold. Communities that		pay much attention to this category for all the work put into it.
comprehensive plan; or	feel they may be adversely impacted may develop ordinances ahead of the DNR schedule.		Threshold of 50 lots is too low to bother with.
D. 250 unattached units or 375 attached units in a city within the	Therefore, the use of this measurement for developments near water resources is projected		Threshold of 30 tots is too tow to bother with.
seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area that has adopted a comprehensive	to have relatively minimal long range impact in relation to the number of projects subject		· Eliminate this category for both EAW and EIS (comprehensive plan
plan under Minnesota Statutes, section 473.859, or in a city not located within the	to environmental review.		establishes the use, local planning and project reviews are enough).
seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area that has filed with the EQB chair a	The actual quantitative thresholds proposed were the subject of considerable		January and Januar
certification that it has adopted a comprehensive plan containing the following	controversy through the public meeting process used in preparation of these rules.		• For EIS category, change to 250+ units in unsewered
elements:	Although these thresholds do not represent consensus, they do represent a negotiated		unincorporated area.
(1) a land use plan designating the existing and proposed location, intensity, and extent of use of land and water for residential, industrial,	workable threshold.		,
agricultural, and other public and private purposes;	pages 47 and 63 of 1988 SONAR: Added the beginning passage to avoid circumvention		· Clarify language regarding C. and D. What triggers the EAW:
(2) a transportation plan describing, designating, and	of the rules by segmenting of larger projects into smaller increments. Means of addressing		when development plan is submitted or when Comprehensive Plan
scheduling the location, extent, function, and capacity of existing and proposed	mixed residential projects (attached and unattached units in one project) also are added. In		
local public and private transportation facilities and services;	addition, the rule was amended to raise the thresholds for cities with approved		amendment application is submitted? If Comprehensive Plan
(3) a sewage collection system policy plan describing,	comprehensive plans. The existence of comprehensive plans, which anticipate		amendment submitted and approved, then project is consistent, thus
designating, and scheduling the areas to be served by the public system, the	development and allow a city to plan for it, increases a city's capacity to absorb growth		avoiding the lower threshold. Is this the intent?
existing and planned capacities of the public system, and the standards and	without serious environmental or social disruption. Also added that when a project		
conditions under which the installation of private sewage treatment systems will	crosses the mandatory EIS threshold, an initial stage up to ten percent of the project could		
be permitted;	be reviewed with an EAW. This was intended to recognize the uncertainty of the ultimate		
(4) a capital improvements plan for public facilities; and	size of a project, and that it may be unreasonable to delay it all for the length of time		

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(5) an implementation plan describing public programs, fiscal devices, and other actions to be undertaken to implement the comprehensive plan, and a description of official controls addressing the matters of zoning, subdivision, private sewage systems, and a schedule for the implementation of those controls. The EQB chair may specify the form to be used for making a certification under this item.	needed for an EIS.		
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORY. Subp. 14. Residential development. An EIS is required for residential development if the total number of units that the proposer may ultimately develop on all contiguous land owned by the proposer or for which the proposer has an option to purchase, except land identified by an applicable comprehensive plan, ordinance, resolution, or agreement of a local governmental unit for a future use other than residential development, equals or exceeds a threshold of this subpart. In counting the total number of ultimate units, the RGU shall include the number of units in any plans of the proposer; for land for which the proposer has not yet prepared plans, the RGU shall use as the number of units the product of the number of acres multiplied by the maximum number of units per acre allowable under the applicable zoning ordinance, or if the maximum number of units allowable per acre is not specified in an applicable zoning ordinance, by the overall average number of units per acre indicated in the plans of the proposer for those lands for which plans exist. If the total project requires review but future phases are uncertain, the RGU may review the ultimate project sequentially in accordance with part 4410.2000, subpart 4. The RGU may review an initial stage of the project, that may not exceed ten percent of the applicable EIS threshold, by means of the procedures of parts 4410.2000 to 4410.2800. If the RGU determines that this stage requires preparation of an EIS under part 4410.1700, it may be reviewed through a separate EIS or through an EIS that also covers later stages of the project. If a project consists of mixed unattached and attached units, an EIS must be prepared if the sum of the quotient obtained by dividing the number of unattached units by the applicable attached unit threshold, equals or exceeds one. The local governmental unit is the RGU for construction of a permanent or potentially permanent residential development of: A. 100 or more unattached units or 600 attached un			
location, intensity, and extent of use of land and water for residential, industrial, agricultural, and other public and private purposes; (2) a transportation plan describing, designating, and			

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scheduling the location, extent, function, and capacity of existing and proposed local public and private transportation facilities and services; (3) a sewage collection system policy plan describing, designating, and scheduling the areas to be served by the public system, the existing and planned capacities of the public system, and the standards and conditions under which the installation of private sewage treatment systems will be permitted; (4) a capital improvements plan for public facilities; and (5) an implementation plan describing public programs, fiscal devices, and other actions to be undertaken to implement the comprehensive plan, and a description of official controls addressing the matters of zoning, subdivision, private sewage systems, and a schedule for the implementation of the controls. The EQB chair may specify the form to be used for making a certification under this item.			
Subp. 19a. Residential development in shoreland outside of the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area. A. The local governmental unit is the RGU for construction of a permanent or potentially permanent residential development located wholly or partially in shoreland outside the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area of a type listed in items B to E. For purposes of this subpart, "riparian unit" means a unit in a development that abuts a public water or, in the case of a development where units are not allowed to abut the public water, is located in the first tier of the development as provided under part 6120.3800, subpart 4, item A. If a project is located partially in a sensitive shoreland area and partially in nonsensitive shoreland areas, an EAW must be prepared if the sum of the quotient obtained by dividing the number of units in the sensitive shoreland area by the applicable sensitive shoreland area threshold, plus the quotient obtained by dividing the number of units in nonsensitive shoreland areas by the applicable nonsensitive shoreland area threshold, equals or exceeds one. If a project is located partially in shoreland and partially not in shoreland, an EAW must be prepared if the sum of the quotients obtained by dividing the number of units in each type of area by the applicable threshold for each area equals or exceeds one. B. A development containing 15 or more unattached or attached units for a sensitive shoreland area, if any of the following conditions is present: (1) less than 50 percent of the area in shoreland is common open space; (2) the number of riparian units exceeds by at least 15 percent the number of riparian lots that would be allowable calculated according to the applicable lot area and width standards for riparian unsewered single lots under part 6120.3300, subparts 2a and 2b; or (3) if any portion of the project is in an unincorporated area, the number of nonriparian units in shoreland exceeds by at least 15 percent the number of 10st that would be allowable on the	pages 39 and 43 and 52 of 2007 SONAR: Major impetus was significant change in pattern of lakeshore development: conversion of seasonal cabins into year-round homes, size of new homes, and increasing density of new projects. Shoreland areas once less desirable or difficult to develop being proposed for development often are low-lying and marshy, with shallow water offshore and beds of aquatic vegetation, features that make the areas important to the lake ecology. The number of citizen petitions for lakeshore development was increasing. There was widespread concern about the consequences of poor development on water quality and fish and wildlife habitat caused by poorly functioning onsite septic systems and increased impervious surface runoff that negatively affected water quality. These factors led to the recognition that existing mandatory review categories may not be adequate for the changing conditions. The category does not apply within the Twin City Metro because questions arose whether the common open space and unit density criteria were appropriate to projects located in urbanized areas. (p. 28 of ALJ report May 7, 2009)	Local government: -Comprehensive plan amend if the community has a planRezoning if the community has zoningSubdivision/platting approvalConditional Use PermitSite plan approvalGrading/drainage/erosion control planWetlands mitigation planRoad access permit on local roadBuilding permits for structures. State: -Driveway permit (Mn/DOT) if state highway. Federal: -Clean Water Act 404 permit (wetlands)	This category was among those specifically created in 2007. Little has changed since then that would merit revisiting this category. Recommendation: No change to this category. INPUT RECEIVED FROM POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Thresholds are appropriate in shoreland or sensitive area. Eliminate this category (for both EAW and EIS).

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unit created by the conversion of a resort, motel, hotel, recreational vehicle park,			
or campground, if either of the following conditions is present:			
(1) the number of nonriparian units in shoreland exceeds by at			
least 15 percent the number of lots that would be allowable on the parcel			
calculated according to the applicable lot area standards for nonriparian			
unsewered single lots under part 6120.3300, subparts 2a and 2b; or			
(2) the number of riparian units exceeds by at least 15 percent			
the number of riparian lots that would be allowable calculated according to the			
applicable lot area and width standards for riparian unsewered single lots under			
part 6120.3300, subparts 2a and 2b.			
F. An EAW is required for residential development if the total			
number of units that may ultimately be developed on all contiguous land owned			
or under an option to purchase by the proposer, except land identified by an			
applicable comprehensive plan, ordinance, resolution, or agreement of a local			
governmental unit for a future use other than residential development, equals or			
exceeds a threshold of this subpart. In counting the total number of ultimate units,			
the RGU shall include the number of units in any plans of the proposer. For land			
for which the proposer has not yet prepared plans, the RGU shall use as the			
number of units the number of acres multiplied by the maximum number of units			
per acre allowable under the applicable zoning ordinance or, if the maximum			
number of units allowable per acre is not specified in an applicable zoning			
ordinance, by the overall average			
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORY.			
Subp. 14a. Residential development in shoreland outside of the			
seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area.			
A. The local governmental unit is the RGU for construction of a			
permanent or potentially permanent residential development located wholly or			
partially in shoreland outside the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area of a			
type listed in items B to D. For purposes of this subpart, "riparian unit" means a			
unit in a development that abuts a public water or, in the case of a development			
where units are not allowed			
to abut the public water, is located in the first tier of the development as provided			
under part 6120.3800, subpart 4, item A. If a project is located partially in a			
sensitive shoreland area and partially in nonsensitive shoreland areas, an EIS			
must be prepared if the sum of the quotient obtained by dividing the number of			
units in the sensitive shoreland area by the applicable sensitive shoreland area			
threshold, plus the quotient obtained by dividing the number of units in			
nonsensitive shoreland areas by the applicable nonsensitive shoreland area			
threshold, equals or exceeds one. If a project is located partially in shoreland and			
partially not in shoreland, an EIS must be prepared if the sum of the quotients			
obtained by dividing the number of units in each type of area by the applicable			
threshold for each area equals or exceeds one.			
B. A development containing 50 or more unattached or attached			
units for a sensitive shoreland area or 100 or more unattached or attached units			
for a nonsensitive shoreland area, if any of the following conditions is present:			
(1) less than 50 percent of the area in shoreland is common			
open space; (2) the number of singuish units exceeds by at least 15 percent			
(2) the number of riparian units exceeds by at least 15 percent			
the number of riparian lots that would be allowable calculated according to the			
applicable lot area and width standards for riparian unsewered single lots under			
part 6120.3300, subparts 2a and 2b; or			
(3) any portion of the project is in an unincorporated area.			

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C. A development of 100 or more unattached or attached units for a sensitive shoreland area or 200 or more unattached or attached units for a nonsensitive shoreland area, if none of the conditions listed in item B is present. D. A development creating 20 or more unattached or attached units for a sensitive shoreland area or 40 or more unattached or attached units for a nonsensitive shoreland area by the conversion of a resort, motel, hotel, recreational vehicle park, or campground, if either of the following conditions is present: (1) the number of nonriparian units in shoreland exceeds by at least 15 percent the number of lots that would be allowable on the parcel calculated according to the applicable lot area and width standards for nonriparian unsewered single lots under part 6120.3300, subparts 2a and 2b; or (2) the number of riparian units exceeds by at least 15 percent the number of riparian lots that would be allowable calculated according to the applicable lot area and width standards for riparian unsewered single lots under part 6120.3300, subparts 2a and 2b. E. An EIS is required for residential development if the total number of units that the proposer may ultimately develop on all contiguous land owned by the proposer or for which the proposer has an option to purchase, except land identified by an applicable comprehensive plan, ordinance, resolution, or agreement of a local governmental unit for a future use other than residential development, equals or exceeds a threshold of this subpart. In counting the total number of ultimate units, the RGU shall include the number of units in any plans of the proposer. For land for which the proposer has not yet prepared plans, the RGU shall use as the number of units the number of acres multiplied by the maximum number of units per acre allowable under the applicable zoning ordinance or, if the maximum number of units allowable per acre is not specified in an applicable zoning ordinance, by the overall average number of units per acre indicated in the pl			
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORY. Subp. 20. Campgrounds and RV parks. For construction of a seasonal or permanent recreational development, accessible by vehicle, consisting of 50 or more sites, or the expansion of such a facility by 50 or more sites, the local government unit shall be the RGU.	page 144 of 1982 SONAR: Category Area: Recreational Development This category is proposed because recreational developments are typically proposed adjacent to areas with significant natural resources. Such development may significantly human activity in sensitive areas. These developments often are very controversial locally and may have significant impacts on local land use. The threshold measure as proposed is designed to exclude wilderness camps accessible only by foot, canoe or plane: facilities usually not located in areas where local controversy is likely. The 50 unit threshold was developed through the public meeting process. It corresponds to the threshold in the current rules for recreational developments in sensitive areas (see next subp.) The alternative of a higher threshold for developments that are not located in shoreland areas, flood plain areas, and wild and scenic river areas was considered but rejected at the request of- representatives of local governmental unit. This alternative was rejected because of the likelihood of local controversy regardless of the proximity to water resources. Projects of this nature may be proposed to facilitate hunting, snowmobiling, hiking, horseback riding, bike riding, etc. These activities may have significant impacts on local land use for the EAW categories to allow discretion by the RGU in evaluating the merit of all variables. PAGE 19 of 1997 SONAR: Caption changed to recognize the specific types of development intend for inclusion in the category. Added "expansion" language to recognize that, given the high natural resource values generally present where these facilities are located, expansion has the same potential for environmental impacts as original construction.	Local government: -Comprehensive plan amend if the community has a planRezoning if the community has zoningSubdivision/platting approvalConditional Use PermitSite plan approvalGrading/drainage/erosion control planWetlands mitigation planRoad access permit on local roadBuilding permits for structures. State: -Water appropriation permitDriveway permit (Mn/DOT) if state highway. Federal: -Clean Water Act 404 permit (wetlands).	Original reasoning still stands. Great variation remains across local governments in expertise, sophistication, interest, and effectiveness in planning and regulatory methods. Recommendation: No change to this category. INPUT RECEIVED FROM POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Keep this unchanged. Although this type of project would probably require a Conditional Use Permit from the local authority, it is not the type of use a local government unit deals with on a regular basis. It presents many different issues not normally dealt with the by local government. Change threshold to 100 for construction and 100 for expansion.

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4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORY. Subp. 20a. Resorts, campgrounds, and RV parks in shorelands. The local government unit is the RGU for construction or expansion of a resort or other seasonal or permanent recreational development located wholly or partially in shoreland, accessible by vehicle, of a type listed in item A or B: A. construction or addition of 25 or more units or sites in a sensitive shoreland area or 50 units or sites in a nonsensitive shoreland area if at least 50 percent of the area in shoreland is common open space; or B. construction or addition of 15 or more units or sites in a sensitive shoreland area or 25 or more units or sites in a nonsensitive shoreland area, if less than 50 percent of the area in shoreland is common open space. If a project is located partially in a sensitive shoreland area and partially in nonsensitive shoreland areas, an EAW must be prepared if the sum of the quotient obtained by dividing the number of units in the sensitive shoreland area by the applicable sensitive shoreland area threshold, plus the quotient obtained by dividing the number of units in nonsensitive shoreland areas by the applicable nonsensitive shoreland area threshold, equals or exceeds one. If a project is located partially in shoreland and partially not in shoreland, an EAW must be prepared if the sum of the quotients obtained by dividing the number of units in each type of area by the applicable threshold for each area equals or exceeds one. 4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORY. Subp. 26. Resorts, campgrounds, and RV parks in shorelands. For construction or expansion of a resort or other seasonal or permanent recreational development located wholly or partially in shoreland area or 200 or more units or sites in a nonsensitive shoreland area, the local governmental unit is the RGU. If a project is located partially in a sensitive shoreland area and partially in nonsensitive shoreland areas, an EIS must be prepared if the sum of the quotient obtained by dividing the number of units in nonsensitive	pages 49 and 55 of 2007 SONAR: This new category was created to parallel Subp. 20 but incorporate the concerns regarding shoreland development as described for Subp. 19a. Note: Page 144 of 1982 SONAR includes the following: "DISCUSSION: Under the current rules, the following category is directly relevant to the recreational development category area: Mandatory EAW – 6 MCAR§ 3.024 Construction of a development consisting of "condominium type" campgrounds, mobile home parks, or other semi-permanent residential and/or recreational facilities, any part of which is within a shoreland area (as defined by Minn. Stat. § 105.485 (1974) for floodplain (as defined by the "Statewide Standards and Criteria for Management of Floodplain Areas of Minnesota" exceeding a total of 50 units or, if located in areas other than the above, exceeding a total of 100 units – (Local);"	Local government: -Comprehensive plan amend if the community has a planRezoning if the community has zoningSubdivision/platting approvalConditional Use PermitSite plan approvalGrading/drainage/erosion control planWetlands mitigation planRoad access permit on local roadBuilding permits for structures. State: -Water appropriation permitDriveway permit (Mn/DOT) if state highway. Federal: -Clean Water Act 404 permit (wetlands).	This category was among those specifically created in 2007. Little has changed since then that would merit revisiting this category. Great variation remains across local governments in expertise, sophistication, interest, and effectiveness in planning and regulatory methods. Recommendation: No change to this category. INPUT RECEIVED FROM POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Keep this unchanged. Although this type of project would probably require a Conditional Use Permit from the local authority, it is not the type of use a local government unit deals with on a regular basis. It presents many different issues not normally dealt with the by local government. Eliminate this category (for both EAW and EIS).
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORY. Subp. 21. Airport projects. Items A and B designate the RGU for the type of project listed: A. For construction of a paved, new airport runway, the DOT, local governmental unit, or the Metropolitan Airports Commission shall be the RGU. B. For construction of a runway extension that would upgrade an existing airport runway to permit usage by aircraft over 12,500 pounds that are at least three decibels louder than aircraft currently using the runway, the DOT, local government unit, or the Metropolitan Airports Commission shall be the RGU. The RGU shall be selected according to part 4410.0500, subpart 5. 4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORY. Subp. 15. Airport runway projects. For construction of a paved and lighted airport runway of 5,000 feet of length or greater, the DOT or local government unit shall be the RGU.	page 145 of 1982 SONAR: This category area is proposed because of the potential for significant impacts related to local and regional land use, local economic and demographic issues, transportation, noise, air quality, and energy. New facilities and expansion of existing facilities to accommodate noisier aircraft are likely to be very controversial. The EAW threshold for a new airport runway in the "key system" existed in the previous rule. The basic qualitative measure applied to these categories is that airports able to accommodate jet aircraft have greatest potential to create significant environmental impacts. Facilities to accommodate jet aircraft must include a runway of 5,000 length or greater. The construction of a new facility to accommodate jet air traffic is proposed as a mandatory EIS threshold. The more likely case is that an existing facility would be expanded from a strictly small aircraft facility to a jet aircraft facility. Similar concerns could arise with runway modifications to allow use by larger jet facilities. Such potential expansion is addressed as a mandatory EAW with the need for an EIS discretionary. The 12,500 pound aircraft weight corresponds to a minimal weight for jet aircraft. The three decibel increase corresponds to a noise increase 1000 times the prior noise level. Construction of new facilities for multi-engine, twin engine and single engine aircraft and	Local government: -Site plan approvalGrading/drainage/erosion control planWetlands mitigation plan. State: See MnDOT analysis of this category in Appendix B. Federal: See MnDOT analysis of this category in Appendix B.	See MnDOT analysis of these categories in Appendix B. INPUT RECEIVED FROM POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Keep this unchanged: a use that could have potential impacts. Keep this unchanged.

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	expansion of these facilities to less than jet aircraft capacity is subject to environmental review on a discretionary basis. The proposed EIS category corresponds to the current EAW threshold. Minnesota has 18 key system airports. Key system airports are airports capable of handling jet aircraft. Minnesota has 73 intermediate system airports (light to medium sized multi-engine aircraft) and 50 landing strip system airports (single and twin engine aircraft). page 19 of 1997 SONAR: In 1997, the rule was amended to require an EAW for all new airport runways.		
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4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORY. Subp. 22. Highway projects. Items A to C designate the RGU for the type of project listed: A. For construction of a road on a new location over one mile in length that will function as a collector roadway, the DOT or local government unit shall be the RGU. B. For construction of additional travel lanes on an existing road for a length of one or more miles, the DOT or local government unit shall be the RGU. C. For the addition of one or more new interchanges to a completed limited access highway, the DOT or local government unit shall be the RGU.	page 146 of 1982 SONAR: This category area is proposed because of the potential for significant impacts related to local and regional land use, local economic and demographic issues, transportation, noise, air quality, energy, water quality, erosion, drainage, water resources, habitat destruction, and construction impacts. New facilities and the expansion of existing facilities to accommodate increased traffic are likely to be very controversial. Although the cumulative impact of local roadways is greatest, primary concern is generated by the construction of arterial and collector roadways because they tend to induce secondary development in the area and they accommodate approximately 85% of the total mileage driven by motorists. Arterial roadways are commonly four or more lanes in width. The EIS category at uses this as a qualitative threshold.	Local government: -Grading/drainage/erosion control planWetlands mitigation planSubdivision/platting approval. State: See MnDOT analysis of this category in Appendix B. Federal: See MnDOT analysis of this category in Appendix B.	See MnDOT analysis of these categories in Appendix B. INPUT RECEIVED FROM POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Eliminate this category for both EAW and EIS. Local comprehensive plans and Metropolitan Council transportation planning anticipates traffic and land use impacts.
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORY. Subp. 16. Highway projects. For construction of a road on a new location which is four or more lanes in width and two or more miles in length, the DOT or local government unit shall be the RGU.			
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4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORY. Subp. 23. Barge fleeting. For construction of a new or expansion of an existing barge fleeting facility, the DOT or port authority shall be the RGU. 4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORY. Subp. 17. Barge fleeting facilities. For construction of a barge fleeting facility at a new off-channel location that involves the dredging of 1,000 or more cubic yards, the DOT or port authority shall be the RGU.	page 149 of 1982 SONAR: This category is proposed because of the potential for significant environmental impacts related to water quality, sedimentation and erosion, recreational use of water resources, commercial transportation, habitat deterioration, and adjacent land use. No single agency is responsible for coordinated programming of proposed activities, therefore, environmental review is necessary. Under the current rules there are no mandatory EAW or exemption categories directly relevant to the barge fleeting category area. Regulation of barge fleeting is not focused with any central agency. Local government comprehensive plans typically do not address the problems and needs of a commercial barge navigation system. Primary problems associated with the environmental impacts center on the effects of dredging and spoil disposal on water quality and habitat disruption for wildlife populations. The EAW category sets forth an all or none threshold relating to the construction or expansion of the capacity of facilities at either on channel or off-channel locations. Dredging for the purpose of maintaining existing capacity would not be included in this category. The all or none threshold is reasonable to facilitate coordination between governmental units involved and to address the impacts related to disturbance of the habitat and operation of the facility in addition to potential dredging impacts. The threshold used for the EIS category centers on off-channel facilities at new locations which entail controversial siting and land use issues. A minimum dredge threshold was set to allow minor or temporary facilities. The threshold was established as a reasonable cut-off pursuant to the public meeting process. No exemptions for this category: coordination between governmental units is needed, and adequate site specific information is usually lacking.	Local government: Site Plan Approval. Possible subdivision/platting review, grading permit, building permit for structures, or conditional use permits (operator facilities) State: See MnDOT analysis of this category in Appendix B. Federal: See MnDOT analysis of this category in Appendix B.	See MnDOT analysis of these categories in Appendix B.

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4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORY. Subp. 25. Marinas. For construction or expansion of a marina or harbor that results in a 20,000 or more square foot total or a 20,000 or more square foot increase of water surface area used temporarily or permanently for docks, docking, or maneuvering of watercraft, the local government unit shall be the RGU. 4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORY. Subp. 19. Marinas. For construction of a new or expansion of an existing marina, harbor, or mooring project on a state or federally designated wild and scenic river, the local government unit shall be the RGU.	page 151 of 1982 SONAR: This category area is proposed because of the potential for significant impacts related to water quality, air quality, noise, wildlife habitat, aesthetics, and the use of public resources. The qualitative measure of the thresholds applied to the EAW category is the area of water surface occupied by the facility. This measure most appropriately reflects the total potential for impacts from the facility. The quantitative threshold proposed corresponds to approximately one half acre. Such a facility would accommodate approximately 80 boats. The proposed category is the same as the current rules. This threshold has proven to be reasonable for defining major facilities. Marinas may be constructed in wild and scenic river areas. However, because of the unique character of these areas, the areas are generally inappropriate for marinas. Under the current rules, requests for EISs on marinas have mostly been confined to wild and scenic river systems.	Local government: -Comprehensive plan amend if community has a planRezoning if the community has zoningSubdivision/platting approvalConditional Use PermitSite plan approvalGrading/drainage/erosion control planWetlands mitigation planRoad access permit on local roadBuilding permits for structures. State: work in public waters	Recommendation: No change to this category. INPUT RECEIVED FROM POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Change threshold to eliminate "results in 20,000 sf total" and only include adding an additional 20,000 sf.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORY. Subp. 26. Stream diversion. For a diversion, realignment, or channelization of any designated trout stream, or affecting greater than 500 feet of natural watercourse with a total drainage area of ten or more square miles unless exempted by part 4410.4600, subpart 14, item E, or 17, the local government unit shall be the RGU.	page 152of 1982 SONAR: This category area is proposed because the alteration of watercourses affects flooding in downstream and adjacent areas, wildlife habitat, fisheries resources, water quality, and area land use. The traditional analysis of flood control and drainage projects usually does not consider broad and long range environmental implications. Environmental review will facilitate a more comprehensive analysis. The qualitative measure applied to the EAW category is restricted to trout streams and natural watercourses because they have significant habitat, recreational, and resource values. Alteration of these watercourses may significantly impact natural drainage. A ten square mile quantitative threshold is applied to make the category administratively feasible and because minor diversion of headwaters watercourses is likely to have minimal flooding and habitat impacts. A ten square mile drainage area corresponds to approximately 6,400 acres. page 20 of 1997 SONAR: "Realignment" is added as an activity that will require an EAW. Realignment often means straightening, which has a serious effect on water flows and stream habitat. The 500-foot minimum length was added so that the category would no longer apply to minor stream alterations; this minimum threshold does not apply to trout streams. Experience has 20 shown that stream diversions of less than this length generally have minimal environmental impacts and do not warrant a mandatory EAW requirement.	Local government: -Grading/drainage/erosion control planWetlands mitigation plan. State: Work in public waters. Federal: Section 404 Clean Water Act by USACOE.	Great variation exists across local governments regarding technical/scientific expertise for potential environmental impacts from projects of this type. Recommendation: No change to this category. INPUT RECEIVED FROM POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: DNR should be the RGU.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORY. Subp. 27. Wetlands and public waters. Items A and B designate the RGU for the type of project listed: A. For projects that will change or diminish the course, current, or cross-section of one acre or more of any public water or public waters wetland except for those to be drained without a permit pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103G, the local government unit shall be the RGU. B. For projects that will change or diminish the course, current, or cross-section of 40 percent or more or five or more acres of types 3 through 8 wetland of 2.5 acres or more, excluding public waters wetlands, if any part of the wetland is within a shoreland area, delineated flood plain, a state or federally designated wild and scenic rivers district, the Minnesota River Project Riverbend area, or the Mississippi headwaters area, the local government unit shall be the RGU.	page 153 of 1982 SONAR: This category area is proposed because of the potential for significant impacts related to flood control, erosion control, water quality, wildlife habitat, recreation, and aesthetics. Impacts generated by proposals subject to this category area often are long range and are often manifested at locations removed from the area of immediate impact. Environmental review facilitates a comprehensive view of the potential impacts of these projects. An EIS is required for the elimination of a protected water or protected wetland. This is reasonable because these resources have been determined to be significant pursuant to the DNR's inventory program. The elimination of such resources would have significant local and regional impacts. A quantitative threshold of one acre is set to require an EAW. This is reasonable because an alteration of one acre is likely to affect the total aquatic ecosystem. In addition, impacts of that size are likely to foster additional in the area. Environmental review is reasonable to reduce the possibility of piecemealing the elimination or degradation of the resource.	Local government: -Grading/drainage/erosion control planWetlands mitigation plan. State: Work in public waters. Federal: Section 404 Clean Water Act by USACOE.	Great variation exists across local governments regarding technical/scientific expertise for potential environmental impacts from projects of this type. Recommendation: No change to this category. INPUT RECEIVED FROM POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Keep this unchanged: if such large areas are being impacted, EAW should be required to look at the big picture. Eliminate EIS category (EAW category remains).

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4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORY. Subp. 20. Wetlands and public waters. For projects that will eliminate a public water or public waters wetland, the local government unit shall be the RGU.			
Subp. 29. Animal feedlots. The PCA is the RGU for the types of projects listed in items A and B unless the county will issue the feedlot permit, in which case the county is the RGU. However, the county is not the RGU prior to January 1, 2001. A. For the construction of an animal feedlot facility with a capacity of 1,000 animal units or more or the expansion of an existing facility by 1,000 animal units or more if the facility is not in an area listed in item B. B. For the construction of an animal feedlot facility of more than 500 animal units or expansion of an existing animal feedlot facility by more than 500 animal units if the facility is located wholly or partially in any of the following sensitive locations: shoreland; a delineated flood plain, except that in the flood plain of the Red River of the North the sensitive area includes only land within 1,000 feet of the ordinary high water mark; a state or federally designated wild and scenic river district; the Minnesota River Project Riverbend area; the Mississippi headwaters area; or an area within a drinking water supply management area delineated under chapter 4720 where the aquifer is identified in the wellhead protection plan as vulnerable to contamination; or within 1,000 feet of a known sinkhole, cave, resurgent spring, disappearing spring, Karst window, blind valley, or dry valley. The provisions of part 4410.1000, subpart 4, regarding connected actions do not apply to animal feedlots. The provisions of part 4410.1000, subpart 4, regarding phased actions apply to feedlots. With the agreement of the proposers, the RGU may prepare a single EAW to collectively review individual sites of a multisite feedlot proposal.	page 156 of 1982 SONAR: This category is proposed because of the potential for significant environmental impacts relating to ground and surface water quality, odors, and local land use issues. This type of activity is likely to be controversial if the location is in a sensitive area or near residential or recreational developments. Thresholds were amended in 1988. The MEPA statute (116D) was amended in 2003 to exempt feedlots from environmental review if they are under 1,000 animal units or the county holds a public hearing on the project and the project complies with MPCA permit requirements. The exemptions section in the rules was amended accordingly. The result is that few, if any, environmental reviews have local governments RGUs anymore. The MPCA is the RGU for the ones that are prepared.	Local government: -Conditional Use PermitGrading/drainage/erosion control planWetlands mitigation plan. State: NPDES/SDS permit, construction stormwater permit, water appropriation permit Federal: NPDES administered by State	Amendment of MEPA in 2003 eliminated most local government environmental reviews. Recommendation: No change to this category. INPUT RECEIVED FROM POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Not all counties have taken over the feedlot regulations. Local conditional use permit may or may not be required. The EAW process would give all affected (people) the opportunity to comment and larger agencies to review.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORY. Subp. 30. Natural areas. For projects resulting in the permanent physical encroachment on lands within a national park, state park, wilderness area, state lands and waters within the boundaries of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, scientific and natural area, or state trail corridor when the encroachment is inconsistent with laws applicable to or the management plan prepared for the recreational unit, the DNR or local government unit shall be the RGU.	page 157 of 1982 SONAR: This category is proposed because natural areas are publicly owned properties that have been set aside to preserve significant natural resources for future generations. These are sensitive areas of unique quality which may be significantly impacted by inappropriate development. Environmental review is necessary for these activities to allow public involvement in decisions affecting publicly owned resources. Enabling legislation conferring authority for the designation of these public facilities mandates the preparation of a master management plan for the unit. These plans may vary according to the characteristics of the area and purposes for designation. As a result, the standard of inconsistent with the management plan is proposed. This is the most reasonable method of addressing the diversity among these units.	Local government: -Comprehensive plan amend if community has a planRezoning if community has zoningSubdivision/platting approvalConditional Use PermitSite plan approvalGrading/drainage/erosion control planWetlands mitigation planRoad access permit on local roadBuilding permits for structures. State: Master plan per M.S. 86A.09 Federal: National park or forest management plans.	Great variation exists across local governments regarding technical/scientific expertise for potential environmental impacts from projects of this type. Recommendation: No change to this category from local government perspective, but see MnDNR recommendation for this category in Appendix D. INPUT RECEIVED FROM POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Perhaps the DNR should be the RGU and not have an option of DNR or local government RGU. Keep this unchanged.

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Subp. 31. Historical places. For the destruction, in whole or part, or the moving of a property that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places or State Register of Historic Places, the permitting state agency or local unit of government shall be the RGU, except this does not apply to projects reviewed under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, United States Code, title 16, section 470, or the federal policy on lands, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites pursuant to United States Code, title 49, section 303, or projects reviewed by a local heritage preservation commission certified by the State Historic Preservation Office pursuant to Code of Federal Regulations, title 36, sections 61.5 and 61.7. This subpart does not apply to a property located within a designated historic district if the property is listed as "noncontributing" in the official district designation or if the State Historic Preservation Office issues a determination that the property is noncontributing.	page 157 of 1982 SONAR: This category area is proposed because there is very little government authority to protect sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The requirement for environmental review prior to the destruction of such facilities is needed to provide the public an opportunity to take part in decisions that may significantly affect the preservation of our national heritage. Historical resources are protectable natural resources under the Minnesota Environmental Rights Act. Approximately 907 sites in Minnesota are currently listed on the National Register. Sites so listed are regarded to be nationally significant resources. These sites are frequently privately owned and there may be little financial incentive for the owner to maintain the site. Public review may produce feasible alternatives to the destruction of the facility. The opportunity to review these alternatives via environmental review is reasonable because of the lack of other forms of regulation. page 21 of 1997 SONAR: The rules were amended to: clarify moving of a building was included; add the State Register of Historic Places; and add two exemptions for federal program review. page 39 of 2005 SONAR: The 2005 rules amendment added two situations where an EAW is not required. The first is when destruction will be reviewed by a certified local heritage preservation commission. The State Historic Preservation Office believes that review by such a commission gives adequate oversight over historic places without preparation of an EAW. To be certified, a local heritage preservation commission applies to SHPO, which reviews the application and local ordinance for consistency with nationwide standards established in the Code of Federal Regulations at the cited locations. The second situation added has to do with the nature of the property proposed for destruction. In some cases, the historic place included on the National or State Register is an entire district rather than a single structure. In such districts, not all the pr	Local government: -Maybe a demolition permit. State: Federal:	Reasoning of past SONARs still remains sound. Mandatory review by a qualified entity is appropriate: if a historic resource is destroyed, it's gone. Recommendation: No change to this category. INPUT RECEIVED FROM POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Keep this unchanged: gives other agencies the opportunity to weigh in on local buildings that may be of broader significance than just for local culture. Eliminate this category.
Subp. 32. Mixed residential and industrial-commercial projects. If a project includes both residential and industrial-commercial components, the project must have an EAW prepared if the sum of the quotient obtained by dividing the number of residential units by the applicable residential threshold of subpart 19, plus the quotient obtained by dividing the amount of industrial-commercial gross floor space by the applicable industrial-commercial threshold of subpart 14, equals or exceeds one. The local governmental unit is the RGU. 4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORY. Subp. 21. Mixed residential and commercial-industrial projects. If a project includes both residential and commercial-industrial components, the project must have an EIS prepared if the sum of the quotient obtained by dividing the number of residential units by the applicable residential threshold of subpart 14, plus the quotient obtained by dividing the amount of industrial-commercial gross floor space by the applicable industrial-commercial threshold of subpart 11, equals or exceeds one.	page 55 and 66 of 1988 SONAR: A new category created to close a loophole whereby mixed use projects were not covered by either the residential or industrial/commercial/institutional categories.	Local government: -Comprehensive plan amend if the community has a planRezoning if the community has zoningSubdivision/platting approvalConditional Use PermitSite plan approvalWetlands mitigation planBuilding permits for structures. State: -Driveway permit (Mn/DOT) if state highway. Federal: -Clean Water Act 404 permit (wetlands)	Recommendation: Consider possible change in thresholds for communities with comprehensive plans that include specified elements, but this merits very careful examination. The variation in expertise, sophistication, interest, and effectiveness in planning and regulatory methods across local governments remains. The diversity of projects also continues. The threshold quantities were controversial in 1982 and there's little reason to believe this has changed. INPUT RECEIVED FROM POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: There should be some exception for communities with a comprehensive land use plan. Maybe exempt if mixed use developments are addressed in the land use plan. How a community separates or combines uses is a zoning function. Eliminate this category for both EAW and EIS (comprehensive plan establishes the use, local planning and project reviews are enough).

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4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORY. Subp. 34. Sports or entertainment facilities. For construction of a new sports or entertainment facility designed for or expected to accommodate a peak attendance of 5,000 or more persons, or the expansion of an existing sports or entertainment facility by this amount, the local governmental unit is the RGU. 4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORY. Subp. 22. Sports or entertainment facilities. For construction of a new outdoor sports or entertainment facility designed for or expected to accommodate a peak attendance of 20,000 or more persons or a new indoor sports or entertainment facility designed for or expected to accommodate a peak attendance of 30,000 or more persons, or the expansion of an existing facility by these amounts, the local governmental unit is the RGU.	pages 57 and 66 of 1988 SONAR: New category created. A significant number of such facilities had been reviewed since 1982 (horse tracks, amphitheaters, a sports complex, a basketball arena, and a zoo expansion.). Experience demonstrated that environmental review was appropriate. However, existing categories were not well-suited to such facilities. Industrial/commercial/institutional category is based on gross floor space. Experience reviewing sports facilities led to the conclusion that attendance rather than floor space is a better estimator of environmental effects.	Local government: -Comprehensive plan amend if community has a planRezoning if the community has zoningSubdivision/platting approvalConditional Use PermitSite plan approvalBuilding permits for structures. State: NPDES, highway improvements Federal: highway improvements	Reasoning of original SONAR still remains sound. Recommendation: No change to this category. INPUT RECEIVED FROM POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: · Keep this unchanged. Activities of such large scale can have more than a local impact and regionally can impact other communities. Also gives a broader group the opportunity to comment.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORY. Subp. 36. Land use conversion, including golf courses. Items A and B designate the RGU for the type of project listed: A. For golf courses, residential development where the lot size is less than five acres, and other projects resulting in the permanent conversion of 80 or more acres of agricultural, native prairie, forest, or naturally vegetated land, the local government unit shall be the RGU, except that this subpart does not apply to agricultural land inside the boundary of the Metropolitan Urban Service Area established by the Metropolitan Council. B. For projects resulting in the conversion of 640 or more acres of forest or naturally vegetated land to a different open space land use, the local government unit shall be the RGU.	page 54 of 1988 SONAR: The exemption for land within the Metropolitan Urban Service Area was added because the planning policies for the metropolitan area was considered to have adequately addressed the issue of agricultural land conversion. page 22 of 1997 SONAR: The land conversion for golf courses threshold formerly was part of the "forestry and agriculture" category of Subp. 28. Residential development for lots larger than urban size was added as well. The intent was to acknowledge that conversion of land can have environmental effects, not just the number of units as is the measure for the residential category.	Local government: -Comprehensive plan amend if community has a planRezoning if the community has zoningSubdivision/platting approvalConditional Use PermitSite plan approvalWetlands mitigation planRoad access permit on local roadBuilding permits for structuresGrading/drainage/erosion control plan. State: -Water appropriation permitDriveway permit if state hwy. Federal: -CWA 404 permit	Recommendation: Consider possible change to threshold quantity. Consider possible clarification of language for project type. INPUT RECEIVED FROM POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Threshold of 80 acres too low for golf courses or residential: could be as few as 30 residential lots. Maybe 160 acres. Language should be clarified. Does conversion to any land use cross the EAW threshold? This may be too broad. Converting from golf course to park or open space should not trigger an EAW.

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4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORY. Subp. 36a. Land conversions in shoreland. A. For a project that alters 800 feet or more of the shoreline in a sensitive shoreland area or 1,320 feet or more of shoreline in a nonsensitive shoreland area, the local governmental unit is the RGU. B. For a project that alters more than 50 percent of the shore impact zone if the alteration measures at least 5,000 square feet, the local governmental unit is the RGU. C. For a project that permanently converts 20 or more acres of forested or other naturally vegetated land in a sensitive shoreland area or 40 or more acres of forested or other naturally vegetated land in a nonsensitive shoreland area, the local governmental unit is the RGU. 4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORY. Subp. 27. Land conversion in shorelands. For a project that permanently converts 40 or more acres of forested or other naturally vegetated land in a sensitive shoreland area or 80 or more acres of forested or other naturally vegetated land in a nonsensitive shoreland area, the local governmental unit is the RGU.	pages 50 and 55 of 2007 SONAR: As a result of the concerns over shoreland development (see Subp. 19.a.) this threshold was added to parallel the existing Subp. 36 conversion category while focusing on shorelands.	Local government: -Comprehensive plan amend if community has a plan. -Rezoning if the community has zoning. -Subdivision/platting approval. -Conditional Use Permit. -Site plan approval. -Grading/drainage/erosion control plan. -Wetlands mitigation plan. -Road access permit on local road. -Building permits for structures. State: -Water appropriation permit. -Driveway permit (Mn/DOT) if state highway. -Permit to mine (Reclamation permit). -Clean Water Act 401 certif. Federal: -Clean Water Act 404 permit (wetlands).	This category was among those specifically created in 2007. Experience has raised questions about whether the language of the category fully reflects the intent regarding permanent land conversion. Recommendation: Review intent and consider clarifying language. INPUT RECEIVED FROM POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Keep this unchanged. Eliminate this category for both EAW and EIS.
Subp. 37. Recreational trails. If a project listed in items A to F will be built on state-owned land or funded, in whole or part, by grant-in-aid funds administered by the DNR, the DNR is the RGU. For other projects, if a governmental unit is sponsoring the project, in whole or in part, that governmental unit is the RGU. If the project is not sponsored by a unit of government, the RGU is the local governmental unit. For purposes of this subpart, "existing trail" means an established corridor in current legal use. A. Constructing a trail at least ten miles long on forested or other naturally vegetated land for a recreational use other than snowmobiling or cross-country skiing, unless exempted by part 4410.4600, subpart 14, item D, or constructing a trail at least 20 miles long on forested or other naturally vegetated land exclusively for snowmobiling or cross-country skiing. B. Designating at least 25 miles of an existing trail for a new motorized recreational use other than snowmobiling. In applying items A and B, if a proposed trail will contain segments of newly constructed trail and segments that will follow an existing trail but be designated for a new motorized use, an EAW must be prepared if the sum of the quotients obtained by dividing the length of the new construction by ten miles and the length of the existing but newly designated trail by 25 miles, equals or exceeds one. C. Paving ten or more miles of an existing unpaved trail, unless exempted by part 4410.4600, subpart 27, item B or F. Paving an unpaved trail means to create a hard surface on the trail with a material impervious to water. D. Constructing an off-highway vehicle recreation area of 80 or more acres, or expanding an off-highway vehicle recreation area by 80 or more acres, or expanding an off-highway vehicle recreation area by 640 or more acres, if the land on which the construction or expansion is carried out is not	2004 SONAR dedicated exclusively to this category pages 4 & 5: One particular aspect of the controversy over motorized recreational vehicle usage in Minnesota led to this rulemaking (to create this category) in a direct way. When the DNR released its first trail system plans for the three regions of northern Minnesota in 2000 and 2001, citizens petitioned for Environmental Review and filed lawsuits when the DNR, in part, denied the petitions. While the Court of Appeals ruled that only some of the actions in the system plans constituted actual "projects" subject to environmental review, trail planning by the DNR was seriously impeded for several years. This situation brought attention to the fact that the existing Environmental Review program rules did not have any guidance in the form of mandatory review and exemption categories regarding which kinds of trails were subject to review. This realization is a major factor leading to this rulemaking. The legislature in 2003 ordered the EQB to adopt rules providing for threshold levels for environmental review for recreational trails. RGU assignment is consistent with the general principles for RGU assignment in the rules: (1) if a state agency will carry out a project it is the RGU and (2) the RGU is the unit with the greatest responsibility for supervising or approving the project as a whole or has expertise that is relevant for the review. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is named as RGU for all trail projects for which it is either the project constructor or the provider of grant-in-aid funds. This gives the DNR a strong degree of authority over the project. In addition, the DNR staff has expertise with the review of recreational trails that is likely to be greater than that available to a local unit of government that would be a sponsor for a grant-in-aid trail. For those projects not constructed by the DNR or involving state grant-in-aid funds, but which will be sponsored by another unit of government, the sponsoring unit will be the RGU; this is cons	Local government: -Subdivision/platting approvalConditional Use PermitGrading/drainage/erosion control planWetlands mitigation planRoad access permit on local road. State: -Driveway permit (Mn/DOT) if state highway. Federal: -Clean Water Act 404 permit (wetlands)Clean Water Act 401 certif.	The reasoning of the 2004 category SONAR still stands. Recommendation: No change to this category. See DNR comments in Appendix D for additional discussion. INPUT RECEIVED FROM POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: Not clear if environmental review is required for non-motorized trails such as a bicycle trail. Questionable if environmental review is needed for non-motorized trail. The option to only include trails for motorized uses in the mandatory category was rejected in 2004 because it was recognized that motorized use is not the only reason why recreational trail projects may have environmental impacts.

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agricultural, is not forested or otherwise naturally vegetated, or has been			
significantly disturbed by past human activities such as mineral mining.			
F. Some recreation areas for off-highway vehicles may be			
constructed partially on agricultural naturally vegetated land and partially on land			
that is not agricultural, is not forested or otherwise naturally vegetated, or has			
been significantly disturbed by past human activities. In that case, an EAW must			
be prepared if the sum of the quotients obtained by dividing the number of acres			
of agricultural or naturally vegetated land by 80 and the number of acres of land			
that is not agricultural, is not forested or otherwise naturally vegetated, or has			
been significantly disturbed by past human activities by 640, equals or exceeds			
one.			

APPENDIX B: MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CATEGORIES: Prepared by MnDOT

Mandatory Categories: MnDOT as RGU	Intended Historical Purpose	Potential Local, State, or Federal Permits that may (or may not) apply.	Should category be modified, eliminated, or unchanged based on relationship to existing permits or other federal/state/local laws/ordinances?
Subp. 21. Airport projects. Items A and B designate the RGU for the type of project listed: A. For construction of a paved, new airport runway, the DOT, local governmental unit, or the Metropolitan Airports Commission shall be the RGU. B. For construction of a runway extension that would upgrade an existing airport runway to permit usage by aircraft over 12,500 pounds that are at least three decibels louder than aircraft currently using the runway, the DOT, local government unit, or the Metropolitan Airports Commission shall be the RGU. The RGU shall be selected according to part 4410.0500, subpart 5. 4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORY. Subp. 15. Airport runway projects. For construction of a paved and lighted airport runway of 5,000 feet of length or greater, the DOT or local government unit shall be the RGU.	page 145 of 1982 SONAR: This category area is proposed because of the potential for significant impacts related to local and regional land use, local economic and demographic issues, transportation, noise, air quality, and energy. New facilities and expansion of existing facilities to accommodate noisier aircraft are likely to be very controversial. The EAW threshold for a new airport runway in the "key system" existed in the previous rule. The basic qualitative measure applied to these categories is that airports able to accommodate jet aircraft have greatest potential to create significant environmental impacts. Facilities to accommodate jet aircraft must include a runway of 5,000 length or greater. The construction of a new facility to accommodate jet air traffic is proposed as a mandatory EIS threshold. The more likely case is that an existing facility would be expanded from a strictly small aircraft facility to a jet aircraft facility. Similar concerns could arise with runway modifications to allow use by larger jet facilities. Such potential expansion is addressed as a mandatory EAW with the need for an EIS discretionary. The 12,500 pound aircraft weight corresponds to a minimal weight for jet aircraft. The three decibel increase corresponds to a noise increase 1000 times the prior noise level. Construction of new facilities for multi-engine, twin engine and single engine aircraft and expansion of these facilities to less than jet aircraft capacity is subject to environmental review on a discretionary basis. The proposed EIS category corresponds to the current EAW threshold. Minnesota has 18 key system airports. Key system airports (light to medium sized multi-engine aircraft, Minnesota has 73 intermediate system airports (single and twin engine aircraft). page 19 of 1997 SONAR: In 1997, the rule was amended to require an EAW for all new airport runways.	Local: Possible subdivision/platting review, grading permit, building permit for structures, or conditional use permits State: NPDES Construction General Permit (stormwater pollution prevention during construction) Federal: FAA 7460 Notification (height, safety and operational hazards related to airspace)	Zoning issues are all handled at the local level. Stormwater concerns are addressed at the state level with the NPDES Construction permit. At the federal level, the RGU must work with FAA to meet all applicable federal regulations, per the 7460 Notification process (e.g. height restrictions, safety and operational issues). MnDOT, as approved by the FAA, often assists locals with preparation of the EAW and related environmental documents on projects where MnDOT is not the RGU. This is an efficiency measure, as locals are unlikely to be familiar with environmental review as it pertains to airport construction, and would otherwise need to hire expensive consultants or train staff for that particular project. This relationship works well for all organizations and there are no recommended changes for this category at this time. The environmental review process is the only process which allows for public input, and will identify potential issues of contamination, historical and cultural significance, community issues (e.g. noise and socio-economics) or cumulative impacts and land use considerations. In the metropolitan area, the Metropolitan Airport Commission (MAC) conducts air quality or noise analyses, if the environmental review identifies an area of concern. In outstate areas, the airport conducts these analyses. Zoning issues are all handled at the local level. Stormwater concerns are addressed at the state level with the NPDES Construction permit. At the federal level, the RGU must work with FAA to meet all applicable federal regulations, per the 7460 Notification process (e.g. height restrictions, safety and operational issues). MnDOT, as approved by the FAA, often assists locals with preparation of the EIS and related environmental documents on projects where MnDOT is not the RGU. This is an efficiency measure, as locals are unlikely to be familiar with environmental review as it pertains to airport construction, and would otherwise need to hire expensive consultants or train staff for that particular proje
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORY. Subp. 22. Highway projects. Items A to C designate the RGU for the type of project listed: A. For construction of a road on a new location over one mile in length that will function as a collector roadway, the DOT or local government unit shall be the RGU. B. For construction of additional travel lanes on an existing road for a length of one or more miles, the DOT or local government unit shall be the	page 146 of 1982 SONAR: This category area is proposed because of the potential for significant impacts related to local and regional land use, local economic and demographic issues, transportation, noise, air quality, energy, water quality, erosion, drainage, water resources, habitat destruction, and construction impacts. New facilities and the expansion of existing facilities to accommodate increased traffic are likely to be very controversial. Although the cumulative impact of local roadways is greatest, primary concern is generated by the construction of arterial and collector roadways because they tend to induce secondary development in the area and they accommodate approximately 85% of	Local: Possible subdivision/platting review, grading permit, building permit for structures, or conditional use permits State: NPDES Construction (stormwater pollution prevention	EAW: Different levels of local coordination or permits are necessary, depending on the project proposer, city, county, and watershed where the project is located. Water quality, wetland preservation/mitigation, and construction stormwater issues are addressed through state and federal permits. The environmental review process is the only process which allows for public input, and will identify potential issues of contamination, historical and cultural significance, community issues (e.g. noise and socio-economics) or cumulative impacts and land use

Mandatory Categories: MnDOT as RGU	Intended Historical Purpose	Potential Local, State, or Federal Permits that may (or may not) apply.	Should category be modified, eliminated, or unchanged based on relationship to existing permits or other federal/state/local laws/ordinances?
RGU. C. For the addition of one or more new interchanges to a completed limited access highway, the DOT or local government unit shall be the RGU.	the total mileage driven by motorists. Arterial roadways are commonly four or more lanes in width. The EIS category at uses this as a qualitative threshold.	during construction) Watershed District permit (wetland mitigation, stormwater pollutant restrictions, infiltration requirements, or volume control reductions), 401 Certification (MPCA authority to review 404 permit applications (per CWA)) Federal: USACE Section 10	considerations. At this time, the only change to the categorical thresholds that MnDOT and the LGUs recommend is that category <i>B. For construction of additional travel lanes on an existing road for a length of one or more miles</i> should be increased from one mile to two miles. This recommendation is proposed because these operational improvement projects, which are unlikely to induce secondary impacts, are a low risk to those resources not already covered in the existing permit requirements. EAWs in these instances provide little value to the community and environment for the effort and resources they require.
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORY. Subp. 16. Highway projects. For construction of a road on a new location which is four or more lanes in width and two or more miles in length, the DOT or local government unit shall be the RGU.		(work on structures other than bridges or causeways that affect the course, condition, or capacity of navigable waters of the United States) or USACE 404 (regulates the discharge of dredged and fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands)	EIS: Different levels of local coordination or permits are necessary, depending on the project proposer. Water quality, wetland preservation/mitigation, and construction stormwater issues are addressed through state and federal permits. However, the environmental review process is the only process which allows for public input, and will identify potential issues of contamination, historical and cultural significance, community issues (e.g. noise and socio-economics), cumulative impacts and land use considerations. At this time, MnDOT, in coordination with LGUs do not recommend changes to this categorical threshold
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORY. Subp. 23. Barge fleeting. For construction of a new or expansion of an existing barge fleeting facility, the DOT or port authority shall be the RGU.	page 151 of 1982 SONAR: This category area is proposed because of the potential for significant impacts related to water quality, air quality, noise, wildlife habitat, aesthetics, and the use of public resources. The qualitative measure of the thresholds applied to the EAW category is the area of water surface occupied by the facility. This measure ·most appropriately reflects the total potential for impacts from the facility. The quantitative threshold proposed corresponds to approximately one half acre. Such a facility would accommodate approximately 80 boats. The proposed category is the same as the current rules. This threshold has proven to, be reasonable for defining major facilities. Marinas may be constructed in wild and scenic river areas, however, because of the unique character of these areas, the areas are generally inappropriate for marinas. Under the current rules, requests for EISs on' marinas have mostly been confined · to wild and scenic	Local: Site Plan Approval. Possible subdivision/platting review, grading permit, building permit for structures, or conditional use permits (operator facilities) State: MNDNR, MPCA and MnDOT (review or permitting of sheet pile at edge of slip)	EAW: Local entities review siting, and permits related to buildings and operational facilities. State and Federal agencies take an interest in work that is done in the water. The international treaty guarantees that international waters remain open for navigational purposes. However, the environmental review process is the only process which allows for public input, and will identify potential issues of contamination, historical and cultural significance, community issues (e.g. noise and socio-economics) or cumulative impacts and land use considerations. MnDOT and the Minnesota Port Authorities agree that the state categorical thresholds are set at a reasonable level, which protects environmental resources, without negatively impacting state commerce.
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORY. Subp. 17. Barge fleeting facilities. For construction of a barge fleeting facility at a new off-channel location that involves the dredging of 1,000 or more cubic yards, the DOT or port authority shall be the RGU.	river systems.	Federal: USACE Section 404 permit, FAA Temporary Airspace Permit (for construction cranes) FAA Permanent Airspace Permit (with mapping revisions for cranes and building locations in area) International: Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 (guarantees international navigable waters be free and open)	EIS: Local entities review siting, and permits related to buildings and operational facilities. State and Federal agencies take an interest in work that is done in the water. The international treaty guarantees that international waters remain open for navigational purposes. However, the environmental review process is the only process which allows for public input, and will identify potential issues of contamination, historical and cultural significance, community issues (e.g. noise and socio-economics) or cumulative impacts and land use considerations. MnDOT and the Minnesota Port Authorities agree that the state categorical thresholds are set at a reasonable level, which protects environmental resources, without negatively impacting state commerce.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD CATEGORIES

Mandatory Categories: EQB as RGU Prepared with assistance of Department of Commerce	Intended Historical Purpose	Example Local, State, Federal Permits, Laws, Ordinances that may (or may not) apply	Should category be modified, eliminated, or unchanged based on relationship to existing permits or other federal/state/local laws/ordinances?
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORY. Subp. 2. Nuclear fuels and nuclear waste. Items A to F designate the RGU for the type of project listed: A. For construction or expansion of a facility for the storage of high level nuclear waste, the EQB shall be the RGU. B. For construction or expansion of a facility for the storage of low level nuclear waste for one year or longer, the MDH shall be the RGU. C. For expansion of a high level nuclear waste disposal site, the EQB shall be the RGU. D. For expansion of a low level nuclear waste disposal site, the MDH shall be the RGU. E. For expansion of an away-from-reactor facility for temporary storage of spent nuclear fuel, the EQB shall be the RGU. F. For construction or expansion of an on-site pool for temporary storage of spent nuclear fuel, the EQB shall be the RGU. 4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORY. Subp. 2. Nuclear fuels and nuclear waste. Items A to D designate the RGU for the type of project listed: A. For the construction or expansion of a nuclear fuel or nuclear waste processing facility, including fuel fabrication facilities, reprocessing plants, and uranium mills, the DNR shall be the RGU for uranium mills; otherwise, the PCA shall be the RGU. B. For construction of a high level nuclear waste disposal site, the EQB shall be the RGU. C. For construction of an away-from-reactor facility for temporary storage of spent nuclear fuel, the Public Utilities Commission shall be the RGU. D. For construction of a low level nuclear waste disposal site, the MDH shall be the RGU.	Page 112 of 1982 SONAR: In establishing these categories, nuclear waste was categorized into three main types: high level waste, low level waste, and spent nuclear fuel. In addition, nuclear fuel processing facilities are addressed. Waste facilities are distinguished by whether they are designed for disposal or for temporary storage and by whether the proposal entails construction at a new site or the expansion of an existing facility. These categories are addressed on an all or none basis, i.e. no quantitative thresholds are applied. The basic reason for this is that commercially feasible operations are likely to generate enough waste to be of concern and that even small amounts of nuclear waste are likely to generate significant public concern and could be hazardous. The Minnesota Department of Heath has regulatory authority relating to fissionable materials pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 144.12. The Radioactive Waste Management Act at Minn. Stat. § 116.C.71 requires legislative authorization of any radioactive waste management facility. Primary authority relating to the impacts of processing facilities rests with the Pollution Control Agency pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 115.03 and Minn. Stat. § 116.07. Environmental review documents prepared pursuant to these proposed rules would be subject to cooperative state/federal procedures. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has jurisdiction over nuclear materials.	Fissionable materials: Minnesota Department of Heath pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 144.12 Minn. Stat. § 116C.72 requires legislative authorization of any radioactive waste management facility. processing facilities: Pollution Control Agency pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 115.03 and Minn. Stat. § 116.07 Environmental review documents prepared pursuant to these proposed rules would be subject to cooperative state/federal procedures. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has jurisdiction over nuclear materials.	Any amendment of these categories requires extensive, multiagency analysis because of the complex issues surrounding nuclear waste and the need to protect public health and safety. If an EAW is prepared on a nuclear waste project it is unlikely that there would be a negative declaration (no EIS). Recommendation: There may be overlap between 4410.4300 Subp. 2.A. and 4410.4400, Subp. 2.C. This should be examined. Dept. of Commerce notes: A project with the profile described in 4410.4300 Subp.2.A. (construction or expansion of a storage facility) would actually be a mandatory EIS per Minn. Stat. 116C.83, Subd. 6(b). Environmental review and protection. (a) The siting, construction, and operation of an independent spent-fuel storage installation located on the site of a Minnesota generation facility for dry cask storage of spent nuclear fuel generated solely by that facility is subject to all environmental review and protection provisions of this chapter and chapters 115, 115B, 116, 116B, 116D, and 216B, and rules associated with those chapters, except those statutes and rules that apply specifically to a radioactive waste management facility as defined in section 116C.71, subdivision 7. (b) An environmental impact statement is required under chapter 116D for a proposal to construct and operate a new or expanded independent spent-fuel storage installation. The commissioner of the Department of Commerce shall be the responsible governmental unit for the environmental impact statement. Prior to finding the statement adequate, the commissioner must find that the applicant has demonstrated that the facility is designed to provide a reasonable expectation that the operation of the facility will not result in groundwater contamination in excess of the standards established in section 116C.76, subdivision 1, clauses (1) to (3).
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORY. Subp. 3. Electric generating facilities. For construction of an electric power generating plant and associated facilities designed for or capable of operating at a capacity of between 25 megawatts and 50 megawatts, the EQB shall be the RGU. For electric power generating plants and associated facilities designed for and capable of operating at a capacity of 50 megawatts or more, environmental review shall be conducted according to parts 7849.1000 to 7849.2100 and 7850.1000 to 7850.5600. 4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORY. Subp. 3. Electric generating facilities. For construction of a large electric power generating plant, environmental review shall be conducted according to parts 7849.1000 to 7849.2100 and 7850.1000 to 7850.5600.	Page 115 of 1982 SONAR: This category area is proposed because of the need for coordinating public review with relation to the need for and alternatives to generating facilities as well as with relation to the siting of proposed facilities and because of potential significant environmental impacts relating to air quality, energy use and secondary development resulting from these facilities. Environmental impacts likely to be of concern include air pollution, water pollution, thermal pollution, transportation and storage related impacts, and adjacent land use issues. Hydro, alternative fuel, solar or wind powered facilities are likely to be less than 25 megawatts in size. All nuclear facilities would require an EIS. Page 1 of 2003 SONAR: In 1977 language was added to rules to specifically address how environmental review would be conducted on large power plants and high voltage transmission lines: the Minnesota Energy Agency (the predecessor to the Public Utilities Commission) would prepare an Environmental Report when it received an application. A	Permitting is addressed through Minn. Rules 7849, 7850 for projects of 50 MW and larger.	For facilities between 25 MW and 50MW, the EQB is the RGU for an EAW. While EQB can reassign RGU duties per 4410.0500, it's worth considering if the rule should be amended to designate PUC the RGU even if no permitting/approval authority currently exists at PUC. EQB has no permitting authority either. Recommendation: Initiate discussion on RGU for EAW on facilities under 50 MW other than Large Wind energy Conversion Systems. Dept. of Commerce notes: It is important to note for this category that environmental review of Large Wind Energy Conversion Systems over the 5 MW exemption threshold is regulated—as allowed under 4410.3600:Alternative Review—per the MN Wind Siting Act

separate Environmental Report would be prepared by the EQB when a permit was applied for from the EQB. The environmental review rules were amended again in 1981 including "Special Rules for Certain Large Energy Facilities" that stated that the Department of Energy, Planning and Development would prepare an Environmental Report for inclusion in the record of the certificate of need hearing, and the EQB would prepare an Environmental Impact Statement when a permit was applied for. In 1986 the rules were amended to recognize that the Public Utilities Commission could request approval from the EQB of an alternative form of review for high voltage transmission lines. No corresponding language was included for large electric power generating plants. In 1990	Permits, Laws, Ordinances that may (or may not) apply	relationship to existing permits or other federal/state/local laws/ordinances? (216F) and its associated rules (Minn. Rules 7854). For other types of electric generating facilities, neither the PUC, nor Commerce, has any approval authority over projects with a capacity less than 50MW.
for from the EQB. The environmental review rules were amended again in 1981 including "Special Rules for Certain Large Energy Facilities" that stated that the Department of Energy, Planning and Development would prepare an Environmental Report for inclusion in the record of the certificate of need hearing, and the EQB would prepare an Environmental Impact Statement when a permit was applied for. In 1986 the rules were amended to recognize that the Public Utilities Commission could request approval from the EQB of an alternative form of review for high voltage transmission lines. No		electric generating facilities, neither the PUC, nor Commerce, has any
the EQB again amended parts 4410.7000 to 4410.7500. Some editing was made, and parts 4410.7200 and 4410.7300 were repealed. 4410.7010 to 4410.7050 were renumbered 7849.7010-7090 in 2009.		
Page 118 of 1982 SONAR: This category area is proposed because of the potential for significant adverse environmental impacts associated with construction, operation, and maintenance of a linear facility, as well as significant social and economic impacts associated with the location of a linear facility. The proposed EAW threshold is set for facilities that exceed 20 miles in length. These facilities frequently traverse more than one county and usually entail greater impact as a function of increased length. The abbreviated EAW format would place little additional burden upon the utility because the information requested would be developed pursuant to their own internal environmental review or pursuant to federal requirements. The EIS threshold proposed is consistent with regulations relating to the routing of transmission lines.	Permitting is addressed through Minn. Rules 7849, 7850 for projects of 100 kilovolts or more.	Recommendation: No change to this category. Dept. of Commerce notes: The utility industry does not construct transmission lines between 70 kV and 100 kV. They construct operate 69kV lines (exempt per 4410.4600), and the next capacity "interval" is 115 kV (which requires the environmental review provided by Minn. Rules 7850.)
Page 119 of 1982 SONAR: This category area is proposed because of the potential for significant adverse environmental effects during construction as well as during the use of the facility if a leak should develop. These categories are needed because, although a certificate of need must be prepared for large energy facilities, the certificate of need process does not entail a comprehensive assessment of potential environmental impacts. The thresholds were selected to promote consistency with the certificate of need process. Page 37 of 1988 SONAR: Paragraphs A, and B, amended to be consistent with pipeline	Permitting is addressed under Minn. Rules 7852.	Recommendation: Based on review by the Dept. of Commerce, the category should be reviewed to confirm if all pipelines are addressed with Minn. Rules 7852. Dept. of Commerce notes:
routing and permitting requirements. The purpose was to ensure environmental review requirements were addressed with the pipeline routing and permitting requirements adopted by 1987 Legislature. This was intended to avoid delay in the routing and permitting process. This effort was intended to be an alternative review process as allowed under 4410.3600 of the environmental review rules.		Based on our review of these mandatory categories, we believe that any project matching the description under these subparts would be required to undergo the approved alternative environmental review (per 4410.3600) as regulated by the Pipeline Routing Act (216G) and its associated rules (Chp. 7852) 216G.02 ROUTING OF CERTAIN PIPELINES. Subdivision 1.Definition. For purposes of this section and notwithstanding section 216G.01, subdivision 3, "pipeline" means: (1) pipe with a nominal diameter of six inches or more that is designed to transport hazardous liquids, but does not include pipe designed to transport a hazardous liquid by gravity, and pipe designed to transport or store a hazardous liquid within a refining, storage, or manufacturing facility; or (2) pipe designed to be operated at a pressure of more than 275 pounds per square inch and to carry gas.
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		that may (or may not) apply	laws/ordinances?
D. For construction of a pipeline to convey natural or synthetic gas that is not subject to regulation under the federal Natural Gas Act, United States Code, title 15, section 717, et. seq.; or to a license, permit, right, or franchise that has been granted by a municipality under authority of Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.36; designed to operate at pressures in excess of 275 pounds per square inch (gauge) with a length greater than 0.75 miles, the EQB is the RGU. Items A to D do not apply to repair or replacement of an existing pipeline within an existing right-of-way or to a pipeline located entirely within a refining, storage, or manufacturing facility. 4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORY. Subp. 24. Pipelines. For routing of a pipeline subject to the full route selection procedures under Minnesota Statutes, section 216G.02, the Public Utilities Commission is the RGU.			A person may not construct a pipeline without a pipeline routing permit issued by the Public Utilities Commission unless the pipeline is exempted from the commission's routing authority under this section or rules adopted under this section. A pipeline requiring a permit may only be constructed on a route designated by the commission.

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4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORY. Subp. 35. Release of genetically engineered organisms. For the release of a genetically engineered organism that requires a release permit from the EQB under chapter 4420, the EQB is the RGU. For all other releases of genetically engineered organisms, the RGU is the permitting state agency. This subpart does not apply to the direct medical application of genetically engineered organisms to humans or animals.	The 1991 SONAR for Proposed Permanent Rules Relating to Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms stated: "This new mandatory EAW category is proposed to carry out the statutory mandate of Minn. Stat. S 116C.94 that the board adopt rules to require an EAW for the proposed release of genetically engineered organisms. "The requirement for an EAW for the release of a genetically engineered organism is needed because a number of potentially serious environmental impacts could result from such activities, if not properly conducted. These environmental impacts could include but are not limited to:	Local government: -none State: The EQB issues a release permit unless the Board has authorized an agency with a significant environmental permit. The EQB determined that the MDA had a significant environmental permit for agriculturally-related GEOs, and the MDA adopted	Recommendation: No change to these categories.
	"(1) genetically engineered organism could be better suited to the environment than natives species and consequently could take over an ecological niche; "(2) genetically engineered organisms could evolve and become more adapted to their environment, resulting in increased competition for native organisms or increased risks to native organisms; and	rules in 1994 (MN Rules Ch. 1558). To date, all releases of GEOs have been agriculturally-related. The potential exists, however, for non-agriculturally-related GEOs (e.g., genetically-engineered fish).	
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORY.	"(3) undesirable traits could be transferred to pests (e.g., insects or weeds) making them more resistant to pesticides or other methods of control." The 2007 SONAR for Proposed Rules of the Environmental Quality Board Governing the	Federal: The USDA has jurisdiction over agriculturally-related GEOs. The MDA cooperated with the	
Subp. 28. Genetically engineered wild rice. For the release and a permit for a release of genetically engineered wild rice for which an EIS is required by Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.94, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), the EQB is the RGU.	This new subpart establishes a mandatory category for preparation of an EIS for any project proposed in Minnesota that would involve the release and a permit for a release of genetically engineered wild rice. The 2007 session of the Minnesota Legislature enacted a law making this specific requirement (Laws of Minnesota, Chapter 57, Article 1, Section 141). The wording of this category follows the language of the enactment of that session law.	USDA in regulation of agriculturally-related GEOs.	

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	"Currently there are no EIS thresholds for release of any genetically engineered organisms; hence this new category. There is a requirement for an EAW at chapter 4410.4300, subpart35. This is for release of any genetically engineered organism that requires a permit under chapter 4420 or for genetically engineered organisms covered by a significant environmental permit program of a permitting state agency. This new EIS requirement goes beyond that and is specific to genetically engineered wild rice only. "The Minnesota Department of Agriculture has a significant environmental permit program, authorized at Minnesota Statutes 2006, Chapter 18F- Genetically Engineered Organisms. Under that statute, wild rice is specifically named as an Agriculturally Related Organism (chapter 18F.02, Definitions, subdivision 2a). Wild rice is subject to the Department of Agriculture permit program if produced by genetic engineering methods. "A further requirement of Laws of Minnesota, Chapter 57, Article 1, Section 142 applies the requirement to prepare an EIS in essentially all cases. It eliminates the availability of exceptions or exemptions from environmental review to any permit covered by a qualified federal program, or application by an individual permit applicant seeking an exemption from the board or permitting state agency. The requirement for an EIS for the release and a permit for a release of genetically engineered wild rice is uniform."		

APPENDIX D: MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES CATEGORIES: Prepared by MDNR

Appendix D identifies each category in the environmental review rules (Minnesota Rules, chapter 4410) for which DNR would be the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU). The Table below identifies those categories for which DNR recommends a change to the current language in Rule. For each category, the current language in Rule and the number of Environmental Assessment Worksheets (EAWs) or Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) completed or in preparation during the past five years are identified. Justification from Statements of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR) was referenced to describe the historical purpose of the category. Permits and other governmental actions associated with DNR-prepared EAWs and EISs were identified, and staff was consulted for recommendation. The following factors were considered in developing staff recommendations:

- (1) How have environmental issues associated with our EAWs and EISs related to what's regulated?
- (2) What are the regulatory gaps and overlaps?
- (3) What is the extent of public review process, beyond that provided by the EAW or EIS?
- (4) What is the extent to which regulatory actions are fragmented or unlikely to integrate?
- (5) What is the ability of regulations to allow assessment of "project as a whole"?
- (6) What new laws, policies, regulations have been promulgated since the category created and do they make the category less necessary?
- (7) Is this category still an issue (e.g., radioactive mineral exploration)?
- (8) Consider purpose of category and threshold as described in applicable SONAR(s).

Category/Subject	Recommendation	Appendix page #
4410.4300 subp. 28 B	Eliminate	D5
Forestry		
4410.4300 subp. 30	Modify	D5
Natural areas		
4410.4300 subp. 37 B	Modify	D9
Recreational trails		
4410.4300 subp. 37 C	Modify	D10
Recreational trails		
4410.4400 subp. 8 A	Eliminate	D11
Metallic mineral		
mining and processing		

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Category	Category Text	Intended Historical Purpose (SONAR)	may (or may not) apply	existing permits or other federal/state/local laws/ordinances?	
4410.4300	Subn O Underground storage Items A and	(1982) This category is proposed because this type of project is new and	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	Summers: Two state projects gurrantly involve underground storage. Both were developed	
4410.4300	Subp. 9. Underground storage. Items A and B designate the RGU for the type of project	largely untested, is very large in scope, has the potential for groundwater	State: Minnesota Statutes, section	Summary: Two state projects currently involve underground storage. Both were developed	
Undanguand		contamination and serious human health impacts and is very controversial.	103I.681	prior to MEPA. Both also require a great deal of ongoing regulatory oversight indicating that potential long-term management and possible environmental and human health	
Underground	listed:	contamination and serious numan health impacts and is very controversial.			
Storage	A. For expension of an underground stores	Minn Stat 8 94 57 mandatas a narmit for the displacement of anoundryster by	Minnesota Rules, part 6115.0130	consequences of such projects are high.	
auba 0 A	A. For expansion of an underground storage facility for gases or liquids that requires a permit,	Minn. Stat. § 84.57 mandates a permit for the displacement of groundwater by the underground storage of gases or liquids under pressure. The Department of	Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216B	December delicer Maintain this FAW acts are	
subp. 9 A	pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 103I.681,	Natural Resources (DNR) is the responsible permitting agency. No specific	Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7851	Recommendation: Maintain this EAW category.	
	subdivision 1, paragraph (a), the DNR shall be the RGU.	rules have been promulgated regarding this authority. One facility of this type			
	the RGU.	has been constructed in Minnesota. No EIS was prepared for that facility. The			
		DNR is currently processing a second application. An EIS has been ordered			
		on the proposed facility. The primary environmental effects of concern on this type of project are groundwater quantity and quality impacts. The lack of a			
		formal process for citizen comment further documents the need for environmental review of this type of activity.			
4410.4300	D. For expension of an underground stores		States	Cummonty Two state musicate augmently involve and augment datases. Dath were developed	
4410.4300	B. For expansion of an underground storage	(1982) Minn. Stat. § 84.621 mandates a permit for the storage Of gases or liquids, other than water, in natural rock formations underground. These	State: Minnesota Statutes, section	Summary: Two state projects currently involve underground storage. Both were developed	
II J	facility for gases or liquids, using naturally		103I.681	prior to MEPA. Both also require a great deal of ongoing regulatory oversight indicating that	
Underground	occurring rock materials, that requires a permit pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 103I.681,	formations could be naturally occurring or the result of the mining of rock material to create a storage site in a rock formation. No facilities of this .type		potential long-term management and possible environmental and human health consequences of such projects are high.	
Storage	subdivision 1, paragraph (b), the DNR shall be	currently are found in Minnesota and no formal proposals have been	Minnesota Rules, part 6115.0130 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216B	consequences of such projects are high.	
cubn 0 P	the RGU.	presented. It is known, however, that the concept of mining rock to create an	Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 210B Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7851	Recommendation: Maintain this EAW category.	
subp. 9 B	the RGO.	underground Cavity in the bedrock is being discussed. The purpose of the	Willinesota Rules, Chapter 7831	Recommendation: Maintain this EAW category.	
		cavity would be to potentially store petroleum products. The primary			
		environmental concerns associated with such an activity would be related to			
		groundwater quality and safety concerns. The DNR is the responsible			
		permitting agency for this type of activity. No specific rules have been			
		promulgated regarding this authority. The lack of a formal process for citizen			
		comment further documents the need for environmental review of this type of			
		activity.			
4410.4300	Subp. 11. Metallic mineral mining and	(1982) Mineral deposit evaluation activities have the potential for causing	State:	Summary: A review of recently prepared EAWs indicates that several potential	
7710.7500	processing.	environmental impacts similar to those of mining - but on a smaller scale. This	Underground injection control	environmental issues, including some that are not directly regulated, were evaluated.	
Metallic mineral	Items A to C designate the RGU for the type	type of mining activity was not specifically addressed in the current rules.	permit Dam safety permit	Unregulated potential impacts included wildlife habitat effects, native plant community	
mining and	of project listed:	Minnesota has had lengthy experience in evaluating the impacts of mineral	Public Waters Work permit	impacts, indirect impacts to surface waters and cumulative effects. No single permit	
processing	or project fisted.	deposit evaluation and mining of natural iron ore and taconite. These activities	Water appropriation permit	regulates the project as a whole, so environmental review was the only opportunity to	
processing	A. For mineral deposit evaluation of metallic	are regulated pursuant to the Mineland Reclamation Rules, 6 MCAR § 1.401.	Permit to mine	analyze effects of the whole project. Permits associated with this category have gaps and	
subp. 11 A	mineral deposits other than natural iron ore	This regulation provides adequate review for most natural iron ore and	Approval of reclamation plan	overlaps in authority, and many do not include a public review process. Several public	
540p. 1111	and taconite, the DNR shall be the RGU.	taconite mineral deposit evaluation activities, therefore, this type of activity is	Approval of exploration plans on	comment letters were received on the EAW, including requests for preparation of EISs.	
	and the onite, the Bivit shall be the RGC.	excluded from 6 MCAR § 3.038 J.l. and is subject to environmental review on	state lands	Public comments identified substantive environmental concerns and offered monitoring and	
		a discretionary basis. Minnesota has had relatively little experience in	Listed species takings permit	mitigation recommendations for implementation by the proposer or via ongoing regulatory	
		evaluating the impacts of mining and mineral deposit evaluation of other types	Option D registration air permit	authority.	
		of mineral deposits. Such mining is considered most likely in Minnesota for	Construction stormwater general	audionty.	
		ores of copper, nickel, and uranium. Because of the lack of experience and	permit	Recommendation: Maintain this EAW category.	
		lack of other regulations related to these mining activities, they are subject to	Title V construction/operating air		
		mandatory environmental review.	permit		
		The state of the s	SDS/NPDES permit		
			State grant award		
4410.4300	B. For expansion of a stockpile, tailings	(1982) At 6 MCAR § 3.038 J.2. an acreage threshold is used for the EAW for	Local:	Summary: Review of a recently prepared EAW indicates that several potential	
subp. 11 B	basin, or mine by 320 or more acres, the	expansion of an existing facility. The lesser EAW requirement is provided for	Conditional use permit	environmental issues, including some that are not directly regulated, were evaluated.	
эмор. 11 Б	DNR shall be the RGU.	expansions of an existing facility. The lesser EAW requirement is provided for expansions because the impacts related to land use, siting, and demographics	Building permit (variance)	Unregulated potential impacts included wildlife habitat effects, native plant community	
	21.11 311111 00 110 11001	are reduced and the primary concerns relate to the mitigation of direct physical		impacts, and cumulative effects to headwater streams. No single permit regulates the project	

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4410.4300 Metallic mineral mining and processing subp. 11 C	C. For expansion of a metallic mineral plant processing facility that is capable of increasing production by 25 percent per year or more, provided that increase is in excess of 1,000,000 tons per year in the case of facilities for processing natural iron ore or taconite, the DNR shall be the RGU.	impacts. This could be done without an EIS. (1982) At 6 MCAR § 3.038 J.3. a percentage expansion figure is used as a threshold for an EAW. The lesser EAW requirement is provided for expansions because the impacts related to siting and demographics are reduced and the primary concerns relate to the mitigation of direct physical impacts. This could be done without an EIS.	State: Water appropriation permit Public waters work permit Dam safety permit Permit to mine amendment Approval of reclamation plan Listed species takings permit Construction stormwater general permit SDS permit 401 Certification Well installation permit Federal: Section 404 permit Local: Building permit Zoning variances Permit for construction in shoreland area State: Permit to mine amendment Public waters work permit Listed species takings permit Part 70 operating permit — major modification NPDES/SDS permit Industrial stormwater permit Construction stormwater general permit Storage tank permit Storage tank permit Hazardous waste generator license Radioactive material registration	as a whole, so environmental review was the only opportunity to analyze effects of the whole project. Permits associated with this category have gaps and overlaps in authority, and many do not include a public review process. About 200 public comment letters were received, including requests for preparation of EISs. Public comments identified substantive environmental concerns. Recommendation: Maintain this EAW category. Summary: The only recent project in this category underwent a joint state-federal EIS, for which the state EIS was discretionary. Experience with this project identified similar issues to those described for 441.4300, subparts 11A and 11B. Recommendation: Maintain this EAW category.		
4410.4300	Subp. 12. Nonmetallic mineral mining. Items A to C designate the RGU for the type	(1982) The extraction of peat resources has the potential for causing environmental impacts relating to land use, air quality, water quality, mining	Local: Conditional use permit	Summary: Very few peat mining operations have prepared environmental documents in the last ten years; however DNR has been in communication and has received proposed projects		
Nonmetallic mineral mining	of project listed: A. For development of a facility for the	and drainage. Current peat mining activities tend to be of small scale and for the purpose of marketing the peat as a horticultural product or as a briquet fuel. Peat mining is expected to be extremely controversial if proposals	Land exchange State:	within this same time period. Each of these projects may have had the potential for significant environmental effects and thus environmental review was appropriate. The relationship of these proposals to federal requirements under Section 404 of the Clean Water		
subp. 12A	extraction or mining of peat which will result in the excavation of 160 or more acres of land during its existence, the DNR shall be the RGU.	develop to utilize the resource for other energy uses. Data based on actual development of these resources on a broad scale is limited. The threshold levels of 160 acres for a mandatory EAW (6 MCAR § 3.038 K.1.) and 320 acres for a mandatory EIS (6 MCAR § 3.039 H.1.) coincide with Department of Natural Resources policy as set forth in the Minnesota Permit Program Policy Recommendations. In the current rules the 320 acre threshold for an EAW for nonmetallic resources would have	Water appropriation permit Permit to mine (Reclamation permit) Land lease Listed species takings permit NPDES/SDS permit	Act has been difficult. There has been no information or data to indicate that the 160 acre threshold needs revision. Recommendation: Maintain this EAW category		

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4410.4300 Water appropriation and impoundments subp. 24 A	Subp. 24. Water appropriation and impoundments. Items A to C designate the RGU for the type of project listed: A. For a new appropriation for commercial or industrial purposes of either surface water or ground water averaging 30,000,000 gallons per month; or a new appropriation of either ground water or surface water for irrigation of 540 acres or more in one continuous parcel from one source of water, the DNR shall be the RGU.	(1982) Water appropriation may have significant impact upon existing users of the water and the rights of potential users as well as potential water table impacts that may alter entire ecosystems. Water appropriation is regulated by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) pursuant to 6 MCAR § 1.5050, however, for large projects more comprehensive environmental review is necessary. The proposed categories and thresholds are the same as the current rules with one exception. The threshold for agricultural appropriation is reduced from 640 to 540 acres. This was done to clarify the threshold. The original intent was to cover center pivot irrigation systems capable of irrigating one section (640 acres) of land. However, such a system actually wets approximately 540 acres. The 540 figure was used in response to requests to Clarify the intent of the category. An. acreage measure is used for agricultural appropriations because this measurement is more compatible with the DNR's regulatory system. (1988) (Earlier versions also required preparation of an EAW if appropriations exceeded 2 mgd; this was eliminated in 1988). This revision will provide that industrial-commercial projects will be reviewed according to the essential nature of the project, rather than because a water appropriation may be involved as a secondary component of the project. Confusion has arisen in the past between the mandatory category for water appropriations and other mandatory categories for projects which involve large appropriations of water; the most common example has been peat mining projects. Peat mines of less than 160 acres do not require an EAW according to the non-metallic mineral mining categories; however, such projects sometimes must appropriate more than 2 million gallons of water per day over a short period of time, such as periods of heavy rainfall. Deleting the 2 million gallon per day component of the threshold would eliminate confusion of this nature. Projects which appropriate large quantities of water on a continuous basi	Driveway permit (Mn/DOT) Federal: 404 permit Loan application Local: Grade and fill permit Building permit Conditional use permit Land use permit State: Water appropriation permit Public water work permit Utility crossing license Permit to appropriate from infested waters Listed species takings permit Construction stormwater general permit Tank registration Air emissions permit Federal: 404 permit	Summary: DNR has recently completed an EAW for this category. Potential impacts of highest concern were to resources affected by the discharge of the water, not its appropriation (erosion and water quality impacts). We found that ongoing regulatory authority over those impacts was limited and would not have addressed some likely impacts of the project. Also, most of the required permits do not have a public input process, so provision of public comments occurred only via the EAW. Recommendation: Maintain this EAW category		
Water appropriation and impoundments subp. 24 B	B. For a new permanent impoundment of water creating additional water surface of 160 or more acres or for an additional permanent impoundment of water creating additional water surface of 160 or more acres, the DNR shall be the RGU.	(1982) The impoundment category at 6 MCAR § 3.038 W.2. utilized a surface area-qualitative measure because this measure is most closely tied to changes in land use. The volume threshold of acre-feet of water was considered but rejected as having a less direct correlation with impacts and as being more difficult to use administratively. This category was restricted to permanent impoundments because temporary impoundments frequently do not last long enough to modify the current land use. The quantitative threshold was reduced from 200 acres as in the current rules to the proposed 160 acres. This measurement is more consistent with conventional land measurement and with other categories proposed relating to permanent conversion of natural and agricultural lands. (1997) In item B language is inserted for clarification to avoid the	IN/A	Summary: Although a project has not recently been proposed that would require preparation of an EAW under this threshold, the DNR still believes the issues identified in the 1982 and 1997 SONARs that created this category remain valid. Recommendation: Maintain this EAW category.		

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		misinterpretation that small additions to impoundments might be interpreted to require a mandatory EAW once the 160-acre threshold had been passed. It is the size of the addition and not the total size of the impoundment that is the crucial factor.			
4410.4300 Water appropriation and impoundments subp. 24 C	C. For construction of a dam with an upstream drainage area of 50 square miles or more, the DNR shall be the RGU.	(1997) In item C, "class II dam" has been deleted since it is a hazard classification and does not relate directly to environmental impacts. In place of "class II" dams has been substituted "dams with an upstream drainage area of at least 50 square miles." This will include many of the class II dams, but will also include some dams of lower hazard classification. It is believed that the watershed size is a better indicator of potential environmental impacts than is hazard classification.	Local: Conditional use permit WCA mitigation plan Lake level manipulation application State: Public water work permit Dam safety permit WCA mitigation plan (state project) NPDES/SDS permit Federal: 404 permit 401 certification (EPA – reservation)	Summary: One EAW has been prepared in recent years under this threshold, but DNR has also prepared 2 other EAWs (one voluntary) for projects that included construction of an outlet control structure. In all cases, there was strong public policy interest in how lake levels would be managed. In some, there were concerns with impacts to fisheries resources to benefit wildlife that were not manageable through ongoing regulatory authority. Other potential impacts were to downstream water quality, shoreline property, access to the lake. In these projects, the EAW was able to assess the project as a whole, while regulatory permits regulated parts of the project and partial impacts, and some key permits did not include a public review process. Recommendation: Maintain this EAW category.	
4410.4300	Subp. 28. Forestry. Items A and B designate	(1982) Harvesting of timber on publicly owned lands is likely to be	State:	Summary: Although a project has not recently been proposed that would require preparation	
Forestry	the RGU for the type of project listed:	controversial. Most activities of this nature are subjected to public review pursuant to the development of a management plan for the area.	Master plan prepared under M.S. 86A.09	of an EAW under this threshold, the DNR still believes the issues identified in the 1982 and 1997 SONARs that created this category remain valid.	
subp. 28 A	A. For harvesting of timber for commercial purposes on public lands within a state park, historical area, wilderness area, scientific and natural area, wild and scenic rivers district, the Minnesota River Project Riverbend area, the Mississippi headwaters area, or critical area that does not have an approved plan under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.09 or 116G.07, the DNR shall be the RGU.	Environmental review for timber harvesting on public lands not included in such plans is proposed pursuant to 6 MCAR § 3.038 AA.l. It is reasonable to require public review over activities that may significantly alter publicly owned resources. (1997) The caption is proposed to be changed because after the other revisions proposed, this subpart will apply only to forestry activities. Item C is proposed to be moved from this subpart to proposed new subpart 35 that deals with land use conversions. Item D is proposed to be moved from this subpart and reinserted in a modified form at the new subpart 35 dealing with land use conversions.	Critical Area plan prepared under M.S. 116G.07	Recommendation: Maintain this EAW category.	
4410.4300	B. For a clearcutting of 80 or more contiguous	(1982) Clearcutting of timber may be controversial depending on the location	Federal, State, Local:		
Forestry subp. 28 B	acres of forest, any part of which is located within a shoreland area and within 100 feet of the ordinary high water mark of the lake or river, the DNR shall be the RGU.	of the clearcut. A mandatory EAW is required at 6 MCAR § 3.038 AA. 2. for large clearcutting activities adjacent to water resources. Significant erosion and runoff may result from such activities. The 80 acre quantitative threshold and the 100 foot proximity threshold were established pursuant to the public meeting process as being reasonable. In practice, clearcuts usually do not exceed 20 to 40 acres. It should be noted that private timber management practices are not subject to this category if they do not require government approval.	Timber sale	Summary: Updating of shoreland rules in 1989, passage of the Sustainable Forest Incentive Act in 2001 and implementation of SFI and FSC certification have put additional protections in place so this category is no longer needed. Recommendation: Eliminate this mandatory EAW category.	
4410.4300	Natural areas. For projects resulting in the	(1982) Enabling legislation conferring authority for the designation of these	Local:	Summon This actor and acquired making for action to the control of	
Natural areas	permanent physical encroachment on lands within a national park, state park, wilderness area, state lands and waters within the	public facilities mandates the preparation of a master management plan for the unit. These plans may vary according to the characteristics of the area and purposes for designation. As a result, the standard of "inconsistent with the	Private developments within a recreation unit would be subject to local permits	Summary: This category requires review for projects that conflict with approved master plans for outdoor recreation units. The category should be retained in the event an inconsistent project is proposed. The most likely situation would be a private development	
subp. 30	boundaries of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, scientific and natural area, or state trail	management plan" is proposed: This is the most reasonable method of addressing the diversity among these units.	State:	proposal on an inholding within a state park. The DNR believes it is unlikely an inconsistent project would encroach on a state trail corridor and therefore recommends deleting state trail	
	corridor when the encroachment is	and the diversity among these units.	Master plan prepared under M.S.	corridors from the category. Clarification could be considered regarding how this category	

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	inconsistent with laws applicable to or the management plan prepared for the recreational unit, the DNR or local government unit shall be the RGU.		86A.09 Federal: National Park management plans SNF Management Plan	applies when master plan revisions (that are subject to a public review process) are proposed. Recommendation: delete "or state trail corridor"	
Historical places subp. 31	Historical places. For the destruction, in whole or part, or the moving of a property that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places or State Register of Historic Places, the permitting state agency or local unit of government shall be the RGU, except this does not apply to projects reviewed under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, United States Code, title 16, section 470, or the federal policy on lands, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites pursuant to United States Code, title 49, section 303, or projects reviewed by a local heritage preservation commission certified by the State Historic Preservation Office pursuant to Code of Federal Regulations, title 36, sections 61.5 and 61.7. This subpart does not apply to a property located within a designated historic district if the property is listed as "noncontributing" in the official district designation or if the State Historic Preservation Office issues a determination that the property is noncontributing.	(1982) Approximately 907 sites in Minnesota are currently listed on the National Register. Sites so listed are regarded to be nationally significant resources. These sites are frequently privately owned and there may be little financial incentive for the owner to maintain the site if it is located in a high development potential area. Public review may produce feasible alternatives to the destruction of the facility. The opportunity to review these alternatives via environmental review is reasonable because of the lack of other forms of regulation. (1997) Three changes are being proposed to this category. First, "destruction" of a historic property is being clarified to explicitly include being moved to a new location and partial destruction of the physical structure of the place. In practice, the existing category has been interpreted in this way in the past by the Historical Society and the EQB, and it would be beneficial to make this explicit. The logic behind the interpretation is that in some or many cases the historic value of a designated property derives from its association with its locale (e.g., a remaining example of the type of dwelling built by the earliest settlers in a particular place) or from certain features of a building design rather than from the structure as a whole (e.g., certain details of a building facade might be exemplary of a certain architectural style). In these cases, moving the structure or demolishing part of the structure might destroy the historical value of the place without the literal destruction of the property. Second, the scope of this category is being proposed to be expanded to cover places listed on the State Register of Historic Places as well as the National Register. Third, it is being proposed that the EAW requirement not be applied to historic places that undergo historic review under two federal programs. The, first is review under the National. Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470), section 106; this review is commonly referred to as "section 1	State: Funding for state project Building and electrical permit	Summary: Although DNR is RGU for its own projects in this category, the agency provides no recommendation on this category. DNR defers to the State Historic Preservation Office because of its special expertise with respect to historic sites. Recommendation: None	

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		the Minnesota Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The revisions would add two additional reasons or situations where no EAW would be required prior to the destruction of a property on the National or State registers of Historic Places. The present rules recognize two situations as not requiring preparation of the EAW. These both involve review of historic values through other established federal processes. It is now proposed to add another such situation, namely where the destruction will be reviewed by a certified local heritage preservation commission. The State Historic Preservation Office believes that review by such a commission gives adequate oversight over historic places without preparation of an EAW. To be certified, a local heritage preservation commission applies to SHPO, which reviews the application and local ordinance for consistency with nationwide standards established in the Code of Federal Regulations at the cited locations. The second situation proposed to be added is not a substitute form of review but rather has to do with the nature of the property proposed for destruction. In some cases, the historic place included on the National or State Register is an entire district rather than a single structure. In such districts, not all the properties actually have or contribute to the historic value of the district. A "non-contributing property" is a property located within the boundaries of a designated historic district but which itself is not historic and does not contributing properties are buildings constructed many years after the period during which the historic buildings of the district were built. Sometimes these non-contributing properties are identified as being non-contributing in the historic place designation documents, but not always. It is proposed that the destruction of non-contributing properties not require preparation of an EAW if either they are identified as being non-contributing in the designation documents or if the State Historic Preservati			
Recreational trails subp. 37	Recreational trails. If a project listed in items A to F will be built on state-owned land or funded, in whole or part, by grant-in-aid funds administered by the DNR, the DNR is the RGU. For other projects, if a governmental unit is sponsoring the project, in whole or in part, that governmental unit is the RGU. If the project is not sponsored by a unit of government, the RGU is the local governmental unit. For purposes of this subpart, "existing trail" means an established corridor in current legal use.	(2004) This paragraph prescribes which governmental unit will be the RGU, which stands for "Responsible Governmental Unit," for preparing EAWs for the recreational trails for which review will be required under this subpart. Each mandatory category has an RGU designation listed for it in the appropriate subpart of part 4410.4300. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is named as RGU for all trail projects for which it is either the project constructor or the provider of grant-in-aid funds. This assignment is consistent with the general principles for RGU assignment at part 4410.0500 that (1) if a state agency will carry out a project it is the RGU (4410.0500, subp. 1) and (2) the RGU is the unit with the greatest responsibility for supervising or approving the project as a whole or has expertise that is relevant for the review (4410.0500, subp. 5, item B). Where grant-in-aid funds are being supplied to assist with a project the DNR must review and approve the plans for the project prior to entering into the grant agreement. This gives the DNR a strong degree of authority over the project. In addition, the DNR staff has expertise with the review of recreational trails that is likely to be greater than that available to a local unit of government that would be a sponsor for a grant-in-aid trail. Furthermore, assigning all grant-in-aid projects	N/A		

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4410.4300 Recreational trails subp. 37 A	A. Constructing a trail at least ten miles long on forested or other naturally vegetated land for a recreational use other than snowmobiling or cross-country skiing, unless exempted by part 4410.4600, subpart 14, item D, or constructing a trail at least 20 miles long on forested or other naturally vegetated land exclusively for snowmobiling or cross-country skiing.	to the DNR will promote more uniform review of all grant-in-aid projects regardless of where they take place. For those projects not constructed by the DNR or involving state grant-in-aid funds, but which will be sponsored by another unit of government, the sponsoring unit will be the SGU; this is consistent with the general principle of RGU assignment cited as #2 above. For all other projects, the RGU will be the local governmental unit, in keeping with the RGU assignment in other mandatory categories where the permitting responsibility is at the local level. It should be noted that there may be some private trail projects which require no governmental permits, and therefore would not be "governmental actions" under these rules and not be subject to Environmental Review at all. (2004) Item A would require mandatory preparation of an EAW for the kinds of trails named with the thresholds based on trail length. Item A covers construction of new trails (or extensions of existing trails) which do not follow the alignment of an existing trail. Except for winter uses, the threshold is proposed for this category is 10 miles. For the named winter uses, the threshold is proposed to be twice as long, 20 miles, as these uses are generally considered to have lesser potential for environmental impacts due to the fact that frozen soil conditions and snow or ice cover greatly reduce the potential for physical environmental damage. Item A would only apply to trails crossing land that was now forested or otherwise covered with natural vegetation for a distance of at least 10 continuous miles. If a trail was to be partially on naturally vegetated land only the length on such land would be counted. Length was chosen as the primary threshold parameter in order to make the recreational trail categories analogous to the existing categories for linear-type projects, including electrical transmission lines (subp. 6), pipelines (subp. 7), and highways (subp. 22). As stated in the 1982 SONAR, linear projects "usually entail greater im	401 certification Section 4(f) evaluation Special use permit for highway crossings Lease agreement State grant Public water work permit WCA mitigation plan SNA permit to cross & trail maintenance agreement Federal: 404 permit Federal grant	Summary: 4 EAWs have been prepared for projects under this category since the rule came into effect in 2004. Two were for hiking trails, one for a mountain bike trail and one for an OHV trail. Several potential environmental issues, including some that are not directly regulated, were evaluated. Unregulated potential impacts included wildlife habitat effects, wildlife disturbance, and native plant community impacts. No single permit regulates these projects as a whole, so environmental review was the only formal opportunity to analyze effects of the whole project. Permits associated with this category have gaps and overlaps in authority, and many do not include a public review process. Recommendation: Maintain this EAW category.

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4410.4300 Recreational trails subp. 37 B	B. Designating at least 25 miles of an existing trail for a new motorized recreational use other than snowmobiling. In applying items A and B, if a proposed trail will contain segments of newly constructed trail and segments that will follow an existing trail but be designated for a new motorized use, an EAW must be prepared if the sum of the quotients obtained by dividing the length of the new construction by ten miles and the length of the existing but newly designated trail by 25 miles, equals or exceeds one.	not to), the EQB chose to set the mandatory EAW thresholds at some reasonable number of miles, rather than including trails of all lengths (as many commenters had advocated, at least for motorized trails). Further, the most common ratio of the sizes of exemption thresholds to mandatory EAW thresholds among the existing categories is 1:10. Following that reasoning, the proposed threshold of 10 miles for mandatory EAWs for most trails and the numerical exemption thresholds of (less than) I mile at items A and C of the proposed exemption categories are reasonable choices. Since snowmobiles and cross-country skiing have a lesser potential for impacts, doubling the threshold to 20 miles is a reasonable choice for those types of trails. Another reason for choosing 10 miles as the basic threshold number is that it makes sense when compared to the thresholds for the other linear-type projects in other subparts. The highway categories have a length threshold of 1 mile, pipelines, either 0.75 or 5 miles depending upon the nature of the product transported and other factors, and transmission lines, 20 miles. Most people would undoubtedly agree that recreational trails in general pose less potential for environmental impacts than most highway or pipeline projects, and somewhat more than electrical transmission line corridors (where there is little activity after construction is completed, little potential for impacts beyond the right-of-way, and less direct physical intrusion by the structures than from a continuous trail surface). One way to check on the reasonableness of proposed thresholds is to compare estimates of how many EAWs would result with the numbers of EAWs prepared due to other existing mandatory categories. The EQB recently examined mandatory EAW records from the 4-year period 2000-2003 to compare one category with another. The data from that analysis showed that during that time 570 EAWs were prepared due to the 35 existing EAW categories, an average of 143 per year. Only 10 of the 35 categories resulted	Local: Approval for bridges Lease amendment State: Construction stormwater general permit 401 certification State trail plan amendment State funding Public water work permit WCA mitigation plan Federal: 404 permit	Summary: 1 EAW has been prepared for a project under this category since the rule came into effect in 2004. Currently, many trail projects are proposed for State Forest lands that went through the legislatively mandated designation process (2004-2008). Classification of the State Forests with respect to motor vehicle use was pursuant to Minnesota Laws 2003, Chapter 128, Article 1, Section 167, Subdivision 1 (as amended) and Minnesota Rules, part 6100.1950. Trail segments where the proposed type of OHV use is already allowed are not included in the mileage for determining whether the subpart 37A or 37B threshold has been reached or exceeded. In addition, mileage of OHV trails that use existing road corridors outside of state forests is not included in the threshold determination. Although few projects have recently been proposed that would require preparation of an EAW under this threshold, the DNR still believes the issues identified in the 2004 SONAR that created this category remain valid. Recommendation: Retain this EAW category; consider modifications regarding how miles of new types of motorized trail use are calculated. Also consider not counting new motorized	
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4410.4300 Recreational trails subp. 37 C	C. Paving ten or more miles of an existing unpaved trail, unless exempted by part 4410.4600, subpart 27, item B or F. Paving an unpaved trail means to create a hard surface on the trail with a material impervious to water.	similar arithmetic operation is prescribed for determining if review is mandatory. Here is an example of how this method would work: suppose an ATV trail is proposed with a total length of 18 miles, 8 on new alignment and 10 as a designation of an existing snowmobile trail for ATV use. To determine if an EAW is mandatory divide 8 by 10 (quotient = 0.8), and 10 by 25 (quotient = 0.4), then add the quotients (0.8 + 0.4 = 1.2). Since the sum of 1.2 exceeds 1, review is mandatory for this project. (2004) Item C would require preparation of a mandatory EAW for situations where an existing unpaved trail is upgraded by paving it for a length of at least 10 miles. The rationale is that creating an impervious surface over that length of trail creates sufficient potential for runoff and erosion problems to warrant review. The clause about exemptions is included to clarify that the reconstruction of a paved trail or the construction or rehabilitation of a paved, non-motorized trail within the Twin Cities Metropolitan Regional Park System is exempt, rather than covered by this category if the length exceeds	Local: Roadway utility permit WCA mitigation plan State: Construction stormwater general permit 401 certification State great	Summary: 1 EAW has been prepared for a project under this category since the rule came into effect in 2004. In that project, DNR found that paving on an abandoned railroad grade had minor environmental effects because environmental disturbance in the corridor had already occurred and project-specific disturbance was minimal; and since significant compaction had already occurred. Although few projects have recently been proposed that would require preparation of an EAW under this threshold, the DNR still believes the issues identified in the 2004 SONAR that created this category remain valid.	
		10 miles.	State grant Public water work permit Federal: 404 permit Federal grant	Recommendation: Maintain this EAW category, but provide an exemption for paving trails on abandoned railroad grades.	
4410.4300 Recreational trails subp. 37 D	D. Constructing an off-highway vehicle recreation area of 80 or more acres, or expanding an off-highway vehicle recreation area by 80 or more acres, on agricultural land or forested or other naturally vegetated land.	(2004) Item D deals with recreation areas for off-highway vehicles. Such areas would include an intensive network of trails as well as special events areas designed especially for various types of off-highway vehicles. Because of the concentrated network of trails, it is appropriate to provide a separate mandatory EAW category for recreation areas, and to base the threshold on acreage rather than trail length. Two thresholds are proposed, one for "undisturbed," naturally vegetated land or agricultural land and another for land that either is not naturally-vegetated or agricultural, or has been previously disturbed to a great extent by human activities.		Summary: No EAWs have been prepared for a project under this category since the rule came into effect in 2004. The DNR still believes the issues identified in the 2004 SONAR that created this category remain valid. Recommendation: Maintain this EAW category.	
		The proposed 80 acre threshold for naturally-vegetated and agricultural areas corresponds with the threshold used in the land use conversion mandatory category at subpart 36, which deals with the permanent conversion of such lands to more intensive human uses.			
4410.4300 Recreational trails	E. Constructing an off-highway vehicle recreation area of 640 or more acres, or expanding an off-highway vehicle recreation area by 640 or more acres, if the land on	(2004) The most likely disturbed areas to be used for recreation areas are former mine sites, so the rule explicitly lists metallic and non-metallic mining as past human activities making land suitable for the "disturbed" classification. The only existing recreation area for OHVs was established by		Summary: No EAWs have been prepared for a project under this category since the rule came into effect in 2004. The DNR still believes the issues identified in the 2004 SONAR that created this category remain valid.	
subp. 37 E	which the construction or expansion is carried out is not agricultural, is not forested or otherwise naturally vegetated, or has been significantly disturbed by past human activities such as mineral mining.	the DNR on a former mine site near Gilbert and another similar area near Virginia has been authorized but not yet built. For non-naturally-vegetated lands, agricultural, or disturbed lands, a much higher threshold is appropriate and thus 640 acres was chosen; this provides a 1:8 ratio and sets the threshold equal to the common land measure of one section.		Recommendation: Maintain this EAW category.	
4410.4300 Recreational trails	F. Some recreation areas for off-highway vehicles may be constructed partially on agricultural naturally vegetated land and partially on land that is not agricultural, is not forested or otherwise naturally vegetated,	(2004) Since it is likely that recreation areas could be proposed on lands subject to both thresholds, the same arithmetic method for determining if review is mandatory as is proposed at items A and B is proposed to be used here as well.	Local: Land use zoning approval State: Construction stormwater general	Summary: 1 EAW has been prepared for a project under this category since the rule came into effect in 2004. Potential environmental issues, including some that are not directly regulated, were evaluated. Unregulated potential impacts included wildlife habitat effects, wildlife disturbance, native plant community impacts and disturbance of nearby residents. No single permit regulates these types of projects as a whole, so environmental review was	

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subp. 37 F	or has been significantly disturbed by past human activities. In that case, an EAW must be prepared if the sum of the quotients obtained by dividing the number of acres of agricultural or naturally vegetated land by 80 and the number of acres of land that is not agricultural, is not forested or otherwise naturally vegetated, or has been significantly disturbed by past human activities by 640, equals or exceeds one.		permit 401 certification State funding Public water work permit WCA mitigation plan Federal: 404 permit	the only opportunity to analyze effects of the whole project. Permits associated with this category have gaps and overlaps in authority, and many do not include a public review process. Recommendation: Maintain this EAW category.	

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4410.4400 Underground	Underground storage. Items A and B designate the RGU for the type of project listed:	(1982) This category is proposed because this type of project is new and largely untested, is very large in scope, has the potential for groundwater contamination and serious human health impacts and is very controversial.	State: Minnesota Statutes, section 103I.681	Summary: Two state projects currently involve underground storage. Both were developed prior to MEPA. Both also require a great deal of ongoing regulatory oversight indicating that potential long-term management and possible environmental and human health	
Storage	A. For construction of an underground storage facility for gases or liquids that requires a permit	Minn. Stat. § 84.57 mandates a permit for the displacement of groundwater by	Minnesota Rules, part 6115.0130 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216B	consequences of such projects are high.	
subp. 7 A	pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 103I.681, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), the DNR shall be the RGU.	the underground storage of gases or liquids under pressure. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is the responsible permitting agency. No specific rules have been promulgated regarding this authority. One facility of this type has been constructed in Minnesota. No EIS was prepared for that facility. The DNR is currently processing a second application. An EIS has been ordered on the proposed facility. The primary environmental effects of concern on this type of project are groundwater quantity and quality impacts. The lack of a formal process for citizen comment further documents the need for environmental review of this type of activity.	Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7851	Recommendation: Maintain this EIS category.	
4410.4400 Underground Storage	B. For construction of an underground storage facility for gases or liquids, using naturally occurring rock materials, that requires a permit pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section	(1982) Minn. Stat. § 84.621 mandates a permit for the storage Of gases or liquids, other than water, in natural rock formations underground. These formations could be naturally occurring or the result of the mining of rock material to create a storage site in a rock formation. No facilities of this .type	State: Minnesota Statutes, section 103I.681 Minnesota Rules, part 6115.0130	Summary: Two state projects currently involve underground storage. Both were developed prior to MEPA. Both also require a great deal of ongoing regulatory oversight indicating that potential long-term management and possible environmental and human health consequences of such projects are high.	
subp. 7 B	103I.681, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), the DNR shall be the RGU.	currently are found in Minnesota and no formal proposals have been presented. It is known, however, that the concept of mining rock to create an underground Cavity in the bedrock is being discussed. The purpose of the cavity would be to potentially store petroleum products. The primary environmental concerns associated with such an activity would be related to groundwater quality and safety concerns. The DNR is the responsible permitting agency for this type of activity. No specific rules have been promulgated regarding this authority. The lack of a formal process for citizen comment further documents the need for environmental review of this type of activity.	Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216B Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7851	Recommendation: Maintain this EIS category.	
4410.4400 Metallic mineral mining and	Metallic mineral mining and processing. Items A to C designate the RGU for the type of project listed:	(1982) Extensive evaluation of radioactive deposits has been elevated to a mandatory EIS category pursuant to 6 MCAR § 3.039 G.l. because of the increased potential for adverse environmental impacts and human health impacts. The 1,000 ton threshold was recommended by the DNR as a feasible		Summary: Review of recently prepared EISs indicates that several potential environmental issues, including some that are not directly regulated, were evaluated. Unregulated potential impacts included wildlife habitat effects, native plant community impacts, and cumulative effects to a number of natural resources and environmental concerns such as mercury in fish	

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processing subp. 8 A	A. For mineral deposit evaluation involving the extraction of 1,000 tons or more of material that is of interest to the proposer principally due to its radioactive characteristics, the DNR shall be the RGU.	threshold to indicate a concern for significant adverse environmental impacts. This threshold is near the limit of ore commonly analyzed for evaluation of the deposit.		tissue and wild rice abundance. No single permit regulates the project as a whole, so environmental review was the only opportunity to analyze effects of the whole project. Permits associated with this category have gaps and overlaps in authority, and many do not include a public review process. EISs are commonly joint state-federal. Numerous public comment letters are commonly received. Public comments have often identified substantive environmental concerns and offered recommendations for modification, mitigation and areas needing further evaluation. Recommendation: Maintain this EIS category.	
4410.4400 Metallic mineral mining and processing subp. 8 B	B. For construction of a new facility for mining metallic minerals or for the disposal of tailings from a metallic mineral mine, the DNR shall be the RGU.	(1982) Metallic mineral mining activities may have the potential for significant impacts on ground and surface water quality and quantity, air quality, land use impacts and demographic impacts that may disrupt the local economy. 6 MCAR § 3.039 G.2. requires a mandatory EIS for all new metallic mineral mining proposals. An all or none threshold is used because these activities must be of an economically feasible scale and that scale would, of necessity, be sufficient to potentially pose the threat of significant impacts.	Local: Commercial septic tank permit Building permit Grading permit State: Permit to mine Water appropriation permit Public water work permit Dam safety permit Burning permit Listed species takings permit Part 70 operating permit Title V air permit modification Construction stormwater general permit Industrial stormwater permit NPDES/SDS permit 401 certification Waste tire storage permit Storage tank permit Solid waste permit Hazardous waste generator and storage Demolition debris disposal facility permit Radioactive material registration Noncommunity nontransient public water system Federal: 404 permit	Summary: Review of recently prepared EISs indicates that several potential environmental issues, including some that are not directly regulated, were evaluated. Unregulated potential impacts included wildlife habitat effects, native plant community impacts, and cumulative effects to a number of natural resources and environmental concerns such as mercury in fish tissue and wild rice abundance. No single permit regulates the project as a whole, so environmental review was the only opportunity to analyze effects of the whole project. Permits associated with this category have gaps and overlaps in authority, and many do not include a public review process. EISs are commonly joint state-federal. Numerous public comment letters are commonly received. Public comments have often identified substantive environmental concerns and offered recommendations for modification, mitigation and areas needing further evaluation. Recommendation: Maintain this EIS category.	
4410.4400 Metallic mineral mining and processing subp. 8 C	C. For construction of a new metallic mineral processing facility, the DNR shall be the RGU.	(1982) Metallic mineral processing facilities have the potential for significant impacts on ground and surface water quantity and quality, air quality, and demographic impacts that may disrupt the local economy. 6 MCAR § 3.039 G.3. requires a mandatory EIS for all new processing facilities. An all or none threshold is used because these facilities must be of an economically feasible scale and that scale would of necessity, be sufficient to pose the threat of significant impacts.	Local: Commercial septic tank permit Building permit Permit for construction in shoreland area Zoning variances State: Permit to mine Water appropriation permit Public water work permit	Summary: Review of recently prepared EISs indicates that several potential environmental issues, including some that are not directly regulated, were evaluated. Unregulated potential impacts included wildlife habitat effects, native plant community impacts, and cumulative effects to a number of natural resources and environmental concerns such as mercury in fish tissue and wild rice abundance. No single permit regulates the project as a whole, so environmental review was the only opportunity to analyze effects of the whole project. Permits associated with this category have gaps and overlaps in authority, and many do not include a public review process. EISs are commonly joint state-federal. Numerous public comment letters are commonly received. Public comments have often identified substantive environmental concerns and offered recommendations for modification, mitigation and areas needing further evaluation.	

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			Dam safety permit Burning permit Listed species takings permit Part 70 operating permit Title V air permit modification Construction stormwater general permit Industrial stormwater permit NPDES/SDS permit 401 certification Waste tire storage permit Storage tank permit Solid waste permit Hazardous waste generator and storage Demolition debris disposal facility permit Radioactive material registration Noncommunity nontransient public water system Government loan/grant High Voltage Transmission Line routing permit Federal: 404 permit Permit for tower construction next to existing radar	Recommendation: Maintain this EIS category.		
Nonmetallic mineral mining subp. 9 A	Nonmetallic mineral mining. Items A to C designate the RGU for the type of project listed: A. For development of a facility for the extraction or mining of peat which will utilize 320 acres of land or more during its existence, the DNR shall be the RGU.	(1982) The extraction of peat resources has the potential for causing environmental impacts relating to land use, air quality, water quality, mining and drainage. Current peat mining activities tend to be of small scale and for the purpose of marketing the peat as a horticultural product or as a briquet fuel. Peat mining is expected to be extremely controversial if proposals develop to utilize the resource for other energy uses. Data based on actual development of these resources on a broad scale is limited. The threshold levels of 160 acres for a mandatory EAW (6 MCAR § 3.038 K.1.) and 320 acres for a mandatory EIS (6 MCAR § 3.039 H.1.) coincide with Department of Natural Resources policy as set forth in the Minnesota Permit Program Policy Recommendations. In the current rules the 320 acre threshold for an EAW for nonmetallic resources would have applied to peat extraction.	Industrial stormwater permit NPDES/SDS permit 401 certification Above ground storage tank permit Air quality permit Land exchange/purchase/lease Federal: 404 permit	Summary: Very few peat mining operations have prepared environmental documents in the last ten years; however DNR has been in communication and has received proposed projects within this same time period. Each of these projects may have had the potential for significant environmental effects and thus environmental review was appropriate. The relationship of these proposals to federal requirements under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act has been difficult. There has been no information or data to indicate that the 320 acre threshold needs revision. Recommendation: Maintain this EIS category		
4410.4400	Water appropriation and impoundments. For construction of a Class I dam, the DNR shall be the RGU.	(1982) Dam construction and safety is regulated by the ONR pursuant to 6 MCAR § 1.5030. Environmental review is necessary because of the potential for significant property damage and danger to human safety. The ONR	State: Dam safety permit Public water work permit	Summary: DNR is currently preparing an EIS under this category. In addition to property damage/loss and human safety, potential significant impacts to fish habitat, river ecology, hydrology, water quality have been identified. Some of these impacts, for example water		

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Water appropriation and impoundments subp. 18		regulations are based on the comparative impact potential of the dams. The existing DNR dam classifications were used as thresholds for the EIS category at 6 MCAR § 3.039 Q.	Water appropriation permit Federal: Federal funding 404/10 approval	quality and fisheries, are not addressed thoroughly in dam safety permitting, which is a dominant regulatory approval for this type of project. State environmental review is also the only available public review process for this type of project. Recommendation: Maintain this EIS category	
4410.4400 Water diversions subp. 23	Water diversions. For a diversion of waters of the state to an ultimate location outside the state in an amount equal to or greater than 2,000,000 gallons per day, expressed as a daily average over any 30-day period, the DNR is the RGU.	(1988) This new category is proposed at the suggestion of the DNR, and is in recognition of the awareness that has been developed in recent years that the state may be faced in the future with the question of whether and under what circumstances it should permit the diversion of water to other parts of the country. Obviously, environmental impacts of any such diversion would be one of the major factors involved in decisions. Since the EIS is the established and recognized tool for examining environmental impacts of alternatives, it would be appropriate to require an EIS as part of the decision-making process for out-of-state diversion proposals. This proposal is also consistent with the intent of the water supply provisions of Minn. Stat., section 105.405, subdivisions 2 and 4. Subdivision 2 requires that prior to the issuance of permits for out-of-state diversions, the DNR must determine that the water remaining in the basin of origin will be adequate to meet the basin's water resources needs throughout the diversion project. Subdivision 4 specifically applies to very large water diversions (over 5,000,000 gallons per day average in any 30-day period) of waters from the Great Lakes basin and requires that prior to the issuance of permits for such diversions, the DNR must notify, solicit comments, and consider the comments and concerns of other states, Canadian provinces, and certain joint U.SCanadian study groups. Preparation of an EIS is an appropriate method to provide the information necessary for the DNR to make these determinations. The numerical threshold is based on the recommendation of the DNR. It is proposed as the threshold at which a diversion proposal becomes significant enough to warrant analysis through the EIS process. Because of its statutory authorities over water appropriations and its expertise, the DNR is proposed as the RGU.	State: Water appropriation permit M.S. 103G.261(5)(f) M.S. 103G.265 M.S. 103G.801	Summary: Although a project has not yet been proposed that would require preparation of an EIS under this threshold, the DNR still believes the issues identified in the 1988 SONAR that created this category remain valid. Recommendation: Maintain this EIS category.	

APPENDIX E: MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY CATEGORIES

Category	Intended Historical Purpose - SONAR (Year)	Government Actions	Analysis and Recommendation
Petroleum Refineries 4410.4300 subp. 4 EAW Threshold: Expansion of an existing petroleum refinery facility that increases its capacity by 10,000 or more barrels per day, 4410.4400 subp 4 EIS Threshold: Construction of a new petroleum refinery facility,	(1982) – SONAR General: This category area is proposed because of the potential for environmental impacts relating to air pollution, transportation, energy use, toxic discharge, spills, water pollution, and odors resulting from these facilities. EIS: The EIS threshold proposed was a part of the EAW threshold of the current rules. It is likely that an EIS would have been prepared on new facilities pursuant to the current procedures because of the expected impacts and the need for environmental review.	Air Emissions Permit NPDES Wastewater Discharge NPDES General Stormwater construction Permit NPDES Stormwater Permit for Industrial Activity Above Ground Storage Tank MnDOT Highway Crossing Permit Utility Permit to work in the State Right-of-way Fire Marshall Plan Review for Above Ground Storage Tanks COUNTY Conditional Use Permit Building Permit CITY Conditional Use Permit Permit for Discharge of Industrial Wastewater Plan Review and Approval Building Permit	EAW: No Changes EIS: No Changes - The issues, concerns and potential impacts outlined in the SONAR are still valid today. Project information and the opportunity to comment are provided to decision makers in multiple jurisdictions. High level of public interest.

Category	Intended Historical Purpose - SONAR (Year)	Government Actions	Analysis and Recommendation
		<u>FEDERAL</u>	Subpart A:
Fuel Conversion Facilities	(1982 – SONAR	Alcohol Tobacco Tax and Trade	Recommend review of definition of biomass in EQB Rules to ensure
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4410.4300 subp 5	This category area is proposed because of the potential for environmental impacts	Distiller's Permit	
	resulting from these facilities and because there are many areas of controversy relating	U.S. Corp of Engineers 404	FAM/Threshold No Change
EAW Thresholds:	to potential impacts of these types of categories since they are largely untested in	General Permit	EAW Threshold – No Change
	practice. Specific categories recommended with this category area include:	Section 404 Permit for the	EIS Threshold – No change
A. Construction of a facility for the conversion of coal, peat, or biomass		installation of water supply	
sources to gaseous, liquid, or solid fuels if that facility has the capacity		pipeline	Legislative changes have been made to this category (Item A) over the
to utilize 25,000 dry tons or more per year of input,	A.	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	years. No additional changes appear to be necessary or warranted at
	The current EAW category was designed primarily to deal with the potential for coal	<u>STATE</u>	this time.
B. Construction or expansion of a facility for the production of alcohol	or peat conversion. This category was developed at a time when the likelihood of	MPCA	
fuels which would have or would increase its capacity by 5,000,000 or	such a proposal was fairly remote. The proposed rules attempt to distinguish		Project information is provided to decision makers in multiple
more gallons per year of alcohol produced,	potential size differences for such projects and to distinguish those projects from	Air Emissions Permit	jurisdictions. High level of public interest. Coal and peat conversion
	alcohol production.	NPDES/SDS industrial	facilities have not been reviewed under this category.
		stormwater Discharge Permit	
4410.4400 subp. 5	Fuel conversion facilities for coal and peat have the potential for significant impacts	NPDES Authorization to	
	with regard to air pollutant and water pollutant discharges, and transportation	discharge hydrostatic test water	
EIS Thresholds:	impacts. The state currently has no facilities of this nature. If such a proposal is	SDS Utility Water Holding Pond	
LIS TITLESHOIDS.	submitted, it is likely to be highly controversial because of these potential impacts	Permit	
	and because of the energy policy issues it would present.	NPDES General stormwater	
A. Construction of a facility for the conversion of coal, peat, or biomass		Permit for construction activity	
sources to gaseous, liquid, or solid fuels if that facility has the capacity	В.	Very Small Hazardous Waste	
to utilize 250,000 dry tons or more per year of input,	Fuel conversion facilities for alcohol production are generally viewed as having a	Generators License	
	lesser potential for significant environmental impact. In addition, the technology for	Above Ground Storage Tank	
B. For construction or expansion of a facility for the production of	alcohol production has been tested and applied; consequently, more data on	Permit	
alcohol fuels which would have or would increase its capacity by	environmental impacts is available. These facilities are likely to become more	Minnesota River Basin General	
50,000,000 or more gallons per year of alcohol produced if in the 7-	common in the future; therefore, controversy relating to use of natural areas for	Permit	
county Twin Cities Metro area or by 125,000,000 or more gallons per	energy production and the use of agricultural land for energy production is	DNR	
year if outside that area,	anticipated.	Water Appropriation Permit	
		Work in Public Waters Permit	
		Work in Public Lands Permit	
		Natural Heritage and Nongame	
		Database Review	
		Mn Department of Agriculture	
	EIS		
	Same as above	Agricultural Liming License	
		Minnesota Historical Society	
		Archeological Survey	
		Construction Easements	
	A. Same as above	Minnesota State Historical	
		Concurrences on Findings of	
		Cultural	
		Preservation Office	
		Resource Impacts	
		Mississippi National River and	
	B. Same as above		
		Recreation Area	

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		Critical Area Site Plan Approval	
		Mn Department of	
		Transportation	
		Highway Crossing Permit	
		Utility Permit to work in the	
		State Right-of-way	
		Mn Department of Health	
		Dewatering Well Construction	
		Permit	
		Monitoring Well Construction	
		Permit	
		Plumbing and Engineering	
		Plumbing	
		Plan Review	
		Special Well Construction Area	
		Approval	
		Fire Marshal	
		Plan Approval	
		Mn Department of Public	
		Safety	
		Above Ground Flammable and	
		Combustible Liquids Review	
		COUNTY	
		Conditional Use Permit	
		Utilities Permit	
		On-site Septic Permit	
		Building Permit	
		Driveway Permit	
		Incinerator Permit	
		Permit to dispose at the County	
		Landfill	
		Ditch Use Authorization	
		Watershed Districts	
		Watershed District Permit	
		CITY Building Permit	
		Utilities Permit	
		Industrial Stormwater	
		Agreement	
		Conditional Use Permit	

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<u>Transfer Facilities</u> 4410.4300 subp. 8	1982 - SONAR The category area is proposed because of environmental impacts associated with operation of the facilities, because these facilities are typically located near water resources and because these facilities are often very controversial in the immediate vicinity. Specific categories recommended within this category area include:	FEDERAL Army Corp of Engineers Section 404 Wetland Permit STATE	Subpart A: EAW Threshold – No changes EIS Threshold – No changes
		NPDES General Construction Stormwater permit NPDES Industrial Stormwater Permit Above Ground Storage Tank Permit Section 401 Water Quality Certificate Air Emissions Permit Minnesota Department Of Transportation Access Permit DNR Minnesota Natural Heritage Database Search Work with in Waters of the State Pemit Minnesota State Historical Preservation Office	
		Cultural Resources Review COUNTY Conditional Use Permits Septic System Permit Watershed Districts Watershed Permits CITY Building Permit Conditional Use Permit Fire Department Re	

Category	Intended Historical Purpose - SONAR (Year)	Government Actions	Analysis and Recommendation
Storage Facilities 4410.4300 subp 10 EAW Thresholds: A. Construction of a facility designed for or capable of storing more than 7,500 tons of coal or with an annual throughput of more than 125,000 tons of coal; or the expansion of an existing facility by these respective amounts, - B. Construction of a facility on a single site designed for or capable of storing 1,000,000 gallons or more of hazardous materials, C. Construction of a facility designed for or capable of storing on a single site 100,000 gallons or more of liquefied natural gas, synthetic gas, or anhydrous ammonia,	This category area is proposed because of concerns relating to potential environmental impacts and because of the likelihood of controversy relating to the siting of these types of projects. Specific categories recommended within this category area include: A. The need for proposed category was voiced early in the process of developing category areas. Concerns documenting the need for this category include fugitive dust emissions, leaching, transportation related issues, and water pollution issues. The threshold was developed to be consistent with certificate of need definitions. B. The category was changed as a result of comments received during the public participation process to apply to all hazardous materials as opposed to only petroleum fuels. It is likely, however, that only petroleum fuels will be stored in sufficient quantities to trigger this threshold. C. Natural gas and synthetic gas facilities were separated from the proposed petroleum category because the 1,000,000 gallon threshold was unrealistic. Natural and synthetic gases are typically stored in much smaller facilities. These facilities are stored under pressure and create controversy relating to the explosive nature of the facility. 1988 SONAR In the experience of the PCA staff, an anhydrous ammonia tank facility of 100,000 gallons or more size has a comparable potential for significant environmental impacts, including danger to the public health, as liquefied or natural gas storage facilities. Consequently, it is reasonable to explicitly add anhydrous ammonia tanks to this category with the same threshold.	Army Corp of Engineers Section 404 Wetland Permit MPCA NPDES General Construction Stormwater permit NPDES Industrial Stormwater Permit Above Ground Storage Tank Permit Section 401 Water Quality Certificate Minnesota Department Of Transportation Access Permit DNR Minnesota Natural Heritage Database Search Minnesota State Historical Preservation Office Cultural Resources Review COUNTY Conditional Use Permits Septic System Permit Watershed Districts Watershed Permits CITY Building Permit Conditional Use Permit	No Changes Issues and concerns identified in the SONAR are still valid. Project information is provided to decision makers in multiple jurisdictions A. Issues and concerns identified in the SONAR are still valid. Project information is provided to decision makers in multiple jurisdictions B. Issues and concerns identified in the SONAR are still valid. Project information is provided to decision makers in multiple jurisdictions C. Issues and concerns identified in the SONAR are still valid. Project information is provided to decision makers in multiple jurisdictions

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	1982 SONAR	MPCA	
aper and Pulp Processing Mills			No Changes
aper and raip riocessing issues	This category area is proposed because of the potential for significant effects on water	Air Emissions Permit	
410.4300 subp 13	quality, air quality, solid waste generation, and transportation impacts. These potential	NPDES Discharge Permit	The issues and concerns identified in the SONAR are still valid.
410.4300 3dbp 13	impacts are regulated by several different agencies. Environmental review would	NPDES General Construction	
AW Threshold:	facilitate multi-agency coordination. Specific categories recommended within this	Permit	Project information is provided to decision makers in multiple
The show.	category area include:	NPDES Industrial Stormwater	jurisdictions
or expansion of an existing paper or pulp processing facility that will		Permit	
crease its production capacity by 50 percent or more,	Paper and pulp processing mills have a broad range of environmental impacts. Water	Above Ground Tank Permit	
to case its production support, by so persons or more,	related impacts include the use of large quantities of water and the discharge of both	DNR	EIS
110.4400 subp 10	cooling and process waters. Air quality related impacts are primarily associated with	Water Appropriation Permit	No Changes
2011100 0000 20	power generation at the facility. The degree of the problem is tied to the type and	MnDOT	
S Threshold:	amount of fuel used. Solid wastes in the form of ashes from power generation and	Highway Crossing Permit	The issues and concerns identified in the SONAR are still valid.
	sludges from process water treatment may pose serious disposal problems. Raw	Utility Permit	
or construction of a new paper or pulp processing mill.	materials and products of these facilities are bulky materials and the facilities are labor	COUNTY	Project information is provided to decision makers in multiple
The second second property of the property of the second s	intensive; therefore, transportation and sludges from process water treatment may pose	Conditional Use Permit	jurisdictions
	serious disposal problems. Raw materials and products of these facilities are bulky	Building Permit	
	materials and the facilities are labor intensive; therefore, transportation related impacts	CITY	
	are likely to be a further issue.	Building Permit	
		Utility Permit	
	Expansions greater than 50% should require an EAW because of the magnitude of	Capacity Allocation Agreement	
	additional wastewater and solid waste generated and because of additional air quality	Wastewater Treatment Plant	
	and transportation impacts. The current rules did not have a category related to the		
	expansion of these facilities.		
	A ten percent figure is used to exempt minor expansions. This exemption is intended to		
	allow equipment changes, alterations that may increase production efficiency, and minor		
	operational changes without environmental review. Expansions between ten and 50		
	percent are subject to environmental review on a discretionary basis because such		
	expansions are likely to be of a magnitude that will generate controversy and because of		
	the scope and potential significance of impacts. The current rules do not contain		
	exemptions relating to paper and pulp processing mills.		
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	This category area is proposed because of the potential for significant impacts on water		
	quality, air quality, solid waste generation, hazardous waste generation, transportation,		
	land use, demographic and economic impacts on local economies. The spectrum of		
	impacts is diverse and the regulation of the impacts varies in effectiveness with the units		
	of government responsible. This type of project tends to be controversial, as witnessed		
	by the number of projects previously subjected to environmental review. Specific		
	categories recommended within this category area include:		
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	EIS The EIS threshold 6 MCAP 6 2 020 Lie set at an all or none threshold for new facilities.		
	The EIS threshold, 6 MCAR § 3.039 I. is set at an all or none threshold for new facilities.		
	This is reasonable because the size of these facilities must be economically practical and		
	that size would have the potential for significant impacts. These are new impacts on the		
	local environment and significant wildlife and land use questions must also be addressed.		
	This category corresponds to the current EAW threshold; however, in practice an EIS is		
	likely to be prepared on a new facility pursuant to current procedures. Therefore, this		

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	does not represent a major change in the requirements for environmental documents.		

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Air Pollution	(<u>1982 SONAR</u>	FEDERAL	,
	This category area is proposed because of public concern relating to air quality and its	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
4410.4300 subp. 15	impact on human health and the environment, especially via implications relating to acid		A. No Changes
	rain. This category area is proposed because other category areas may not be specific	Threatened and Endangered	The investment of the control investment in the CONTROL
EAW Threshold:	enough to review projects with potentially significant impacts on air quality. Specific categories recommended within this category area include:	Species Review EPA	The issues, concerns and potential impacts outlined in the SONARs are still valid today. Project information and the opportunity to comment
	categories recommended within this category area include.	EFA	are provided to decision makers in multiple jurisdictions. Projects tend
A. For construction of a stationary source facility that generates 250 tons or		Hazardous Waste Generators	to have a high level of public interest.
more per year or modification of a stationary source facility that increases generation by 250 tons or more per year of any single air pollutant, other	A	Identification Number	
than those air pollutants described in item after installation of air	The qualitative measure was changed from a measurement of only Particulates and	STATE	
pollution control equipment, the PCA shall be the RGU.	sulfur oxides to a measurement for any single air pollutant. Emissions that would trigger	MPCA	B. No Changes
	the threshold are likely to be Particulates or sulfur oxides; however, other pollutants,		
B. For construction of a stationary source facility that generates a combined	especially nitrogen oxides and ozone, are also of major concern. The measurement is	Air Emissions Permit	This category was changed recently, therefore no additional changes
100,000 tons or more per year or modification of a stationary source	designated as post treatment as an incentive for the installation of proper pollution	NPDES General Stormwater	needed at this time.
facility that increases generation by a combined 100,000 tons or more per	control equipment. Synergistic impacts are not addressed specifically in the category; however, a lower threshold will facilitate a review of potential synergistic impacts on a	Construction Permit NPDES industrial Stormwater	
year of greenhouse gas emissions, after installation of air pollution control	case-by-case basis. The quantitative measure was adjusted to a realistic figure. The	Activity Permit	
equipment, expressed as carbon dioxide equivalents, the PCA shall be the	threshold of 50 tons per day (18,250 tons per year) in the current rule's EAW category	NPDES Wastewater Discharge	
RGU. For purposes of this subpart, "greenhouse gases" include carbon	was so high it excluded all facilities. Very large and inefficient sources currently in	Permit	
dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), and sulfur hexafluoride, and their combined	operation in Minnesota would correspond to approximately only 1,000 tons per year.	Above Ground Tanks Permit	
carbon dioxide equivalents shall be computed by multiplying the mass	The proposed threshold coincides with federal regulations which classify facilities of 100	Very Small Quantity Hazardous	
amount of emissions for each of the six greenhouse gases in the pollutant	tons per year as a major source of air pollution. This threshold is also consistent with the	Generator License	
GHGs by the gas's associated global warming potential published in Table	proposed state off-set rule. Technology is available to minimize this impact and past	Beneficial Use Approval for ash	
A-1 to subpart A of Code of Federal Regulations, title 40, part 98, Global	experience has demonstrated that early environmental review can control problems	land application	
Warming Potentials, as amended, and summing the resultant value for	associated with major sources of air pollution.	Minnesota State Historical Preservation Office	
each.	<u>1988 Sonar</u> The words proposed to be added are intended to extend the coverage of this mandatory	Concurrence on Findings of	
	category to modifications of air emission facilities which will increase emissions by the	Cultural Resources Impacts	
	same threshold amount as for new facilities. From an environmental standpoint, it is	DNR	
	immaterial whether 100 tons of a pollutant came from a totally new facility or a	Water Appropriation Permit	
	modification of an existing facility. The omission of modified facilities from this category	Minnesota Natural Heritage	
	when the rules were adopted in 1982 was probably an unintentional oversight.	Datebase Search	
	Parking Facilities	Fire Marshall	
	The mandatory category threshold was changed from 1,000 to 2,000 or more vehicles.	Plan Review	
	2006 SONAR	MnDOT	
	Two changes are proposed in this subpart. In item A, the threshold for air emission sources is proposed to be changed from 100 tons per year to 250 tons per year. Item B,	Highway Crossing Permit	
	relating to parking facilities, is proposed to be deleted entirely.	COUNTY	
	The threshold for air emission facilities in item A was changed to 100 tons per year in	Water Shed District Permit	
	1982. Since then, item A has been changed only to add that the 100 tons per year	Conditional Use Permit	
	threshold applies to modifications of existing facilities as well as new facilities. The	CITY	
	MPCA has had 23 years of experience working with this threshold. A threshold change to	Building Permit	
	250 tons per year is based on recommendations of the MPCA staff. This staff is	Conditional Use Permit	
	responsible for permitting facilities that emit air pollutants and environmental review of	Sanitary Sewer Hook-up	
	other projects that are sources of air emissions. A threshold of 250 tons would coincide	Wastewater Discharge Permit	
	with the federal threshold for the Prevention of Significant Deterioration permitting	Zoning Certificate Utility Permit	
		Othity Fernit	

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	review.		
	There are programs and permits in effect now that were not in effect at the time the		
	current threshold of 100 tons was set. The state of Minnesota now has the Federal Clean		
	Air Act Title V program (sometimes called Part 70 permit). In Minnesota, this is a		
	combined construction and operating permit. A facility needs a Part 70 permit if its		
	potential to emit air pollutants meets or exceeds specific thresholds, which are:		
	100 tons per year of any criteria pollutant (sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides,		
	particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter; carbon monoxide, and		
	lead);		
	· 10 tons per year or more of any single hazardous air pollutant (about 185); or		
	25 tons per year or more of any combination of hazardous air pollutants.		
	There are public notice requirements for Part 70 permits as well as EPA review. In		
	addition, facilities emitting over 100 tons per year of one or more air pollutants often		
	have to conduct air dispersion modeling, undergo an air emissions risk analysis, and for		
	some modifications to existing facilities, must go through a Prevention of Significant		
	Deterioration review, which includes installing best available control technology. The		
	MPCA staff believes that the air emissions permitting program addresses all major and		
	minor concerns regarding air pollutants from new or expanding facilities, particularly		
	those below 250 tons per year of a single pollutant.		
	Certain air emission facilities of concern to the MPCA and the general public are		
	captured in other mandatory environmental review categories. These are:		
	 Electric Generating Facilities (25 Megawatts and over) – subpart 3; 		
	 Petroleum Refineries - subpart 4; 		
	 Fuel Conversion Facilities (mainly ethanol plants) – subpart 5; 		
	 Metallic Mineral Mining and Processing – subpart 11; 		
	 Paper or Pulp Processing Mills – subpart 13; and 		
	 Solid Waste (Incineration) – subpart 17D. 		
	Other potential facilities of concern such as biomass to energy plants under 25		
	megawatts, soybean oil, and coatings (printing and painting) would most likely		
	be over a 250 ton per year threshold.		
	Environmental review serves the purpose of helping the public, proposer, and		
	government bodies to understand the environmental impact of a proposed project. For		
	that reason, an EAW for the Air Pollution category not only identifies the effects of air		
	pollutants, it also addresses water and waste related issues , as well as issues such as		
	transportation patterns, truck traffic, archeological significance, and wildlife impacts.		
	Between 2000 to 2003, 14 EAWs were completed under the Air Pollution category. Based on a review of these 14 EAWs, it is reasonable to conclude that the		
	amount of air emissions from these projects has little, or no, relationship to the impact of		
	the other environmental issues listed above. Furthermore, of the few public comments		
	that came in on these projects, almost all were about air emissions or issues related to		
	air that are addressed in the air emissions permit. Therefore, the environmental review		
	threshold provides a rather "hit-or-miss" approach for examining other issues, and does		
	not justify setting the threshold at 100 tons per year.		
	These rule revisions will not change the ability for the public to petition the EQB		
	for a proposed project to complete an EAW that is less that 250 tons per year. There are		
	no exemptions for environmental review given to the Air Pollution Category.		
	Because of the extensiveness of air emission permit programs at the MPCA,		
	other environmental review categories covering air emissions, the weak relationship		
	between air emissions and other issues, and the ability of the public to petition for an		

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	EAW, it is reasonable to increase the air pollution category threshold from 100 to 250 tons.		

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	1982 Sonar	FEDERAL	Modify
<u>Hazardous Waste</u>	This category area is proposed because of the potential for ground and surface water contamination and the resultant human health and environmental impacts that	Army Corp of Engineers Section 404 Wetland	 Suggested language changes to reflect current permit language
4410.4300 subp. 16	may result from the disposal, processing and storage of hazardous wastes. Additional concerns include potential air quality, noise and odor impacts, safety questions relating	Permit STATE	 Suggest rule change - work with DNR to add sediment
EAW Thresholds:	to handling, and transportation and land use issues. This issue was not specifically addressed in the current rules.	MPCA NPDES General Construction	cleanups at Superfund or other remediation program sites as exemptions to Subp. 27 (wetlands and public waters)
A. Construction or expansion of a hazardous waste disposal facility	These facilities are permanent and the danger of contamination is long lasting. The disposal facility categories have the same variable as processing facilities. The base	Stormwater permit NPDES Industrial Stormwater	
B. Construction of a hazardous waste processing facility with a capacity	line is that all disposal facilities will require some form of environmental review.	Permit Above Ground Storage Tank	Project information is provided to decision makers in multiple jurisdictions
of 1,000 or more kilograms per month		Permit	
C. Expansion of a hazardous waste processing facility that increases its capacity by ten percent or more	A, B, C, and D The storage category is designed to apply to facilities for long term storage. The	Section 401 Water Quality Certificate	
D. Construction or expansion of a facility that sells hazardous waste	5,000 gallon threshold is regarded as a likely dividing line between strictly temporary facilities and long term storage. Below this threshold it is likely that materials are being	Air Emissions Permit Minnesota Department	
storage services to generators other than the owner and operator of the facility or construction of a facility at which a generator's own	gathered primarily to make shipment economically practical. The gallon unit of measurement is used because these wastes are usually stored as liquids in 55 gallon	Of Transportation Access Permit	
hazardous wastes will be stored for a time period in excess of 90 days,	drums. Concerns relating to storage facilities are mainly the potential for accidental spills and leaks. No EIS category is proposed because the need for an EIS can best be	DNR Minnesota Natural Heritage	
if the facility is located in a water-related land use management district, or in an area characterized by soluble bedrock	addressed on a case-by-case basis depending on the nature and location of the activity.	Database Search Work with in Waters of the	
	The commercial/non-commercial distinction was included because commercial facilities are likely to acquire a variety of different substances from a variety of different	State Pemit	
4410.4400 subp. 12	sources. Such facilities are likely to generate a more board spectrum of pollutants and	Minnesota State Historical	
EIS Thresholds:	are likely to be more controversial. An all or none threshold is applied as an EIS threshold if the facility is to be located in a sensitive area. For other commercial facilities	Preservation Office Cultural Resources Review	
A. Construction or expansion of a hazardous waste disposal facility for 1,000 or more kilograms per month	the 1,000 kilogram per month threshold is used. This threshold is selected because it is consistent with federal regulations relating to hazardous waste. For non-commercial	COUNTY Conditional Use Permits	
B. Construction or expansion of a hazardous waste disposal facility in a	facilities, environmental review is discretionary unless the facility is located in a sensitive area and processes in excess of 1,000 kilograms per month. This threshold was applied	Septic System Permit Watershed Districts	
water-related land use management district, or in an area characterized	because the permit process is adequate to deal with non-commercial facilities in sensitive areas that process small amounts of hazardous waste. In non-sensitive areas,	Watershed Permits CITY	
by soluble bedrock	the permit process is capable of providing adequate review of non-commercial facilities.	Building Permit Conditional Use Permit	
C. Construction or expansion of a hazardous waste processing facility if the facility is located in a water-related land use	EIS If the facility is located within a sensitive area or if the facility has a capacity	Zoning Fire Department Review	
	exceeding the federal threshold, an EIS is mandated. The need for an EIS on other	The Department Review	
	disposal facilities id determined on a case-by-case basis. It is unlikely that small facilities will be proposed; therefore, an EIS will probably be mandated for all proposed facilities.		
	1988 SONAR		
	The substantive change proposed in the hazardous waste EIS categories is to expand coverage (in item c) of processing facilities to cover all processing facilities		
	located in water-related sensitive areas. Presently, only commercial facilities are covered. The RGU for these categories, the PCA, believes there is no valid distinction to		EIS No Changes
	be made relative to potential for environmental impacts between commercial generator- operated facilities. Addionally, the cumbersome listing of types of water-related		

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	sensitive areas is proposed to be replaced by the new term "water-related land use		
	management district."		

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Solid Waste	1982 SONAR This category area is proposed because of the potential for significant impacts relating to ground and surface water contamination through the migration of leachate and because	Solid Waste Transfer Facilities MPCA	
4410.4300 subp. 17	environmental review is needed to assist governmental units in adequately assessing	Solid Waste Management Facility Permit	
EAW Thresholds:	resource recovery alternatives. Additional environmental concerns relate to methane gas generation, fugitive dust, emissions, odor and noise problems, transportation issues, aesthetic impacts, toxic air emissions and land use issues. This category area is extremely	NPDES General Storm Water Permit for Industrial Activities NPDES Storm Water Permit for	
A. Construction of a mixed municipal solid waste disposal facility for up to 100,000 cubic yards of waste fill per year	controversial.	Construction Activity Metropolitan Area Policy Plan	EAW and EIS
B. Expansion by 25 percent or more of previous capacity of a mixed municipal solid waste disposal facility for up to 100,000 cubic yards of waste fill per year	EAW A For new disposal facilities the issue of siting is of primary importance. Cost requirements of operation and transportation factors make small disposal facilities unlikely. The 100,000 cubic yard per year threshold coincides with state solid waste	Review County Operating License	Modify. Category language should be changed to reflect current permitting process Future review of landfill projects may be accomplished by
C. Construction or expansion of a mixed municipal solid waste transfer station for 300,000 or more cubic yards per year,	regulations. There are approximately 20 facilities in operation with a capacity of over 100,000 cubic yards per year. Smaller facilities are likely to be modified and are not subject to the same regulations as the large facilities. Environmental review is necessary	Conditional Use Permit Septic Permit Very Small Quantity Generator	means of an alternative environmental review or AUAR-like process. Eliminate
D. Construction or expansion of a mixed municipal solid waste energy recovery facility or incinerator, or the utilization of an existing facility for the combustion of mixed municipal solid waste or refuse-derived fuel, with a capacity of 30 or more tons per day of input,	for all new facilities; however, the decision on need for an EIS on a case -to-case basis is adequate for the small facilities. For expansions of existing facilities, siting is less of an issue; however, the 100,000 cubic yards per year threshold was utilized for an EIS to maintain consistency with state solid waste regulations and because of the potential for ground and surface water contamination from that amount of waste.	Hazardous Waste License CITY License to Operate Waste Transfer Facility	 Transfer facilities should be reviewed for possible elimination. No change The remainder of the subparts. The concerns expressed in the SONAR are still valid.
 E. Construction or expansion of a mixed municipal solid waste compost facility or a refuse-derived fuel production facility with a capacity of 50 or more tons per day of input 	B. The lesser EAW threshold is used for expansions that do not exceed 100,000 cubic yards per year and for very large facilities where the expansion exceeds that amount. A 25 percent cut off is used to allow small increases in capacity to accommodate minor changes in the configuration as may be necessary for final contour plans.	Building Permit Utility Permit Conditional Use Permit Zoning Amendment Watershed Districts	 Project information is provided to decision makers in multiple jurisdiction High level of public interest
F. Expansion by at least ten percent but less than 25 percent of previous capacity of a mixed municipal solid waste disposal facility for 100,000 cubic yards or more of waste fill per year,	C. The transfer facility category: Impacts associated with this type of facility are primarily transportation issues, noise, odor, aesthetics, rodent and pest problems, and	Watershed Permit <u>Compost Facilities</u>	
G. Construction or expansion of a mixed municipal solid waste energy recovery facility ash landfill receiving ash from an incinerator that burns refuse-derived fuel or mixed municipal solid waste.	land use issues. These problems are usually controversial because the facilities are typically located in populated areas. The cubic yard measure is used because transfer vehicles are measured in cubic yards and because existing state solid waste regulations utilize this measurement. The threshold of 300,j000 cubic yards is proposed because	MPCA Solid Waste Permit Very small Quantity Generators	
4410.4400 subp. 13	only very large transfer stations are likely to require environmental review. Other facilities can be adequately regulated through the permit process. The experience of the PCA indicates 300,000 cubic yards is reasonable as a threshold.	Hazardous Waste License NPDES General Storm Water Permit for Industrial Activities NPDES Storm Water Permit for	
EIS Thresholds:	D. The resource recovery facility categories; Impacts associated with this type of facility are primarily air emissions, ash disposal, noise, odor, and transportation issues. A tons	Construction Activity COUNTY	
A. Construction of a mixed municipal solid waste disposal facility for 100,000 cubic yards or more of waste fill per year,	per day unit of measure is used because tons is the standard unit of measure for resource recovery and BTU's/ton is the standard unit of measure with relation to use of	Conditional Use Permit	

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B. Construction or expansion of a mixed municipal solid waste disposal facility in a water-related land use management district, or in an area characterized by soluble bedrock C. Construction or expansion of a mixed municipal solid waste energy recovery facility or incinerator, or the	solid waste for energy production. The 100 tons per day threshold was used for the EAW because these facilities are likely to be modular units. Performance and construction standards for modular units are standardized; therefore, project specific review on a discretionary basis is adequate. One hundred tons per day corresponds to 10% of the major air emission threshold. Resource recovery facilities are likely to be located in heavily populated areas with air quality problems and are likely to have toxic air emissions. Therefore, environmental review at this threshold is reasonable.	Building Permit CITY Conditional Use Permit Building Permit Landfills Corp of Engineers	
utilization of an existing facility for the combustion of mixed municipal solid waste or refuse-derived fuel, with a capacity of 250 or more tons per day of input,	EIS A. For expansions of existing facilities, siting is less of an issue; however, the 100,000 cubic yards per year threshold was utilized for an EIS to maintain consistency with state	Section 404 General Permit STATE MPCA	
D. Construction or expansion of a mixed municipal solid waste compost facility or a refuse-derived fuel production facility with a capacity of 500 or more tons per day of input	solid waste regulations and because of the potential for ground and surface water contamination from that amount of waste.	Solid Waste Disposal Facility Permit NPDES Facility Stormwater	
Expansion by 25 percent or more of previous capacity of a mixed municipal solid waste disposal facility for 100,000 cubic yards or more of waste fill per year	B. An all or none threshold was used for facilities in sensitive areas. These locations carry a high potential for ground and surface water pollution. PCA experience in dealing with existing facilities demonstrates that problems are likely and that an EIS is necessary to adequately assess the potential for problems in these locations.	Permit Certificate of Need Title V Air Permit NPDES Stormwater Permit for Industrial Activity Metropolitan Control Commission License for Leachate Disposal	
	C. Facilities involving combustion of mixed municipal solid wastes, "energy recovery facilities" and combustion in other incinerators, are proposed to require mandatory EISs' at a threshold of 250 tons per day of input. Mandatory EISs would be required for mixed municipal solid waste compost facilities and refuse-derived fuel production facilities at the same threshold as in the present rules, i.e., 500 tons per day. The other types of resource recovery facilities, recycling centers and yard waste compost facilities, would no longer be subject to a mandatory EIS, category.	Minnesota Historical Society Archeological Survey Construction Easements Minnesota Historical Preservation Office Concurrence on Findings of	
	D. The 500 tons per day threshold was used for the EIS because this is approximately the level at which an incinerator would have to meet new source performance standards. Five hundred tons per day would yield approximately 50 tons per year of particulate emissions. This corresponds to approximately 50% of the major source threshold. However, these facilities are likely to be located in heavily populated areas and are likely to have additional toxic emissions; therefore, this more restrictive threshold is reasonable.	Cultural Resources Impacts Minnesota Department Of Health Monitoring Well Permits COUNTY Wetland Conservation Act Approval	
	Mandatory EISs would be required for mixed municipal solid waste compost facilities and refuse-derived fuel production facilities at the same threshold as in the present rules, i.e., 500 tons per day. The other types of resource recovery facilities, recycling centers and yard waste compost facilities, would no longer be subject to a mandatory EIS category.	Building Permit Conditional Use Permit Septic System Permit Transport License Solid Waste License TOWNSHIP	
	E. No specific language for this section. General Discussion The need for lower thresholds for projects involving the combustion of mixed municipal solid waste results from a better understanding of the air emissions of such facilities and	Conditional Use Permit CITY Conditional Use Permit	

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	the mechanisms of possible exposure to these emissions than was possessed in 1982. As	<u>INCINERATORS</u>	
	indicated in Appendix 3, of 17 permits for such facilities considered by PCA, 14 were	FEDERAL	
	considered since 1982 and all of the EAWs and EISs have been done since then. In	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
	addition, the scope of nationally available information about the potential impacts of		
	burning solid wastes has also greatly expanded in recent years. One consequence of this	Threatened and Endangered	
	increased information base is a recognition by the State that potentially severe impacts	Species Review	
	may occur from facilities smaller than the 500 ton per day threshold adopted in 1982.	Federal Aviation Administration	
	According to a recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency study (Municipal waste	FAA Notification Form 7460-1	
	Combustion study, Emission Data Base for Municipal Waste Combustors, U. S. EPA,	STATE	
	EPA/530-SW-8 7-021 , June, 1987) mixed municipal solid waste, incinerators emit toxic	MPCA	
	Chemicals including dioxins/furans, PCB s, , PAH's, arsenic, beryllium, cadmium,		
	chromium, lead, mercury, and nickel. The toxic properties of these chemicals can cause	Air Emissions Permit	
	acute or chronic poisoning ("systemic toxicity"), increased rates of mutations and birth	NPDES Stormwater Construction	
	defects, reproductive problems, immune system effects, and cancer (see, for example~	permit	
	Winona County Incinerator EIS, Technical Work Paper Hazard Identification, ICF/Clement	NPDES Industrial Stormwater	
	Associates, 1987).	Permit	
		Minnesota State Historical	
	The risks to human health posed by these emissions are dependent on many factors in	Preservation Office	
	addition to the capacity of the facility: facility design, pollution control equipment,	Cultural Resources Review	
	operational parameters,' composition of the fuel, facility location, local meteorology, surrounding terrain, and the types of receptors and land uses in the area. Depending' on	Minnesota Natural Heritage Database Review	
	the combination of specific factors for any given project, there may be considerable	DNR	
	variation in environmental and health impacts for a facility of a given capacity. For	DINK	
	example, the proposed Winona County incinerator was found, to have a projected health	Water Appropriation Permit	
	risk in excess of the Minnesota Dept. of Health guideline despite it relatively small size	COUNTY	
	(150 tons per day) and state-of-the-art pollution control equipment because of potential		
	exposure to humans through the consumption of contaminated fish. This was due to the	Conditional Use Permit	
	proposed location near the Mississippi River, in an area noted as a fisheries resource	CITY	
	(Winona County Resource Recovery Facility Draft (EIS, PCA, 1988.) This and other health		
	risk assessments for resource recovery facilities have frequently indicated that human	Conditional Use Permit	
	exposure to toxic emissions through the aquatic food chain is the exposure route of	Building Permit and Zoning	
	greatest significance (Anoka County RDF Facility EIS, MPCA, 1986; Hennepin Energy	Certificate	
	Recovery corporation Permit, MPCA, 1987; Summary of Risk Assessment and Proposed		
	Risk Management Actions, Midland Michigan, U.S. EPA, Office of Public Affairs, Region 5,		
	April 1988).		
	The threshold proposed in item C for energy recovery facilities and incinerators has been		
	a subject of considerable controversy between the PCA, local units of government		
	interested in incineration as an alternative to landfilling of mixed municipal solid waste,		
	the solid waste processing industry, and environmental groups. The 250 ton per day		
	threshold represents a compromise between competing positions negotiated at two		
	meetings of an ad hoc work group convened by the EQB to discuss the original PCA		
	proposal to reduce the threshold to 100 tons per day.		
	The 250 ton figure is the smallest-sized facility which is generally accepted to		
	automatically have the potential for significant environmental effects. The work group		
	concluded that while some perhaps many smaller facilities might warrant an EIS		
	because if individual circumstances, it was not reasonable to set the mandatory		

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	threshold below 250 tons per day. It was agreed by the work group that all energy recovery and incineration project EAWs in the future should include a health risk assessment, and the results of that assessment, a swell as other EAW information, should form the basis for a case-by-case decision on the need for an EIS for facilities less than 250 tons per day. The EAW procedure will allow for consideration of the individual circumstances which largely dictate the magnitude of the potential impacts of each project, circumstances which it is not possible with present knowledge to specify in the rules themselves.		

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	1982 Sonar	SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEMS	Modify
1 March 2 1 1 2 C 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	This category area is proposed because of problems associated with treatment		
<u>Wastewater Systems</u>	facilities including ground and surface water pollution due to effluent discharges and	FEDERAL	Reviewed for possible change in requirements for expansion of
	sludge and ash disposal, and air pollution from sludge incineration. Problems associated	U.S. Corp of Engineers	WWTF.
4410.4300 subp. 18	with sewer systems include erosion during construction and maintenance, elimination or	Section 10 Permit for activities	Reviewed for possible addition to the category for the following
	degradation of wetland habitats and adjacent water resources, and ground and surface	affecting navigable waters in the	items.
EAW Thresholds:	water pollution resulting from seepage from sewer lines. Additional concerns are	U.S.	items.
A Formandon and different and an analysis of a second-stand and a	generated because of increased potential for secondary development fostered by the	Section 404 Letter of Permission	The following west awater is not surrently being addressed
A. Expansion, modification, or replacement of a municipal sewage	installation of a new system.	STATE MPCA	The following wastewater is not currently being addressed
collection system resulting in an increase in design average daily flow of any part of that system by 1,000,000 gallons per day or more if the	A. A sewage system may be viewed as consisting of the treatment facility and the sewer	IVIPCA	Utility wastewater (cooling tower blowdown, reject, etc.) NOT
discharge is to a wastewater treatment facility with a capacity less	system or conveyance system to that facility. Sewage systems were formerly a major	Sewer Extension Permit	associated with an industrial wastewater classified as process
than 20,000,000 gallons per day or for expansion, modification, or	source of concern relating to water pollution; however, much progress has been made in	NPDES General Stormwater	wastewater under the federal regulations should be considered
replacement of a municipal sewage collection system resulting in an	lessening impacts pursuant tot he federal Clean Water Act. For projects receiving federal	Constrution Permit	for review
increase in design average daily flow of any part of that system by	funds pursuant to the Clean Water Act, limited environmental review takes place. For	Section 401 Water Quality	
2,000,000 gallons per day or more if the discharge is to a wastewater	facilities not receiving federal funds no federal environmental review is required. The	Certificate	Waste streams resulting from the removal of pollutants or
treatment facility with the capacity of 20,000,000 gallons or greater,	threshold is proposed to exclude small new facilities and minor additions to existing	DNR	"impurities" from water being used for either industrial or
	sewage systems. The threshold for new systems was set at a level approximately		drinking water should be considered for review.
B. Expansion or reconstruction of an existing municipal or domestic	equivalent to the required size of a facility to service 300 people. The threshold for		
wastewater treatment facility which results in an increase by 50	expansions was set at a level approximately equal to the expansion of services for 500	Water Appropriation Permit	· Water Treatment Plant Residual (backwash, reject, etc.) from
percent or more and by at least 200,000 gallons per day of its average	people. A second threshold for expansions was set for 50% because the base expansion	Minnesota Natural Heritage	a domestic water treatment plant should be considered for
wet weather design flow capacity, or construction of a new municipal	threshold would potentially exclude small facility expansions for 150 to 500 people.	Database Review	review.
or domestic wastewater treatment facility with an average wet	Expansions of that relative magnitude are likely to generate significant local impacts such	Utility Crossing License	
weather design flow capacity of 200,000 gallons per day or more,	that environmental review is reasonable.	Work Within Public Waters	Project information is provided to decision makers in multiple
	4000 C	Permit	jurisdictions
C. Expansion or reconstruction of an existing industrial process	1988 Sonar	MnDOT	
wastewater treatment facility which increases its design flow capacity by 50 percent or more and by at least 200,000 gallons per day or	The threshold for collection system expansions in item A would be raised for cities of all sizes, including those which discharge to systems operated by Metropolitan	Utility Permit on Trunk Highway Right-Of-Way	
more, or construction of a new industrial process wastewater	Council Wastewater Services (MCWS) or the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District	Minnesota Department of	
treatment facility with a design flow capacity of 200,000 gallons per	(WLSSD). Presently, EAWs are required for sewer projects with design flows of 500,000	Health	
day or more, 5,000,000 gallons per month or more, or 20,000,000	gallons per day within 1st and 2nd class cities or the MCWS or WLSSD systems, 100,000	Watermain Plan Approval	
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gallons per year or more, This category does not apply to industrial	gpd for 3rd class cities, and 50,000 gpd for 4th class cities and unincorporated areas.	Water Extension Permit	
process wastewater treatment facilities that discharge to a publicly-	Over the most recent three-year period, the MPCA has prepared EAWs for approximately	Metropolitan Council	
owned treatment works or to a tailings basin reviewed pursuant to	15 projects per year under the sewage system category, more than half of which were		
subpart 11, item B.	sewer extensions. This level of review is believed to be unjustified because the majority of the sewer extensions are relatively minor expansions of much larger systems, and	Connection Permit	
	because the increases in wastewater flow accompanying sewer extensions usually occur	State Historical Preservation	
	gradually over a period of many years.	Office	
	Furthermore, problems which have been cited as associated with sewer	Concurrence on Findings of	
	systems, i.e., construction erosion, the degradation or loss of wetlands, seepage from	Cultural Resources Impacts	
	sewer lines, and the potential for secondary development, are addressed by permit		
	programs for runoff from construction sites and the preservation of wetlands, and by the		
	application of minimum standards for sewer construction and maintenance. The	COUNTY	
	potential for impacts from secondary development will also continue to be addressed		
	through state and local requirements for environmental review and permitting.	Highway Access/Entrance	
		Permit Watershed District	
		watershed district	
	B. In item B, a clarification is proposed stating that an EAW is not mandatory for a		
	domestic wastewater treatment expansion unless it increases the design flow capacity of	Project Approval	
	the facility by at least 50\ AND it is an increase of at least 50,000 gallons per day. This is	Watershed Permit	
	consistent with past and present policy of the MPCA that the preparation of EAWs should	Application for Minnesota	
	not be mandatory for projects that involve relatively minor expansions of existing, small	Wetland	
	treatment facilities.		
	C. Regarding new item C, the rules currently provide for mandatory EAW categories for	conservation Act Exemption CITY	
	certain types of industrial facilities which may involve the generation of industrial	CIT	
	wastewater. Examples are petroleum refineries, fuel conversion facilities, mineral mining		
	and processing, and pulp and paper processing. These and other industrial project may	Conditional Use Permit	
	also require environmental review because of their potential air emissions (under	Street and Utility Plan Approval	
	subpart 15). However, because there is currently no EAW category pertaining directly to	WASTEWATER TREATMENT	
	the generation of industrial wastewater, some major industrial projects may not be	FACILITY PERMITS	
	subject to mandatory review. Examples would be food processing and the manufacture	FEDERAL	
	of wood products other than pulp or paper.	U.S. Corp of Engineers	
	The proposed new category at item C would establish a threshold for the construction of new or expansion of existing industrial process wastewater treatment	Section 404 Permt	
	facilities. Process wastewater is not intended to include noncontact cooling water, storm	Section 404 Permt Wastewater Infrastructure	
	water runoff, or animal feedlot runoff. The proposed threshold is based on existing PCA	Funding Program	
	nondegradation regulations for new or expanded discharges. Projects of this magnitude	Outfall Permits	
	are likely to generate significant local impacts. This category would not apply to	STATE	
	industries which discharge to publicly owned treatment facilities. Such discharges are	MPCA	
	subject to the terms and conditions of preexisting discharge permits and are also		
	regulated by local jurisdictions under existing programs and subject to state and federal	WWTF Plans and Specifications	
	oversight. It also would not apply to tailings basins which are covered by the mandatory	Approval	
	metallic mineral mining category at subpart 11, item B; this exclusion is stated in the	SDS Permit for land application	
	proposed amendment to eliminate the potential for future questions over which agency, MPCA or DNR, should be the RGU for review of such facilities.	of treated Wastewater NPDES General Stormwater	
	INITCA OF DINK, SHOULD BE THE KOO TOF TEVIEW OF SUCH FACILITIES.	Construction Permit	
		Sanitary Sewer Extension Permit	
		NPDES/SDS Surface Water	

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		Discharge Permit	
		NPDES Industrial Stormwater	
		discharge Permit	
		Air Quality Permit for back up	
		generators	
		Non-degradation to All Waters	
		Review	
		DNR	
		Water Appropriation Permit	
		License to Cross Public Lands	
		and Waters	
		Natural Heritage and Nongame	
		Database Review	
		Outfall Permits	
		Minnesota Department of	
		Health	
		Well Abandonment Permit	
		State Historic Preservation	
		Office	
		Concurrence on Findings of	
		Cultural Resource Impacts	
		Public Facilities Authority	
		Funding Application	
		Board of Water and Soil	
		Resources	
		Wetland Conservation Act	
		Permits	
		COUNTY	
		Certificate of Wetland	
		Conservation Act Exemption	
		Conditional Use Permit	
		Utility Permit	
		Building Permits	
		Pight Of Way Pormit	
		Right-Of-Way Permit Conditional Use Permit	
		CITY	
		Building Permit	

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Ī		(<u>1982 SONAR</u>	STATE	No Change -
			MPCA	Legislative changes have been made to this mandatory category over

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Animal Feedlots 4410.4300 subp. 29 A. Construction of an animal feedlot facility with a capacity of 1,000 animal units or more or the expansion of an existing facility by 1,000 animal units or more, provided the facility is not in an area listed in item B, PCA or county. B. Construction of an animal feedlot facility of more than 500 animal units or expansion of an existing animal feedlot facility by more than 500 animal units if the facility is located wholly or partially in any of the following sensitive locations: shoreland; a delineated flood plain, except that in the flood plain of the Red River of the North the sensitive area includes only land within 1,000 feet of the ordinary high water mark; a state or federally designated wild and scenic river	This category was proposed because of the potential for significant environmental impacts relating to ground and surface water quality, odors, and local land use issues. This type of activity is likely to be controversial if the location is in a sensitive area or near residential or recreational developments. Specific categories proposed within this category area include: The current rules contain no EAW or exemption categories relating to the animal feedlot category area. Although the current rules do not contain a mandatory EAW category relating to these facilities, several citizen petitions were submitted on animal feedlot facilities pursuant to the current rules. Facilities petitioned were of a smaller size than the proposed threshold but the facilities were located in areas of soluble bedrock. The proposed threshold corresponds to the threshold established in the Clean Water Act. Facilities of this size must be evaluated to determine if a national Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit is required. The alternative of requiring an EAW only for facilities located within a shoreland area, delineated flood plain area or area with soluble bedrock was considered but rejected on the basis or local government comments indicating that activities of this scale are very controversial and should be noticed to the	NPDES/SDS Feedlot Permit NPDES Construction Stormwater Permit DNR Water Appropriations Permit Board of Animal HealthNotification to Compost Dairy Cattle Fire Marshall Plan Review COUNTY Conditional Use Permit Building Permit Watershed District	the past 14 years. No additional changes appear to be necessary or warranted at this time. Project information is provided to decision makers in multiple jurisdictions High level of public interest.
district; the Minnesota River Project Riverbend area; the Mississippi headwaters area; or an area within a drinking water supply management area delineated under chapter 4720 where the aquifer is identified in the wellhead protection plan as vulnerable to contamination; or within 1,000 feet of a known sinkhole, cave, resurgent spring, disappearing spring, Karst window, blind valley, or dry valley, PCA or county.	public.	Discharge to Surface Waters TOWNSHIP Conditional Use Permit	
Animal feedlots. The activities in items A to D are exempt. A. Construction of an animal feedlot facility with a capacity of less than 1,000 animal units or the expansion of an existing animal feedlot facility to a total cumulative capacity of less than 1,000 animal units, if all of the following apply: (1) the feedlot is not in an environmentally sensitive location listed in part 4410.4300, subpart 29, item B; (2) the application for the animal feedlot permit includes a written commitment by the proposer to design, construct, and operate the facility in full compliance with PCA feedlot rules; and (3) the county board holds a public meeting for citizen input at least ten business days prior to the PCA or county issuing a feedlot permit for the facility, unless another public meeting for citizen input has been held with regard to the feedlot facility to be permitted. B. The construction of an animal feedlot facility of less than 300 animal units or the expansion of an existing facility by less than 100 animal units, no part of either of which is located within a shoreland area; delineated flood plain; state or federally designated wild and scenic rivers district; the Minnesota River Project Riverbend area; the Mississippi headwaters area; an area within a drinking water supply	Exemptions The exemption category is proposed because projects of this size are not likely to result in significant impacts. Projects of this type have the potential to generate petitions based more on "neighborhood disputes" than true impacts. This threshold is a reasonable level to prevent abuse of the environmental review process in this manner.		

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management area designated under chapter 4720 where the aquifer is identified in the wellhead protection plan as vulnerable to contamination; or 1,000 feet of a known sinkhole, cave, resurgent spring, disappearing spring, Karst window, blind valley, or dry valley.			
C. The construction or expansion of an animal feedlot facility with a resulting capacity of less than 50 animal units regardless of location.			
D. The modification without expansion of capacity of any feedlot of no more than 300 animal units if the modification is necessary to secure a Minnesota feedlot permit.			

EXHIBIT D.2



Environmental Review – 2017 Survey Results Debrief

Overview

The Environmental Quality Board is responsible for monitoring the effectiveness of Environmental Review, taking measures to improve its effectiveness, and providing assistance to all parties involved. To that end, EQB staff have been collecting data to better understand trends and identify areas for program improvement. The results of EQB staff data collection are an important first step in understanding environmental review being completed around the state. 2017 data collection consisted of Project Proposers and Responsible Governmental Units (RGUs), the results of which are included in this report. 2017 data collection also included citizen petition representatives, however, the low distribution and response rate do not warrant ample information for a review at this time. 2018 data collection includes a Citizen Survey.

Purpose and Report Outline

The survey is broken into five sections, including demographics, each was focused on a different aspect of the ER process. The report is similarly broken into five sections, preceded by a Summary:

- 1. 2017 Survey Results Summary
- 2. Survey Demographics
- 3. General Environmental Review Process: Consultants, Timeliness and Cost
- 4. Environmental Review Effectiveness
- 5. Environmental Review Outcomes
- 6. EQB Technical Assistance

I. 2017 Survey Results – Summary

In 2017, 89 surveys were distributed to RGUs and 59 were distributed to project proposers upon completion of an Environmental Review (ER) process such as a Citizen Petition, Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW), Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), or Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR). Upon closing the survey at the end of December 2017, RGUs had submitted 45 complete responses for a 51% response rate. Project proposers had submitted 24 completed surveys for a response rate of 41%. The survey focused on timeliness and cost of the ER process, perceptions of the effectiveness and outcomes of ER, and the quality of technical assistance provided by the EQB.

The following pages present a high-level summary of the results from the RGU surveys. While this report is fairly comprehensive, it does not include every piece of data collected. Instead, it presents the purpose of each section, followed by results that EQB Staff found to be the most surprising, informative, and useful. As you review the results below, we also ask that you keep in mind the following discussion questions, as they will guide the conversation at the meeting on April 18th:

Survey Results Discussion Questions:

- Is there anything surprising?
- How should EQB staff prioritize program improvements and data collection?
- Is there additional information we should be gathering?
- Are there areas that EQB should focus on next?
- What kind of program improvement initiatives can we implement based on this information?

II. Survey Demographics

The majority of Monitor submissions (Figure 1, n=122) received in 2017 were for the EAW process (98, 80%), followed by AUARs (15, 12%), Petitions (6, 5%), and finally EISs (3, 3%). The RGU (Figure 3, n=45) and project proposer (Figure 4, n=24) samples reflect the submissions in that the majority of respondents (82% and 87%, respectively) had completed EAWs. EISs were not represented in the RGU sample. Neither AUARs nor EISs were represented in the project proposer sample. In terms of governmental unit type, the RGU sample (Figure 5, n=45) was fairly representative of the Monitor submissions (Figure 2, n=122), as was the proposer sample (Figure 6, n=23).

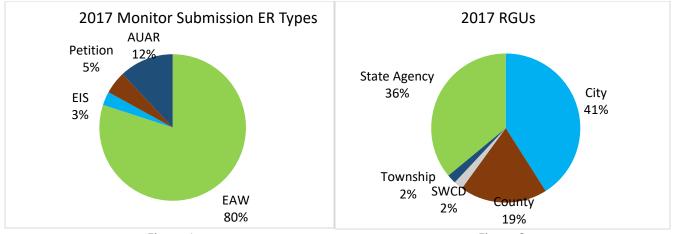


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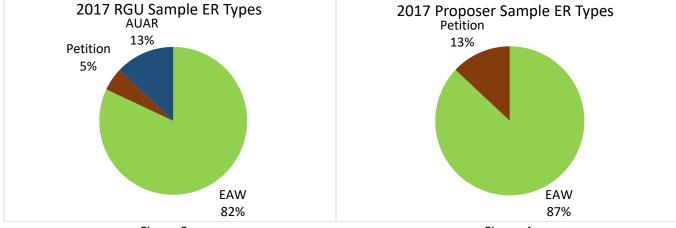


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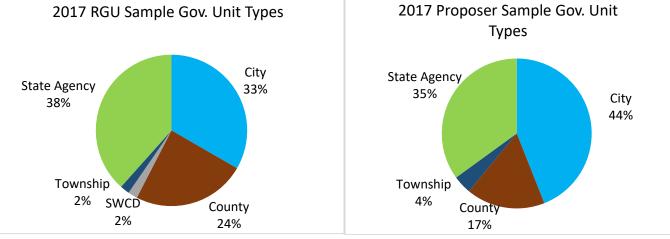


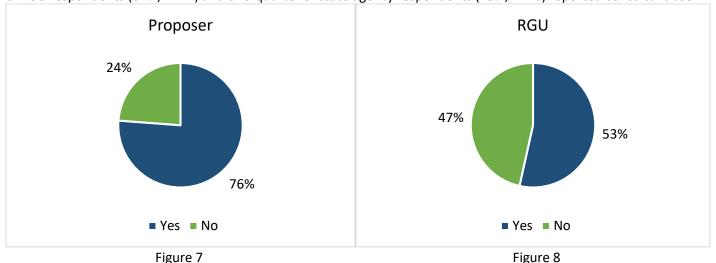
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III. The Environmental Review Process: Consultants, Timeliness and Cost

A key component of the survey was to gather quantitative data on the ER processes. This includes data on the staff time and cost required to complete an ER process, as well as data on the timeliness of the preparation of the ER document. This data is intended to better understand timeliness and cost concerns that have been raised by policy makers. For purpose of the survey and reporting the survey results, "ER process" includes the preparation and review of the ER document(s), the public comment period, public meetings, response to comments, and any other components required to complete the ER process for the project identified above. The number of respondents for each question may differ between questions as not all questions were mandatory.

Did the (project proposer or RGU) hire a consultant to assist with the ER process?

As the EQB looks to update guidance documents, it is important to know who is completing the environmental review process in order to better design the guidance documents. **Most project proposers (76%, n=21; Figure 7) and RGUs (53%, n=43, Figure 8) indicated that they hired a consultant to assist with the ER process.** Of the RGUs, three-quarters of LGU respondents (67%, n=27) and one-quarter of state agency respondents (25%, n=16) reported consultant use.



Did the (project proposer or RGU) track the total amount of staff time required to complete the ER process for the project?

This information can help inform EQB Staff on the relative time required to complete the entire environmental review process for different types of projects. **Most project proposers (71%, n=21; Figure 9) and RGU respondents, (72%, n=43; Figure 10) are not tracking staff time.** Of those who tracked and provided the staff time required, the average for proposers (n=4) was 70 hours, for RGUs (n=10) it was 62 hours.

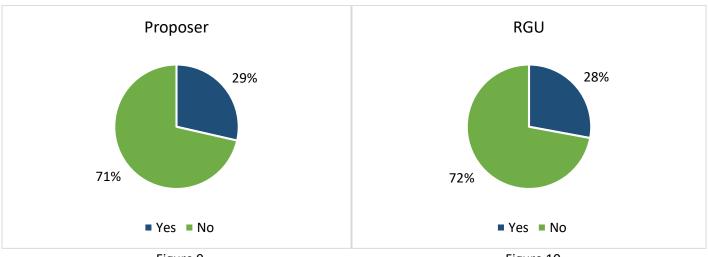
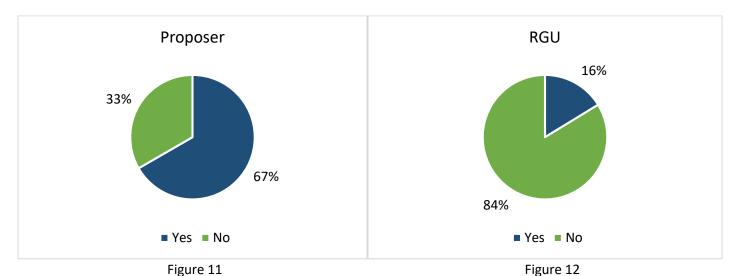


Figure 9 Figure 10

Did the (project proposer or RGU) track the total costs required to complete the ER process for the project? This information allows EQB to gain a better understanding of the costs to RGUs and project proposers to complete the ER process. Most project proposers (67%, n=21; Figure 11) are tracking cost information, but most RGUs (84%, n=43; Figure 12) are not. The average cost provided for project proposers (n=12) was \$103,473, with a range of \$12K-\$550K. For RGUs (n=4) the average cost was \$35,960, with a range of \$200 – \$75K. It is worth noting both the small sample size for this question and the large range reported, especially from RGU respondents. The key takeaway from this data is that additional guidance is needed on how to report cost information, and a larger sample size is needed to make any definitive statement.



Timeliness of the Environmental Review Process

EQB Staff are able to track the timeliness of the environmental review process upon publication of the ER documents in the *EQB Monitor*. However, this length of time only represents a portion of the process and fails to account for the time required to prepare the document for distribution. The RGU survey included detailed questions designed to gather information on the ER document preparation process timelines for EAWs and EISs. No respondents answered timeliness questions focused on EISs and few respondents (n=2) were able to provide pre-data submittal dates for EAWs. **RGU respondents reported an average of 106 days (n=18) from the time the project proposer first submitted data for the EAW to the time that the RGU distributed the draft EAW (Figure 13). Responses ranged from 0 to 554 days. Of those respondents, local governmental units reported an average of 29 days with a range of 0-82 days (n=9). State agencies reported an average of 183 days and a range of 56-554 days (n=9). EQB Staff track the time from EAW distribution to the EIS Need Decision, which is on average 95 days. Of the RGUs, state agencies had an average of 113 days, and local governmental units averaged 84 days. The difference in timeliness averages is potentially due to the mandatory categories each RGU is responsible for, the complexity of which can vary widely between local units of government and state agencies.**

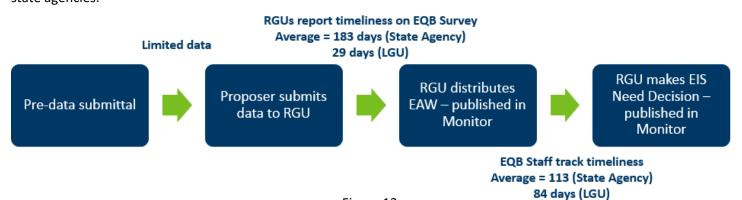


Figure 13

Project proposers were not asked to report actual timeliness. They were asked about their experience compared to their expectations. **Two-thirds (67%, n=21) reported the entire ER process took more time than expected**. The remainder (33%) said the time required met their expectations. When asked which phases took more time than expected, most (79%, n=18) reported the EAW data submittal and prep phase took longer than expected. About one-third (36%) said it was the EIS ND, and the remainder (14%) said Monitor publication and comment period.

IV. Perceptions of Effectiveness Environmental Review

According to Minnesota Rules 4410.0400, it is the responsibility of the EQB to monitor the effectiveness of ER, and take measure to improve the effectiveness. Before taking steps to improve the effectiveness, EQB must first collect baseline data to establish how well the process is currently working. Consequently, a number of the survey questions asked RGUs and project proposers to share their perceptions of the effectiveness of various components of the ER process. Please note overlapping questions are not intended as a comparison between RGU and proposer perceptions, but to gauge each of their perceptions independently.

Perceptions of Environmental Review Effectiveness

The only effectiveness question answered by both project proposers and RGUs was whether the ER process was useful to the project proposer. When asked if the ER process provided usable information to the project proposer regarding the proposed project's potential environmental effects, about three-quarters (77%, n=43; Figure 14) of RGU respondents, and almost half of project proposer respondents (48%, n=21) agreed, while 12% of RGUs and 24% of proposers, were neutral. The remainder of RGUS (12%) and project proposers (29%) disagreed.

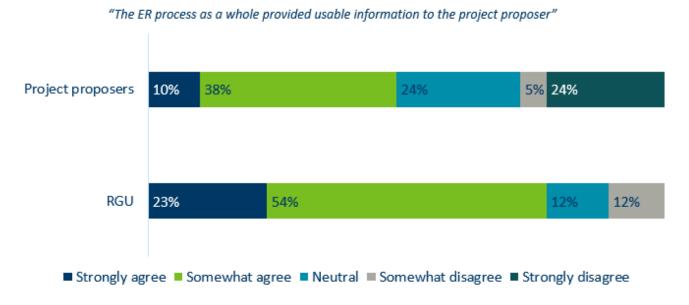
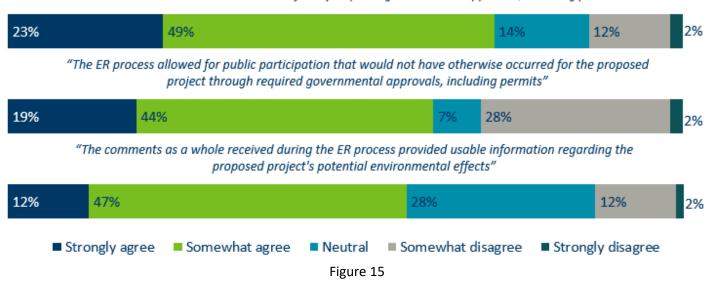


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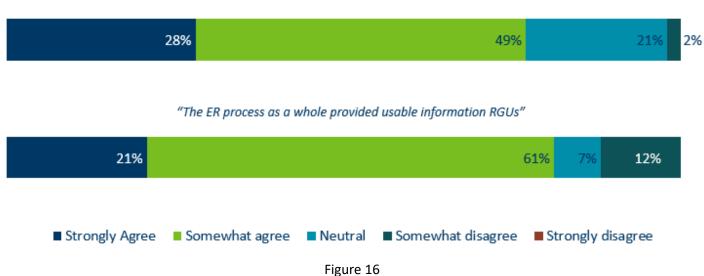
RGUs conveyed predominately positive perceptions of the ER process when answering the remaining questions on ER process effectiveness. Almost three-quarters of RGUs reported the ER process was useful in identifying the proposed project's potential environmental effects that would not have otherwise been identified (72%, n=43; Figure 15). The remainder were split equally between neutral (14%) and disagree (14%). When asked whether the ER process allowed for public participation that would not otherwise have occurred, the majority (63%, n=43; Figure 15) agreed. Few responded as neutral (7%), and close to one-third disagreed (30%). Finally, the majority of RGUs (59%, n=43; Figure 15) reported that the comments received during the ER process provided usable information. Close to one-third (28%) were neutral, and the remainder (14%) disagreed.

"The ER process as a whole was useful in identifying the proposed project's potential environmental effects" that would not have otherwise been identified by required governmental approvals, including permits"



RGUs were also asked to assess whether the ER process provided usable information to other stakeholder groups (governmental units and citizens) involved in the ER process. RGUs largely indicated that the ER process did provide usable information to each party. A majority of RGUs agreed the ER process provides usable information to citizens (77%, n=43; Figure 16) and to RGUs (82%). More RGUs were neutral on whether the process provided usable information to citizens (21%) than to RGUs (7%). The remainder disagreed that the process provided information to citizens (2%) and RGUs (12%).

"The ER process as a whole provided usable information to citizens"



Project proposers were asked a slightly different set of questions: whether they found the opportunity for public engagement to be useful and whether the ER process was fair. When asked whether they found the ER process as a whole to be fair, a majority of project proposers agreed (52%, n=21; Figure 17). Almost one-third (29%) were neutral, and about one-fifth disagreed (19%).

When asked whether they found the opportunity for public engagement to be a useful part of the ER process, the majority of project proposers (52%, n=21; Figure 17) disagreed. One-third (34%) agreed, and the remainder (15%) were neutral or didn't know.

"The ER process as a whole was fair"



"I found the opportunity for public engagement to be a useful part of the ER process"



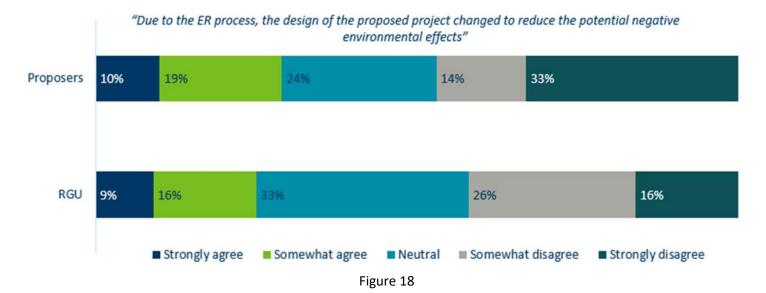
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Figure 17

V. Perceptions of Environmental Review Outcomes

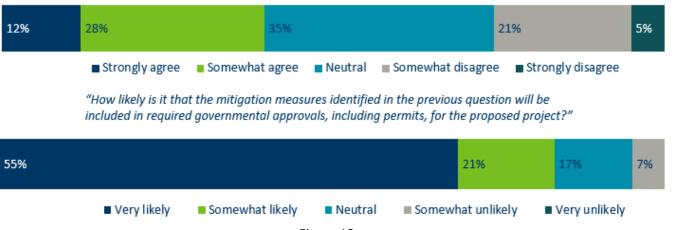
The survey also included questions focused on the perceived outcomes of the ER process. Specifically, the survey asked about the mitigation measures identified exclusively through the ER process and the likelihood that these measures would be included in applicable permits. This data allows us to better understand how the ER program impacts environmental outcomes of a project.

Project proposers and RGUs were both split on whether the ER process changed the design of the proposed project to reduce the potential negative environmental effects, though they both lean towards disagreement with the statement. Almost half of RGUs (42%, n=43; Figure 18) and project proposers (47%, n=21; Figure 18) disagreed. The remainder of the RGUs were split between neutral (33%) and agree (25%), as were the remainder of project proposers (24% and 29%, respectively).



RGUs were also split on whether the ER process identified mitigation measures for environmental effects that would not have otherwise been identified by required governmental approvals. They leaned slightly towards agreement with the statement (40%, n=43; Figure 19), about one-third (35%) responded as neutral, and about one-quarter (26%) disagreed. By contrast, RGUs were relatively clear on whether the mitigation measures identified would be included in required governmental approvals, including permits, for the proposed project. Over three-quarters (76%, n=43; Figure 19) reported it was very or somewhat likely the mitigation measures would be included in approvals. The remainder leaned towards neutral (17%), with few disagreeing (7%).

"The ER process identified mitigation measures for environmental effects that would not have otherwise been identified by required governmental approvals, including permits"



Most project proposers indicated they were agreeable towards implementing mitigation measures. Over half of project proposers (62%, n=21; Figure 20) agreed that they would voluntarily implement the mitigation measures identified through the ER process that aren't required by permits. About one-third (29%) were neutral or didn't know, and the remainder (10%) disagreed. Over half of project proposers (57%, n=21; Figure 20) also agreed that if implemented the mitigation measures identified would reduce potential negative environmental effects of the proposed project. Again, about one-third (29%) were neutral, and the remainder (15%) disagreed. Project proposers were split on whether the ER process identified useful mitigation measures for potential environmental effects resulting from the proposed project, with equal numbers agreeing (38%, n=21; Figure 20) and disagreeing (38%). The remainder (24%) responded as neutral.

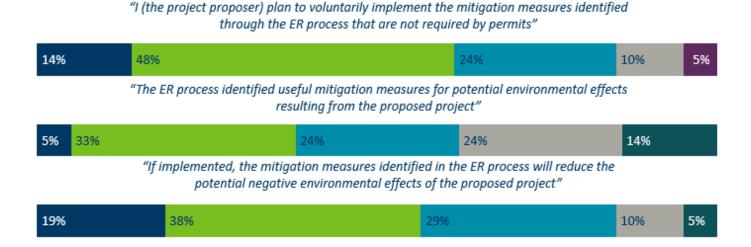
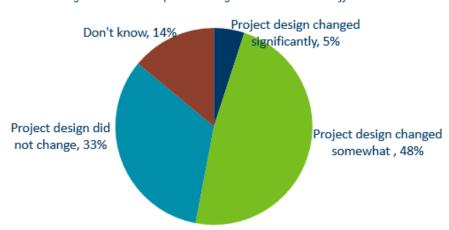


Figure 20

Most project proposers reported the ER process changed the design of the project. Just over half of respondents indicated the project design changed either significantly or somewhat (5% and 48%, respectively, n=21; Figure 21). One-third (33%) reported the project design did not change and the remainder (14%) did not know.



"Due to the ER process, how much has the design of the proposed project changed to reduce the potential negative environmental effects?"

Figure 21

VI. Perceptions of Environmental Review Outcomes

Finally, the intent of the last section was to collect data on how well the EQB is providing technical assistance to RGUs and project proposers, as well as identify opportunities for future outreach and assistance. This will help EQB Staff understand areas for potential improvement in our current technical assistance resources, and provide guidance on which resources we could provide in the future to benefit RGUs.

First, RGUs and project proposers were asked about their level of satisfaction with EQB resources. The majority of RGU respondents report being satisfied with EQB resources (>50% on all items, n=30-41; Figure 22). Project proposer respondents reported slightly lower levels of satisfaction across resources (35-56%, n=16-23; Figure 23).

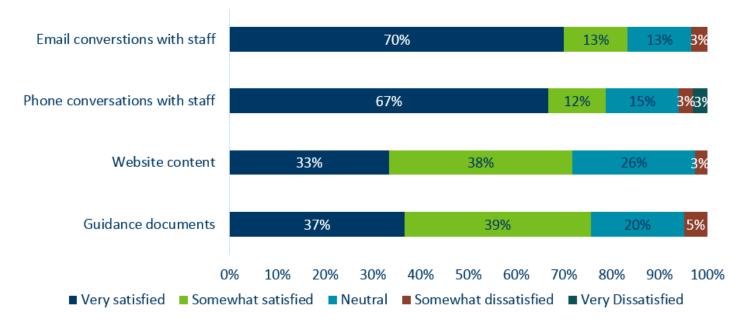


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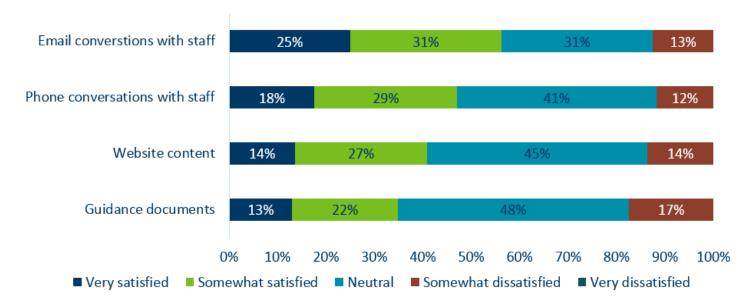


Figure 23

Only RGUs were asked about their interest in different EQB resources. **Most RGUs were interested in updated Environmental Review guidance (82%, n=43; Figure 24) and EQB Staff presentations at conferences (74%).** This interest is consistent with last year's results (80% and 72%, respectively). Video guidance (40%) and in-person training (44%) received the least interest. Again, these results are consistent with 2016 responses (50% for each).

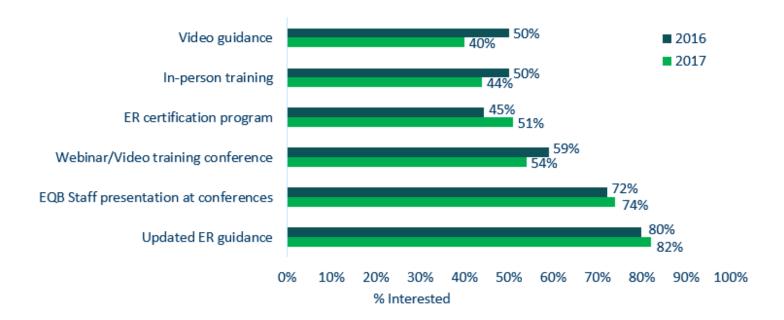


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Exhibit D.3.

Recreational Trails Legal Review of Previous Efforts:

Under the previously initiated rulemaking (Revisor ID Number R-4381), the EQB attempted to use the good cause exemption rulemaking procedure to adopt rules in accordance with the above Minn. Laws from the 2015 legislative session in November 2015. The proposed rules were not approved (OAH 82-9008-32965) by the presiding judge because "the legislature provided no direction to the Board with respect to how EAW requirements apply to a new trail that consists of a combination of newly constructed trail and an existing trail newly designated for motorized use..."

In addition, in a response to the Board's proposed rule, the author of the legislation and representatives from all-terrain vehicle associations commented that "[t]he draft rules as presented by the EQB do not follow the explicit intent of the rule changes as was my intent and as directed by the legislature..." The author states that "[u]nder the application of items A and B, the EQB should not be summing the parts of trail A and trail B, because it could result in a mandatory environmental assessment worksheet (EAW) for less than 25 miles of new trail, which is what the legislation I authored specifically prohibited." Essentially, the Judge's order states that "[I]n order to effectuate the identified intent of the legislation, the Board would have had to alter the formula paragraph or strike it entirely. To do either would go beyond the requirement of subdivision 1(3) of the good cause exemption, which allows the agency only to "incorporate specific changes set forth in the applicable statute when no interpretation of law is required." In February 2016, the EQB again submitted the proposed rules for adoption. The proposed rules were not adopted. Consequently, the subject of the rulemaking initiated under Revisor ID Number R-4381 is being address in this rulemaking.

Furthermore, in the Administrative Law Judge Barbara J. Case's Order on Review (OAH 82-9008-32965) it is stated that the phrases "legally constructed route" and "logging road" were, "...impermissibly vague if it is so indefinite that one must guess at its meaning. A rule must establish a reasonably clear policy or standard to control and guide administrative officers so that the rule is carried out by virtue of its own terms and not according to the whim and caprice of the officer. This language is impermissibly vague and therefore unconstitutional.

After the proposed rule was disapproved, EQB suspended the good cause exempt rulemaking process and is now conducting standard rulemaking to address the issues detailed above. Thus, this rulemaking incorporates the statutory rule language (Minn. Laws 2015, ch. 4, section 33.), clarifies terms, and amends the "new trail /old trail" formula.

¹ Letter comment of Representative Tom Hackbarth dated November 25, 2015.

² Judge Barbara J. Case, Administrative Law Judge order dated December 2, 2015

³ Minn. Stat. § 14.388, subd. 1(3)

⁴ In re the Proposed Amendment to and Repeal of Rule of the Minn. Dep't of Emp't and Econ. Dev. Relating to Unemployment Ins.; Modifying Appeals, Emp'r Records, and Worker Status Provisions; Minn. Rules Parts 3310 and 3315, No. 80-1200-31264, 2014 WL 2156996, at *3 (Minn. Off. Admin. Hrgs. May 5, 2014).

⁵ See Hard Times Café, Inc. v. City of Minneapolis, 625 N.W.2d 165, 171 (Minn. Ct. App. 2001) (stating that "[a] statute is void due to vagueness if it defines an act in a manner that encourages arbitrary and discriminatory enforcement, or the law is so indefinite that people must guess at its meaning" (quotation omitted)).

⁶ In order to be constitutional, a rule must be sufficiently specific to provide fair warning of the type of conduct to which the rule applies. *See Cullen v. Kentucky*, 407 U.S. 104, 110 (1972); *Thompson v. City of Minneapolis*, 300 N.W.2d 763, 768 (Minn. 1980).

Exhibit D.3.a.



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December 2, 2015

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> Re: In the Matter of the Exempt Permanent Rule Relating to Environmental Review of Recreational Trails OAH 82-9008-32965; Revisor 4381

Dear Mr. Cedarleaf Dahl:

Enclosed herewith and served upon you by mail is the ORDER ON REVIEW OF RULES UNDER MINN. STAT. §§ 14.386 AND MINN. R. 1400.2400 in the above-entitled matter. The amendments to the rule parts are exempt from the rulemaking requirements of Minn. R. ch. 14 (2015) pursuant to the good cause exemption in Minn. Stat. § 14.388, subd. 3 (2014).

Pursuant to Minn. R. 1400.2400, subp. 4a, the agency may resubmit the rule and accompanying materials to the administrative law judge for review after changing it. The agency may also request, pursuant to Minn. R. 1400.2400, subp. 5, that the Chief Administrative Law Judge reconsider the disapproval of the rules within five working days of receiving the judge's decision.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Denise Collins at 651-361-7875 or denise.collins@state.mn.us

Sincerely,

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On November 18, 2015 the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (Board) filed documents with the Office of Administrative Hearings seeking review and approval of the above-entitled rules under Minn. Stat. § 14.386 (2014) and Minn. R. 1400.2400 (2015). The matter was assigned to Administrative Law Judge Barbara J. Case for legal review.

Based upon a review of the written submissions by the Board, and for reasons set out in the Memorandum which follows below,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

The proposed exempt rules are not approved.

Dated: December 2, 2015

BARBARA J. CASE Administrative Law Judge

NOTICE

Minnesota Rules part 1400.2400, subpart 4a, provides that when a proposed rule is disapproved, the agency must resubmit the rule to the Administrative Law Judge for review after it has revised the proposed rule. The Administrative Law Judge has five working days to review and approve or disapprove the rule. Minnesota Rules part 1400.2400, subpart 5, provides that an agency may ask the Chief Administrative Law Judge to review a rule that has been disapproved by an Administrative Law Judge. The request must be made within five working days of receiving the Administrative Law Judge's decision. The Chief Administrative Judge must then review the agency's filing and approve or disapprove the rule within 14 days of receiving it.

MEMORANDUM

Minnesota Statutes section 14.388 (2014) provides for an abbreviated and streamlined set of procedures for promulgating new rules that may be used when "good cause" is present. An agency may use the good cause exemption to rulemaking when an agency:

for good cause finds that the rulemaking provisions of [Chapter 14] are unnecessary, impracticable, or contrary to the public interest when adopting, amending, or repealing a rule to:

- (1) address a serious and immediate threat to the public health, safety, or welfare;
- (2) comply with a court order or a requirement in federal law in a manner that does not allow for compliance with sections 14.14 to 14.28;
- (3) incorporate specific changes set forth in applicable statutes when no interpretation of law is required; or
- (4) make changes that do not alter the sense, meaning, or effect of a rule.1

Here, the Board was instructed by the legislature that it may rely on Minn. Stat. § 14.388, subd. 1, clause 3, for amending its rules.² Accordingly, it is the Board's burden to show in its submissions to the Office of Administrative Hearings that the proposed changes to the rules "incorporate specific changes set forth in applicable statutes [and] no interpretation of law is required."³ Failure to concretely establish these elements results in the disapproval of the proposed rules under Minn. Stat. § 14.388.

Under the good cause exemption, both the Board's rulemaking powers and the breadth of the review by the Office of Administrative Hearings are sharply reduced. This is because the good cause exemption, by its terms, contemplates that administrative rules will only be promulgated pursuant to this method in order to meet truly exigent circumstances or when the policy choices underlying the new rules were made through an earlier, publicly-accessible process (such as a prior rulemaking or through the legislature's enactment of a statute which sets forth the specific requirements). In these circumstances, the legal review completed by the Office of Administrative Hearings is narrowed.⁴ As the Minnesota Court of Appeals has noted, the abbreviated, exempt rulemaking process eliminates the public's opportunity to bring to the agency's attention all relevant aspects of the proposed rules.⁵ Public comment is an important element of

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¹ Minn. Stat. 14.388, subd. 1.

² 2015 Minn. Laws 1st Spec. Sess. ch. 4, art. 5, § 33, at 163.

³ Minn. Stat. § 14.388, subd. 1(3).

⁴ Unlike a more typical rulemaking proceeding, rules presented under the good cause exemption are not examined as to their need or reasonableness. Compare generally, Minn. Stat. § 14.388, subd.1 with Minn. Stat. § 14.131 (2014).

⁵ Jewish Community Action v. Commissioner of Public Safety, 657 N.W.2d 604, 610 (Minn. Ct. App. 2003).

the typical rulemaking process and is permitted in order to enhance the quality of the agency decision. The exempt process has a negative impact on the statutory goal of "increase[ing] public accountability of administrative agencies." Consequently, it should be used sparingly and rules proposed through the expedited process must be strictly scrutinized.

In the 2015 Special Legislative Session, the legislature directed the Board as follows:

RULEMAKING; MOTORIZED TRAIL ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.

- (a) The Environmental Quality Board shall amend Minnesota Rules, chapter 4410, to allow the following without preparing a mandatory environmental assessment worksheet:
 - (1) constructing a recreational trail less than 25 miles long on forested or other naturally vegetated land for a recreational use;
 - (2) adding a new motorized recreational use or a seasonal motorized recreational use to an existing motorized recreational trail if the treadway width is not expanded as a result of the added use; and
 - (3) designating an existing, legally constructed route, such as a logging road, for motorized recreational trail use.
- (b) The board may use the good cause exemption rulemaking procedure under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388, subdivision 1, clause (3), to adopt rules under this section, and Minnesota Statutes, section 14.386, does not apply except as provided under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388.⁷

The Board attempted to make the changes as directed by placing language modifications in Minnesota Rules Chapter 4410, section 4300, subpart 37 (2015), which regulates recreational trails. This subpart previously allowed construction of a trail less than ten miles in length for recreational use without the preparation of an environmental assessment worksheet (EAW).⁸ The Board changed the number ten in the current rule language to twenty-five and then added the legislature's language from subparts (2) and (3) above to subpart 37(B) of the existing rule.

However, the legislature provided no direction to the Board with respect to how EAW requirements apply to a new trail that consists of a combination of newly constructed trail and an existing trail newly designated for motorized use. In the current rule, an EAW must be prepared if the sum of the quotients obtained by dividing the length of the new construction by ten miles, and length of existing but newly designated

⁶ Id.

⁷ 2015 Minn. Laws 1st Spec. Sess. ch. 4, art. 5, § 33, at 163.

⁸ Minn. R. 4410.4300, subp. 37A.

trail by 25 miles, equals or exceeds one. In the proposed rule, the Board keeps this formula paragraph but changes the calculation so that if a proposed trail will contain segments of newly constructed trail and segments that will follow an existing trail but be designated for a new motorized use an EAW must be prepared if the length of the new construction plus the length of the existing but newly designated trail equals or exceeds 25.

In response to the Board's proposed rule, the author of the legislation and representatives from all-terrain vehicle associations commented that "[t]he draft rules as presented by the EQB do not follow the explicit intent of the rule change as was my intent and as directed by the legislature...." The author states that "[u]nder the application of items A and B, the EQB should not be summing parts of trail A and trail B, because it could result in a mandatory environmental assessment worksheet (EAW) for less than 25 miles of new trail, which is what the legislation I authored specifically prohibited." The author's concerns have merit. The gap between the author's intention and the proposed rules may be instructive to the Board regarding whether exempt rule making is appropriate for these proposed rule changes. 11

By its terms, the good cause exception for legislatively directed rule changes presumes and mandates that no interpretation of law by the agency be needed. This typically requires precise line-by-line edits to be provided by the enabling legislation. The legislation cited above did not direct the Board by giving it specific line-by-line changes to the current rule. In addition, the legislation specifies no language changes to the formula paragraph of the rule, the part now in controversy. Yet in order to effectuate the identified intent of the legislation, the Board would have had to alter the formula paragraph or strike it entirely. To do either would go beyond the requirement of subdivision 1(3) of the good cause exemption, which allows the agency only to "incorporate specific changes set forth in the applicable statute when no interpretation of law is required." The Board could not simply implement the legislation by striking and adding language as set forth in the legislation. Therefore, the proposed rules do not fit within the good cause exception from the rulemaking provisions of chapter 14 because the Board is not simply incorporating "specific changes set forth in applicable statutes when no interpretation is required." 13

Furthermore, the formula paragraph appears to be an application or reiteration of a "threshold test" found at the beginning of Minn. R. 4410.4300, which provides as follows:

An EAW must be prepared for projects that meet or exceed the threshold of any subparts of 2 to 37.... If the proposed project is an expansion or additional stage of an existing project, the cumulative total of the proposed project and any existing stages or components of the existing project must

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⁹ Minn. R. 4410.4300, subp. 37(B).

¹⁰ Letter comment of Representative Tom Hackbarth dated November 25, 2015.

¹¹ The legislation made exempt rulemaking permissive in this instance.

¹² Minn. Stat. § 14.388, subd. 1(3).

¹³ Id.

be included when determining if a threshold is met or exceeded.... Multiple projects and multiple stages of a single project that are connected actions or phased actions must be considered in total when comparing the project or projects to the thresholds of this part....¹⁴

It is not clear that the proposed rule can be implemented as the legislative author intended without changes to this threshold section of the rule. Such a change is beyond the scope of the Board's authority under the good cause rulemaking exception.

The rules proposed by the Board did not simply incorporate specific changes in applicable statutes. Thus, because the proposed rules fail to meet the applicable standard for exempt rulemaking, the rules are not approved.

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¹⁴ Minn. R. 4410.4300, subp. 1.

Exhibit D.3.b.

OAH 82-9008-32965 Revisor R-4381

STATE OF MINNESOTA OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

In the Matter of the Exempt Permanent Rule Relating to Environmental Review of Recreational Trails ORDER ON REVIEW
OF RESUBMITTED RULES UNDER
MINN. STAT. § 14.388, SUBD. 3
AND MINN. R. 1400.2400

The Minnesota Environmental Quality Review Board (Board) sought review and approval of the above-entitled rules under Minn. Stat. § 14.388, subd. 3 (2014).

On November 18, 2015, the Board filed documents with the Office of Administrative Hearings seeking review and approval of the above-entitled rules under Minn. Stat. § 14.386 (2014) and Minn. R. 1400.2400 (2015). By Order dated December 2, 2015, Administrative Law Judge Barbara J. Case did not approve the proposed rules.

On February 9, 2016, the Board submitted a revised version of the proposed rules.

Based on a review of the written submissions by the Board, and for the reasons set out in the attached Memorandum.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

The proposed exempt rules are **not approved**.

Dated: February 16, 2016

BARBARA J. CASE Administrative Law Judge

NOTICE

Minnesota Rules, part 1400.2400, subpart 4a, provides that when a proposed rule is disapproved, the agency must resubmit the rule to the Administrative Law Judge for review after it has revised the proposed rule. The Administrative Law Judge has five working days to review and approve or disapprove the rule. Minnesota Rules, part 1400.2400, subpart 5, provides that an agency may ask the Chief Administrative Law Judge to review a rule that has been disapproved by an Administrative Law Judge. The request must be made within five working days of receiving the Administrative Law Judge's decision. The Chief Administrative Judge must then review the agency's filing and approve or disapprove the rule within 14 days of receiving it.

MEMORANDUM

EXEMPT RULEMAKING AUTHORIZATION

In the 2015 Special Legislative Session, the legislature directed the Board as follows:

RULEMAKING; MOTORIZED TRAIL ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.

- (a) The Environmental Quality Board shall amend Minnesota Rules, chapter 4410, to allow the following without preparing a mandatory environmental assessment worksheet:
 - (1) constructing a recreational trail less than 25 miles long on forested or other naturally vegetated land for a recreational use;
 - (2) adding a new motorized recreational use or a seasonal motorized recreational use to an existing motorized recreational trail if the treadway width is not expanded as a result of the added use; and
 - (3) designating an existing, legally constructed route, such as a logging road, for motorized recreational trail use.
- (b) The board may use the good cause exemption rulemaking procedure under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388, subdivision 1, clause (3), to adopt rules under this section, and Minnesota Statutes, section 14.386, does not apply except as provided under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388.¹

The terms of the legislative authorization allowing the Board to use exempt rulemaking provisions mandate that the rulemaking meet the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 14.388, subd. 1(3) (2014). The amendments to the proposed rules fail to meet these requirements both because the Board failed to show good cause for the use of the exempt process and because the legislative language did not allow the Board to incorporate specific changes without interpretation.

Requirement to Show Good Cause

Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388 (2014), provides an abbreviated set of procedures for promulgating new rules that may be used when "good cause" is present. An agency may use the good-cause rulemaking exemption when an agency

for good cause finds that the rulemaking provisions of [chapter 14] are unnecessary, impracticable, or contrary to the public interest when adopting, amending, or repealing a rule to:

¹ 2015 Minn. Laws 1st Spec. Sess. ch. 4, art. 5, § 33, at 163.

- (1) address a serious and immediate threat to the public health, safety, or welfare:
- (2) comply with a court order or a requirement in federal law in a manner that does not allow for compliance with sections 14.14 to 14.28;
- (3) incorporate specific changes set forth in applicable statutes when no interpretation of law is required; or
- (4) make changes that do not alter the sense, meaning, or effect of a rule.²

"Normally, to proceed under Minn. Stat. § 14.388, an agency must show that the usual chapter 14 rulemaking process is unnecessary or impractical and must show that the proposed rules fit within one of four very narrow categories set out in the statute. OAH is directed to determine whether adequate justification has been provided for use of the good cause process." In some cases, the legislature has provided the good cause in the legislation and in those cases the agency does not have to meet the good-cause requirement of the good-cause statute. The legislation in this case does not provide good cause and makes use of the good-cause rulemaking process permissive rather than mandatory. Here, the legislature authorized the Board to rely on Minn. Stat. § 14.388, subd. 1(3), when amending its rules. In doing so, the legislature used the word "may," making use of the process permissive. For the Board to utilize the procedures in section 14.388, subdivision 1(3), it must demonstrate that the proposed changes to the rules "incorporate specific changes set forth in applicable statutes [and] no interpretation of law is required." Failure to concretely establish these requirements must result in disapproval of the proposed rules under Minn. Stat. § 14.388.

The Board's "Statement of Supporting Reasons" lacks substantive presentation regarding why chapter 14's (2014) broader rulemaking provisions are "unnecessary, impracticable, or contrary to the public interest." The Board's supporting documents simply state that broader rulemaking is "unnecessary, impracticable, or contrary to the

² Minn. Stat. § 14.388, subd. 1.

³ In the Matter of the Adoption of Rules Governing Voter Registration (generally), Voter Registration Data, the Statewide Voter Registration System, Voter Registration Applications, Verification of Registrations Received by Election Officials, Absentee Voting and Mail Balloting, Minnesota Rules, Chapters 8200 and 8210, Docket No. 70-3500-16046-1, ORDER ON REVIEW OF RULES UNDER MINN. STAT. § 14.388 (July 22, 2004) (finding that typically an agency has to make a finding of good cause **and** one of the four categories for exemption).

⁴ See id. In that case, in contrast to the present case, the legislature "supplied good cause for use of the process. Section 39 of Chapter 293 states that, 'Enactment of this article is good cause for the Secretary of State to use the authority of Minnesota statutes, section 14.388[.]' The commenters point out that the legislature could have specified that the expedited rule process in Minn. Stat. § 14.389 (2014) be used. That process allows 30 days for public comment. But the legislative intent is clearly to authorize the process in sections 14.388 and 14.386 that allows only five working days for comment. The legislature also clearly allowed use of the process without the agency having to show good cause itself under the requirements of the statute." Id. at 3.

⁵ 2015 Minn. Laws 1st Spec. Sess. ch. 4, art. 5, § 33, at 163.

⁶ *Id*.

⁷ Minn. Stat. § 14.388, subd. 1(3).

public interest" without explanation. The Board has not explained why there is good cause for using the exempt rulemaking process. This explanation is critical where the enabling legislation made use of the process permissive.⁸

Requirement to Incorporate Specific Changes with no Interpretation

The type of change permitted under Minn. Stat. § 14.388 is akin to a clerical change when the proposed rule "incorporates specific changes set forth in statute where no legal interpretation is required" if the proffered legislation sets forth specific language to be placed into rule. In those cases, the language provided by the legislature is so clear that the proposed rule simply conforms to specific language in the legislation, which would either trump or augment the rule were the rule not altered. In such a case, the opportunity for public input is provided during the legislative process. It is not necessary to repeat that process via full rulemaking. In this case, the Board's proposed rules do more than incorporate specific changes set forth in statute and so fail to meet the requirements for exempt rulemaking under Minn. Stat. § 14.388, subd. 3.

As stated in the Administrative Law Judge's previous order, the legislation does not provide further instruction regarding the specific changes that are to be made in rule. In response to the Board's first version of the proposed rule, the author of the legislation and representatives from all-terrain vehicle associations commented that "[t]he draft rules as presented by the EQB do not follow the explicit intent of the rule change as was my intent and as directed by the legislature." In its revised rules, the Board proposed, in part, the following language in response to such criticisms:

In applying items A and B if a proposed trail will contain segments of newly constructed trail and segments that will follow an existing trail but be designated for a new motorized use, an EAW must be prepared if the sum of the quotients obtained by dividing the length of the new construction by ten miles and the length of the existing but newly designated trail by 25 miles, equals or exceeds one. This formula does not apply when adding a new motorized recreational use or a seasonal motorized recreational use to an existing motorized recreational trail if the treadway width is not expanded as a result of the added use or when designating an existing, legally constructed route, such as a logging road, for motorized recreational use.

The revised rules take two pieces of the language provided by the legislature and links them in an interpretive manner. This interpretation violates the limitation in section 14.388, subdivision 3(1), to language which "incorporate[s] specific changes set forth in applicable statutes when no interpretation of law is required." In addition, the proposed rules eliminate the current rule language and alter the current formula without either change having been part of the enabling legislation's language. Where, as here,

⁸ 2015 Minn. Laws 1st Spec. Sess. ch. 4, art. 5, § 33, at 163 ("The board **may** use the good cause exemption rulemaking procedure under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388, subdivision 1, clause (3)" (emphasis added)).

⁹ Order on Review of Rules under Minn. Stat. § 14.386 and Minn. R. 1400.2400, at 4 (Dec. 2, 2015).

the language provided in the statute is not sufficiently specific to be used consistent with the requirements of section 14.388, subdivision 3(1), it is inevitable that the agency's proposal will be contrary to the good-cause statute. This is because the agency is required, under the circumstances, to clarify the legislative language. The fact that the legislative author has found it necessary to comment on whether the proposed rules meet his intentions further underscores that these proposed rules do not incorporate specific language but rather interpret the statute.¹⁰

Review under Minnesota Rule 1400.2100 E (2015).

Even if the Board's proposed language met the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 14.388, subd. 1(3), it would nonetheless be disapproved for failing to meet the requirement of Minn. R. 1400.2100 E. The Office of Administrative Hearings is directed to review an exempt rule according to the standards at Minn. R. 1400.2100 A and D to G.¹¹ Rule 1400.2100 E requires an Administrative Law Judge to disapprove a rule if the rule "is unconstitutional or illegal."

The proposed rule twice uses language in subsection B referring to "designating an existing, legally constructed route, such as a logging road, for motorized recreational use." One commenter contends that even the characteristics and designation of what constitutes a logging road may change depending on the season. "Logging road" is not defined in this chapter or elsewhere in Minnesota statutes. Here, the reader is left to guess at what other routes would be like a logging road. The use of the phrase "such as" makes the proposed rule unclear regarding the characteristics of and parameters for a route to be designated for new motorized recreational use.

A rule is impermissibly vague if it is so indefinite that one must guess at its meaning. A rule must establish a reasonably clear policy or standard to control and guide administrative officers so that the rule is carried out by virtue of its own terms and not according to the whim and caprice of the officer. This language is impermissibly vague and therefore unconstitutional.

CONCLUSION

The Board did not meet the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 14.388, subd. 3(1) as required by the authorizing legislation it was attempting to use in this rulemaking

¹⁰ Letter of Rep. Hackbarth (Feb. 9, 2016).

¹¹ Minn. R. 1400.2400, subp. 3.

¹² In re the Proposed Amendment to and Repeal of Rule of the Minn. Dep't of Emp't and Econ. Dev. Relating to Unemployment Ins.; Modifying Appeals, Emp'r Records, and Worker Status Provisions; Minn. Rules Parts 3310 and 3315, No. 80-1200-31264, 2014 WL 2156996, at *3 (Minn. Off. Admin. Hrgs. May 5, 2014).

¹³ See Hard Times Café, Inc. v. City of Minneapolis, 625 N.W.2d 165, 171 (Minn. Ct. App. 2001) (stating that "[a] statute is void due to vagueness if it defines an act in a manner that encourages arbitrary and discriminatory enforcement, or the law is so indefinite that people must guess at its meaning" (quotation omitted)).

¹⁴ In order to be constitutional, a rule must be sufficiently specific to provide fair warning of the type of conduct to which the rule applies. See Cullen v. Kentucky, 407 U.S. 104, 110 (1972); Thompson v. City of Minneapolis, 300 N.W.2d 763, 768 (Minn. 1980).

proceeding. In addition, the language of the rule is, at least in part, unconstitutionally void for vagueness. Thus, because the proposed rules fail to meet the applicable standard for exempt rulemaking, the rules are not approved.

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Exhibit D.4.

General Powers and Duties (M.S. 116C.04)

https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/116C.04

Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.04 gives the Environmental Quality Board (EQB/Board) responsibility for investigating environmental problems that cut across agency interests. The law identifies a range of topics for investigation, including future population and settlement patterns, air and water resources and quality, solid waste management, transportation and utility corridors, economically productive open space, energy policy and need, growth and development, and land use planning.

- The Board shall review programs of state agencies that significantly affect the environment and coordinate those it determines are interdepartmental in nature.
- The Board shall ensure agency compliance with state environmental policy.
- The Board may review environmental rules and criteria for granting and denying permits by state agencies.
- The Board may resolve conflicts involving state agencies with regard to programs, rules, permits and procedures significantly affecting the environment.
- The Board may establish interdepartmental or citizen task forces or subcommittees to study particular problems.
- The Board shall, at its discretion, convene an annual congress to receive reports and exchange information on progress and activities related to environmental improvement.

Environmental Review (M.S. 116D.04 - .045)

https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/116D.04

EQB oversees the state's Environmental Review program. The Board was given the authority, by the Legislature, to promulgate rules related to managing the Environmental Review program. The law and associated rules (4410) call for project reviews to be conducted by responsible governmental units (RGU) and not the Board (unless it is the RGU). Environmental Review for a project is required when there is potential for significant environmental effects resulting from any major governmental action. The Board established by rule, categories of projects for which environmental impact statements (EIS) and environmental assessment worksheets (EAW) must be prepared (called "mandatory categories"), as well as categories of projects and actions for which no environmental review is required under state law (called "exemptions"). The Board also established procedures, by rule, for when an alternative review may be undertaken for a project in lieu of Environmental Review. EAWs are developed to inform a RGU when there is a potential for significant environmental effects and that an EIS should be prepared.

116C.04 POWERS AND DUTIES.

Subdivision 1.Scope; votes. The powers and duties of the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board shall be as provided in this section and as otherwise provided by law or executive order. Actions of the board shall be taken only at an open meeting upon a majority vote of all the permanent members of the board.

Subd. 2. Jurisdiction.

(a) The board shall determine which environmental problems of interdepartmental concern to state government shall be considered by the board. The board shall initiate interdepartmental

investigations into those matters that it determines are in need of study. Topics for investigation may include but need not be limited to air and water resources and quality, solid waste management, transportation and utility corridors, energy policy and need, and planning.

(b) The board shall review programs of state agencies that significantly affect the environment and coordinate those it determines are interdepartmental in nature, and ensure agency compliance with state environmental policy.

(c) The board may review environmental rules and criteria for granting and denying permits by state agencies and may resolve conflicts involving state agencies with regard to programs, rules, permits and procedures significantly affecting the environment, provided that such resolution of conflicts is consistent with state environmental policy.

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 2017 c 93 art 2 s 166]

Subd. 4.Task forces. The board may establish interdepartmental or citizen task forces or subcommittees to study particular problems.

Subd. 5. [Repealed, 1984 c 558 art 2 s 4]

Subd. 6. [Repealed, 1984 c 558 art 2 s 4]

Subd. 7.Annual congress. At its discretion, the board shall convene an annual Environmental Quality Board congress including, but not limited to, representatives of state, federal and regional agencies, citizen organizations, associations, industries, colleges and universities, and private enterprises who are active in or have a major impact on environmental quality. The purpose of the congress shall be to receive reports and exchange information on progress and activities related to environmental improvement.

Subd. 8. [Repealed, 1982 c 524 s 9]

Subd. 9. [Repealed, 1982 c 524 s 9]

Subd. 10. Stipulation agreements. The board may enter into and enforce stipulation agreements made to enforce statutes and rules administered by the board.

§Subd. 11.Coordination. The Environmental Quality Board shall coordinate the implementation of an interagency compliance with existing state and federal lead regulations and report to the legislature by January 31, 1992, on the changes in programs needed to comply.

116D.04 Subd. 2a (b) The board shall by rule establish categories of actions for which environmental impact statements and for which environmental assessment worksheets shall be prepared as well as categories of actions for which no environmental review is required under this section. A mandatory environmental assessment worksheet is not required for the expansion of an ethanol plant, as defined in section 41A.09, subdivision 2a, paragraph (b), or the conversion of an ethanol plant to a biobutanol facility or the expansion of a biobutanol facility as defined in section 41A.15, subdivision 2d, based on the capacity of the expanded or converted facility to produce alcohol fuel, but must be required if the ethanol plant or biobutanol facility meets or exceeds thresholds of other categories of actions for which environmental assessment worksheets must be prepared. The responsible governmental unit for an ethanol plant or biobutanol facility project for which an environmental assessment worksheet is prepared is the state agency with the greatest responsibility for supervising or approving the project as a whole.

116D.04 Subd. 5a.Rules. The board shall, by January 1, 1981, promulgate rules in conformity with this chapter and the provisions of chapter 15, establishing:

- (1) the governmental unit which shall be responsible for environmental review of a proposed action;
- (2) the form and content of environmental assessment worksheets;
- (3) a scoping process in conformance with subdivision 2a, paragraph (g);
- (4) a procedure for identifying during the scoping process the permits necessary for a proposed action and a process for coordinating review of appropriate permits with the preparation of the environmental impact statement;
- (5) a standard format for environmental impact statements;
- (6) standards for determining the alternatives to be discussed in an environmental impact statement;
- (7) alternative forms of environmental review which are acceptable pursuant to subdivision 4a;
- (8) a model ordinance which may be adopted and implemented by local governmental units in lieu of the environmental impact statement process required by this section, providing for an alternative form of environmental review where an action does not require a state agency permit and is consistent with an applicable comprehensive plan. The model ordinance shall provide for adequate consideration of appropriate alternatives, and shall ensure that decisions are made in accordance with the policies and purposes of Laws 1980, chapter 447;
- (9) procedures to reduce paperwork and delay through intergovernmental cooperation and the elimination of unnecessary duplication of environmental reviews;
- (10) procedures for expediting the selection of consultants by the governmental unit responsible for the preparation of an environmental impact statement; and
- (11) any additional rules which are reasonably necessary to carry out the requirements of this section

Exhibit D.5.

Office Memorandum

Date: September 4, 2018

To: Erik Cedarleaf Dahl, Environmental Quality Board

From: Sean Fahnhorst, Minnesota Management and Budget

CC: Alisha Cowell, Minnesota Management and Budget

RE: M.S. 14.131 Review of Proposal to Amend Rules Regarding Environmental Assessment Worksheets, Environmental Impacts Statements, Responsible Government Unit Determinations, and Exemptions from Environmental Review

The Environmental Quality Board (EQB) proposes to amend Minnesota Rules Chapters 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410.4400, 4410.5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, and 4410.4600 regarding mandatory categories for environmental assessment worksheets and environmental impact statements, definitions to support those categories, responsible governmental unit determinations, and categories of exemptions from environmental review. Pursuant to M.S. 14.131, EQB has consulted with the commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) to help evaluate the fiscal impact of the proposed rule changes on local units of government.

Evaluation

On behalf of the commissioner of MMB, I reviewed the proposed rule changes and the related Statement of Need and Reasonableness and consulted with board staff to determine the local fiscal impact of the changes as proposed. The attached table encapsulates the potential impacts of the amendments on local government units. To summarize, the proposed change to part 4410.4300, subpart 3, item B regarding electric-generating facilities may increase costs for local governments if a project is proposed that meets the rule's threshold. This change makes the local government unit the responsible government unit, and therefore, responsible for conducting environmental review when a project occurs. According to Minnesota Pollution Control Agency records, during the last 10 years, 13 projects have occurred in this general category. Of these 13 projects, one would have fallen under item B and required environmental review by the local government unit if this proposed change had been in effect. To mitigate these costs, local government units have the option of creating a local ordinance to require project proposers to pay the costs of an environmental assessment worksheet.

Further, the EQB is uncertain if the amendment to part 4410.4300, subpart 27 regarding wetlands and public waters will increase costs for local governments. Because this amendment clarifies and simplifies rule language, local government units will potentially apply the rule more frequently and incur additional costs. The remaining rule amendments should have little to no effect on, or decrease, the costs to local government units.

Rule Number and Title	Cost to Local Government Unit	Notes
Part 4410.0200, subpart 1b. Acute hazardous waste.	None	
Part 4410.0200, subpart 5a. Auxiliary lane.	None	
Part 4410.0200, subpart 9b. Compost facility.	None	
Part 4410.0200, subpart 36a. Hazardous material.	None	
Part 4410.0200, subpart 40b. Institutional facility.	None	
Part 4410.0200, subpart 43. Local governmental unit.	None	
Part 4410.0200, subpart 52a. Mixed municipal solid waste land disposal facility.	None	
Part 4410.0200, subpart 59a. Petroleum refinery.	None	
Part 4410.0200, subpart 71a. Refuse-derived fuel.	None	
Part 4410.0200, subpart 82a. Silica sand	None	
Part 4410.0200, subpart 82b. Silica sand project.	None	
Part 4410.0200, subpart 93. Wetland.	None	
Part 4410.0500, subpart. 4. RGU for EAW by order of EQB.	None	
Part 4410.0500, subpart 6. Exception.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 2. Nuclear fuels and nuclear waste.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 3. Electric-generating facilities.	Item B, likely if a project is proposed.	Local government units have approval authority over projects in item B. Other changes align with rule 7854
Part 4410.4300, subpart 4. Petroleum refineries.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 5. Fuel conversion facilities.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 6. Transmission lines.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 7. Pipelines.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 8. Transfer facilities.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 10. Storage facilities.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 12. Nonmetallic mineral mining.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 14. Industrial, commercial, and institutional.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 16. Hazardous waste.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 17. Solid waste.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 18. Wastewater system.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 20. Campgrounds and RV parks.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 20a. Resorts, campgrounds, and RV parks in shorelands	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 21. Airport projects.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 22. Highway projects.	Cost Reduction	Increase in threshold will likely cause local government units to undertake less environmental review
Part 4410.4300, subpart 25. Marinas.	None	

Part 4410.4300, subpart 26. Stream diversion.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 27. Wetlands and public waters.	Uncertain	This amendment will clarify and simplify language. The modification potentially would cause local government units to apply the rule more frequently, which could increase their costs
Part 4410.4300, subpart 30. Natural areas.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 31. Historical places.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 36. Land use conversion, including golf courses.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 37. Recreational trails.	Cost Reduction	Projects that require environmental review are likely to decrease
Part 4410.4400, subpart 2. Nuclear fuels.	None	
Part 4410.4400, subpart 3. Electric-generating facilities.	None	
Part 4410.4400, subpart 4. Petroleum refineries.	None	
Part 4410.4400, subpart 5. Fuel conversion facilities.	None	
Part 4410.4400, subpart 6. Transmission lines.	None	
Part 4410.4400, subpart 8. Metallic mineral mining and processing.	None	
Part 4410.4400, subpart 9. Nonmetallic mineral mining.	None	
Part 4410.4400, subpart 11. Industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities.	None	
Part 4410.4400, subpart 12. Hazardous waste.	None	
Part 4410.4400, subpart 13. Solid waste.	None	
Part 4410.4400, subpart 15. Airport runway projects.	None	
Part 4410.4400, subpart 16 Highway projects.	None	
Part 4410.4400 Subp. 19. Marinas.	None	
Part 4410.4400, subpart 20. Wetlands and public waters.	None	
Part 4410.4400, subpart 25. Incineration of wastes containing PCBs.	None	
Part 4410.4600, subpart 10. Industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities.	None	
Part 4410.4600, subpart 12. Residential development.	None	
Part 4410.4600, subpart 14. Highway projects.	None	
Part 4410.4600, subpart 18. Agriculture and forestry.	None	
Part 4410.4600, subpart 27. Recreational trails.	Cost Reduction	
Part 4410.5200, subpart 1. Required notices.	None	
Part 4410.7904, Licensing of Explorers.	None	
Part 4410.7906, subpart 2. Content of an application for drilling permit.	None	
Part 4410.7926. Abandonment of Exploratory Borings.	None	

Exhibit E.



11/20/2018

Environmental Quality Board

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING THE STATEMENT OF NEED AND REASONABLENESS TO THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE LIBRARY

Proposed Rules of the Environmental Quality Board Governing Environmental Review, Minnesota Rules, 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410.4400, 4410.5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, 4410.4600. Revisor's ID Number R-04157

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Exhibit E.1.

Dahl, Erik (EQB)

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November 19, 2018

Dear Librarian:

The Environmental Quality Board (EQB or Board) is proposing amendments to rules relating to the Environmental Review Program (Minnesota Rules chapter 4410), including: RGU selection process, Mandatory Environmental Assessment Worksheet categories, Mandatory Environmental Impact Statement categories, definitions to support the mandatory categories, categories of exemptions for environmental review, Required notices, Licensing of Explorers, Content of an application for drilling permit, Abandonment of Exploratory Borings (Revisor's ID Number R-04157). Also included in this rulemaking:

- Rules relating to silica sand projects (Revisor's ID Number RD-4305).
- Rules relating to Recreational trails (Revisor's ID Number RD-4381).

EQB published a *Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules Without a Public Hearing Unless 25 or More Persons Request a Hearing*, and *Notice of Hearing if 25 or More Requests for Hearing Are Received* in the State Register on November 13, 2018 after the Environmental Quality Board held a meeting on September 19, 2018. The Notice was mailed according to section 14.14 or 14.22.

The Environmental Quality Board prepared a Statement of Need and Reasonableness. As required by Minnesota Statutes, sections 14.131 and 14.23, the Department is sending the Library an electronic copy of the Statement of Need and Reasonableness at the same time we are mailing our Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules.

If you have questions, please contact me at 651-757-2364.

Sincerely,

Erik Cedarleaf Dahl Planning Director

Environmental Quality Board

Erik.Dahl@state.mn.us

651-757-2364

Enclosure: Statement of Need and Reasonableness and Exhibits

Exhibit F.1.

Environmental Quality Board

DUAL NOTICE: Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules Without a Public Hearing Unless 25 or More Persons Request a Hearing, and Notice of Hearing if 25 or More Requests for Hearing Are Received; Revisor's ID Number RD-04157

Proposed Amendment to Rules Governing Environmental Review, *Minnesota Rules*, 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410,4400, 410,5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, 4410.4600

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Order. I order that the rulemaking hearing be held at the date, time, and location listed above.

Date/

Dave Frederickson

Chair, Environmental Quality Board

Exhibit F.2.

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Environmental Quality Board

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Judge. You may also ask to be notified of the date that the agency adopts the rules and the rules are filed with the Secretary of State by requesting this at the hearing or by writing to the agency contact person stated above.

Order. I order that the rulemaking hearing be held at the date, time, and location listed above.

Date: November 5, 2018

Dave Frederickson

Chair, Environmental Quality Board

4410.0200 DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS.

[For text of subps 1 and 1a, see M.R.]

Subp. 1b. Acute hazardous waste. "Acute hazardous waste" has the meaning given in part 7045.0020. [For text of subps 2 to 5, see M.R.]

Subp. 5a. Auxiliary lane. "Auxiliary lane" means the portion of the roadway that:

A. adjoins the through lanes for purposes such as speed change, turning, storage for turning, weaving, or truck climbing; and

B. supplements through-traffic movement.

[For text of subps 6 to 9a, see M.R.]

Subp. 9b. **Compost facility.** "Compost facility" means a facility used to compost or co-compost solid waste, including: has the meaning given in part 7035.0300.

- A. structures and processing equipment used to control drainage or collect and treat leachate; and
- B. storage areas for incoming waste, the final product, and residuals resulting from the composting process. [For text of subps 10 to 36, see M.R.]

Subp. 36a. <u>Hazardous material.</u> "Hazardous material" has the meaning given in Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 171.8.

[For text of subps 37 to 40a, see M.R.]

Subp. 40b. <u>Institutional facility.</u> "Institutional facility" means a land-based facility owned or operated by an organization having a governmental, educational, civic, or religious purpose such as a school, hospital, prison, military installation, church, or other similar establishment or facility.

[For text of subps 41 to 42a, see M.R.]

Subp. 43. **Local governmental unit.** "Local governmental unit" means any unit of government other than the state or a state agency or the federal government or a federal agency. It <u>Local governmental unit</u> includes watershed districts established <u>pursuant according</u> to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103D, <u>soil and water conservation districts</u>, <u>watershed management organizations</u>, counties, towns, cities, port authorities, housing authorities, and the Metropolitan Council. It <u>Local governmental unit</u> does not include courts, school districts, and regional development commissions.

[For text of subps 44 to 52, see M.R.]

Subp. 52a. Mixed municipal solid waste land disposal facility. "Mixed municipal solid waste land disposal facility" has the meaning given in part 7035.0300.

[For text of subps 53 to 59, see M.R.]

Subp. 59a. Petroleum refinery. "Petroleum refinery" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 115C.02, subdivision 10a.

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[For text of subps 60 to 71, see M.R.]

Subp. 71a. **Refuse-derived fuel.** "Refuse-derived fuel" means the product resulting from techniques or processes used to prepare solid waste by shredding, sorting, or compacting for use as an energy source has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.03, subdivision 25d.

[For text of subps 71b to 82, see M.R.]

- Subp. 82a. Silica sand. "Silica sand" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.99, subdivision 1.
- Subp. 82b. Silica sand project. "Silica sand project" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.99, subdivision 1.

[For text of subps 83 to 92c, see M.R.]

Subp. 93. **Wetland.** "Wetland" has the meaning given <u>wetlands</u> in U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Circular No. 39 (1971 edition) <u>Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 19.</u>

[For text of subps 94 to 96, see M.R.]

4410.0500 RGU SELECTION PROCEDURES.

[For text of subps 1 to 3, see M.R.]

Subp. 4. **RGU for EAW by order of EQB.** If the QB EQB orders an EAW pursuant to part 4410.1000, subpart 3, item C, the EQB shall, at the same time, designate the RGU for that EAW.

[For text of subp 5, see M.R.]

Subp. 6. **Exception.** Notwithstanding subparts 1 to 5, the EQB or EQB chair may designate, within five days of receipt of the completed data portions of the EAW, a different RGU for the project if the EQB determines the designee has greater expertise in analyzing the potential impacts of the project.

4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.

[For text of subp 1, see M.R.]

- Subp. 2. Nuclear fuels and nuclear waste. Items A to F designate the RGU for the type of project listed:
- A. For construction or expansion of a facility for the storage of high level nuclear waste, <u>other than an independent spent-fuel storage installation</u>, the EQB <u>shall be is</u> the RGU.

[For text of items B to F, see M.R.]

- Subp. 3. Electric-generating facilities. Items A to D designate the RGU for the type of project listed:
- A. For construction of an electric power generating plant and associated facilities designed for or capable of operating at a capacity of between 25 megawatts and 50 megawatts, the EQB shall be the RGU or more but less than 50 megawatts and for which an air permit from the PCA is required, the PCA is the RGU.
- <u>B.</u> For <u>construction of an</u> electric power generating <u>plants plant</u> and associated facilities designed for and capable of operating at a capacity of <u>25 megawatts or more but less than 50 megawatts or more, environmental review shall be conducted according to parts 7849.1000 to 7849.2100 and 7850.1000 to 7850.5600 and for which an air permit from the PCA is not required, the local governmental unit is the RGU.</u>
- C. For construction of an electric power generating plant and associated facilities designed for and capable of operating at a capacity of 50 megawatts or more, the PUC is the RGU, and environmental review must be conducted according to parts 7849.1000 to 7849.2100 and chapter 7850.
- D. For construction of a wind energy conversion system, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 216F.01, designed for and capable of operating at a capacity of 25 megawatts or more, the PUC is the RGU, and environmental

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review must be conducted according to chapter 7854.

- Subp. 4. **Petroleum refineries.** For expansion of an existing petroleum refinery facility that increases its the refinery's capacity by 10,000 or more barrels per day or more, the PCA shall be is the RGU.
 - Subp. 5. Fuel conversion facilities.
 - A. Items A and B Subitems (1) and (2) designate the RGU for the type of project listed:

A.

(1) For construction of a <u>new fuel conversion</u> facility for the conversion of coal, peat, or biomass sources to gaseous, liquid, or solid fuels if that facility has the capacity to utilize 25,000 dry tons or more per year of input, the PCA shall be is the RGU.

B.

- (2) For construction or expansion of a new fuel conversion facility for the production of alcohol fuels which that would have or would increase its the capacity by to produce 5,000,000 or more gallons or more per year of alcohol produced, the PCA shall be is the RGU.
- B. A mandatory EAW is not required for the projects described in Minnesota Statutes, section 116D.04, subdivision 2a, paragraph (b).
- Subp. 6. **Transmission lines.** For construction of a transmission line at a new location with a nominal capacity of between 70 kilovolts and 100 kilovolts with 20 or more miles of its length in Minnesota, the EQB shall be the RGU. For construction of a high-voltage transmission lines line and associated facilities designed for and capable of operating at a nominal voltage of 100 kilovolts or more, as defined in part 7850.1000, the PUC is the RGU. Environmental review shall must be conducted according to parts 7849.1000 to 7849.2100 and 7850.1000 to 7850.5600.
- Subp. 7. **Pipelines.** Items A to D designate the RGU for the type of project listed: For construction, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 216G.01, subdivision 2, of a pipeline, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 216G.01, subdivision 3, or 216G.02, subdivision 1, the PUC is the RGU. Environmental review must be conducted according to chapter 7852 and Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216G.
- A. For routing of a pipeline, greater than six inches in diameter and having more than 0.75 miles of its length in Minnesota, used for the transportation of coal, crude petroleum fuels, or oil or their derivates, the EQB shall be the RGU.
- B. For the construction of a pipeline for distribution of natural or synthetic gas under a license, permit, right, or franchise that has been granted by the municipality under authority of Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.36, designed to operate at pressures in excess of 275 pounds per square inch (gauge) with a length greater than:
 - (1) five miles if the pipeline will occupy streets, highways, and other public property; or
- (2) 0.75 miles if the pipeline will occupy private property; the EQB or the municipality is the RGU.
- C. For construction of a pipeline to transport natural or synthetic gas subject to regulation under the federal Natural Gas Act, United States Code, title 15, section 717, et. seq., designed to operate at pressures in excess of 275 pounds per square inch (gauge) with a length greater than:
 - (1) five miles if the pipeline will be constructed and operated within an existing right-of-way; or
- (2) 0.75 miles if construction or operation will require new temporary or permanent right-of-way; the EQB is the RGU. This item shall not apply to the extent that the application is expressly preempted by federal law, or
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under specific circumstances when an actual conflict exists with applicable federal law.

D: For construction of a pipeline to convey natural or synthetic gas that is not subject to regulation under the federal Natural Gas Act, United States Code, title 15, section 717, et seq.; or to a license, permit, right, or franchise that has been granted by a municipality under authority of Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.36; designed to operate at pressures in excess of 275 pounds per square inch (gauge) with a length greater than 0.75 miles, the EQB is the RGU.

Items A to D do not apply to repair or replacement of an existing pipeline within an existing right-of-way or to a pipeline located entirely within a refining, storage, or manufacturing facility.

- Subp. 8. **Transfer facilities.** Items A and B to C designate the RGU for the type of project listed:
- A. For construction of a <u>new facility</u> designed for or capable of transferring 300 tons or more of coal per hour or with an annual throughput of 500,000 tons of coal from one mode of transportation to a similar or different mode of transportation; or the expansion of an existing facility by these respective amounts, the PCA shall be is the RGU.
- B. For construction of a new facility or the expansion by 50 percent or more of an existing facility for the bulk transfer of hazardous materials with the capacity of 10,000 or more gallons per transfer, if the facility is located in a shoreland area, <u>a</u> delineated <u>flood plain floodplain</u>, a state or federally designated wild and scenic rivers district, the Minnesota River Project Riverbend area, or the Mississippi headwaters area, the PCA <u>shall be is</u> the RGU.
 - <u>C.</u> The PCA is the RGU for a silica sand project that:
 - (1) is designed to store or is capable of storing more than 7,500 tons of silica sand; or
 - (2) has an annual throughput of more than 200,000 tons of silica sand. [For text of subp 9, see M.R.]
 - Subp. 10. Storage facilities. Items A to C H designate the RGU for the type of project listed:
- A. For construction of a <u>new facility</u> designed for or capable of storing more than 7,500 tons of coal or with an annual throughput of more than 125,000 tons of coal; or the expansion of an existing facility by these respective amounts, the PCA shall be is the RGU.
- B. For construction of a <u>new major</u> facility on a <u>single site designed for or capable of storing 1,000,000 gallons or more of hazardous materials, as defined in part 7151.1200, that results in a designed storage capacity of 1,000,000 gallons or more of hazardous materials, the PCA shall be is the RGU.</u>
- C. For expansion of an existing major facility, as defined in part 7151.1200, with a designed storage capacity of 1,000,000 gallons or more of hazardous materials when the expansion adds a net increase of 1,000,000 gallons or more of hazardous materials, the PCA is the RGU.
- <u>D.</u> For expansion of an existing facility that has less than 1,000,000 gallons in total designed storage capacity of hazardous materials when the net increase in designed storage capacity results in 1,000,000 gallons or more of hazardous materials, the PCA is the RGU.
- C. E. For construction of a <u>new facility designed</u> for or capable of storing on a single site 100,000 gallons or more of liquefied natural gas, as defined in <u>Minnesota Statutes</u>, section 299F.56, subdivision 14, or synthetic gas, or anhydrous ammonia as defined in <u>Minnesota Statutes</u>, section 216B.02, subdivision 6b, the <u>PCA shall be PUC is</u> the RGU, except as provided in item <u>G</u>.
- F. For construction of a new facility designed for or capable of storing on a single site 100,000 gallons or more of anhydrous ammonia, the MDA is the RGU, except as provided in item G.

- G. For construction of a new facility designed for or capable of storing on a single site 100,000 gallons or more of a combination of liquefied natural gas, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 299F.56, subdivision 14; synthetic gas, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.02, subdivision 6b; or anhydrous ammonia, the PUC is the RGU.
 - H. The PCA is the RGU for a silica sand project that:
 - (1) is designed to store or is capable of storing more than 7,500 tons of silica sand; or
 - (2) has an annual throughput of more than 200,000 tons of silica sand.

[For text of subp 11, see M.R.]

Subp. 12. **Nonmetallic mineral mining.** Items A to $\bigcirc D$ designate the RGU for the type of project listed: [For text of item A, see M.R.]

B. For development of a facility for the extraction or mining of sand, gravel, stone, or other nonmetallic minerals, other than peat, which will excavate 40 or more acres of land to a mean depth of ten feet or more during its existence, the local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU.

[For text of item C, see M.R.]

<u>D.</u> For development of a silica sand project that excavates 20 or more acres of land to a mean depth of ten feet or more during the project's existence, the local governmental unit is the RGU.

[For text of subp 13, see M.R.]

- Subp. 14. **Industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities.** Items A and B designate the RGU for the type of project listed, except as provided in items C and D:
- A. For construction of a new or expansion of an existing warehousing or light industrial facility equal to or in excess of the following thresholds, expressed as gross floor space, the local governmental unit shall be is the RGU:
 - (1) unincorporated area, 150,000 square feet;
 - (2) third or fourth class city, 300,000 square feet;
 - (3) second class city, 450,000 square feet; and
 - (4) first class city, 600,000 square feet.
- B. For construction of a new or expansion of an existing industrial, commercial, or institutional facility, other than a warehousing or light industrial facility, equal to or in excess of the following thresholds, expressed as gross floor space, the local <u>government governmental</u> unit <u>shall be is</u> the RGU:

[For text of subitems (1) and (2), see M.R.]

- (3) second class city, 300,000 square feet; and
- (4) first class city, 400,000 square feet.

[For text of items C and D, see M.R.]
[For text of subp 15, see M.R.]

- Subp. 16. **Hazardous waste.** Items A to D designate the RGU for the type of project listed:
- A. For construction of a new or expansion of a an existing hazardous waste disposal facility, the PCA shall be is the RGU.
 - B. For construction of a new facility for hazardous waste processing facility with a capacity of 1,000 or more ki-

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lograms per month storage or treatment that is generating or receiving 1,000 kilograms or more per month of hazardous waste or one kilogram or more per month of acute hazardous waste, the PCA shall be is the RGU.

C. For expansion of a <u>an existing facility for hazardous</u> waste <u>processing facility storage or treatment</u> that increases its the facility's capacity by ten percent or more, the PCA shall be is the RGU.

[For text of item D, see M.R.]

- Subp. 17. Solid waste. Items A to G designate the RGU for the type of project listed:
- A. For construction of a mixed municipal solid waste <u>land</u> disposal facility for up to 100,000 cubic yards of waste fill per year, the PCA is the RGU.
- B. For expansion by 25 percent or more of <u>previous previously permitted</u> capacity of a mixed municipal solid waste <u>land</u> disposal facility for up to 100,000 cubic yards of waste fill per year, the PCA is the RGU.

[For text of item C, see M.R.]

- D. For construction or expansion of a mixed municipal solid waste energy recovery facility or incinerator; or the utilization use of an existing facility for the combustion of mixed municipal solid waste or refuse-derived fuel, with a permitted capacity of 30 tons or more tons per day of input, the PCA is the RGU.
- E. For construction or expansion of a mixed municipal solid waste compost facility or a refuse-derived fuel production facility with a <u>permitted</u> capacity of 50 <u>tons</u> or more tons per day of input, the PCA is the RGU.
- F. For expansion by at least ten percent but less than 25 percent of <u>previous previously permitted</u> capacity of a mixed municipal solid waste <u>land</u> disposal facility for 100,000 cubic yards or more of waste fill per year, the PCA is the RGU.

[For text of item G, see M.R.]

- Subp. 18. Wastewater systems. Items A to € F designate the RGU for the type of project listed:
- A. For expansion, modification, or replacement of a municipal sewage collection system resulting in an increase in design average daily flow of any part of that system by 1,000,000 gallons per day or more if the discharge is to a wastewater treatment facility with a capacity less than 20,000,000 gallons per day or for expansion, modification, or replacement of a municipal sewage collection system resulting in an increase in design average daily flow of any part of that system by 2,000,000 gallons per day or more if the discharge is to a wastewater treatment facility with the capacity of 20,000,000 gallons or greater, the PCA shall be is the RGU.
- B. For expansion, modification, or replacement of a municipal sewage collection system resulting in an increase in design average daily flow of any part of that system by 2,000,000 gallons per day or more if the discharge is to a wastewater treatment facility with the capacity of 20,000,000 gallons or greater, the PCA is the RGU.
- B. C. For expansion or reconstruction modification of an existing municipal or domestic wastewater treatment facility which that results in an increase by 50 percent or more and by at least 200,000 gallons per day of its the facility's average wet weather design flow capacity, or the PCA is the RGU.
- <u>D.</u> <u>For construction of a new municipal or domestic wastewater treatment facility with an average wet weather design flow capacity of 200,000 gallons per day or more, the PCA shall be is the RGU.</u>
- <u>C. E.</u> For expansion or <u>reconstruction modification</u> of an existing industrial process wastewater treatment facility <u>which that</u> increases <u>its the facility's</u> design flow capacity by 50 percent or more and by at least 200,000 gallons per day or more, <u>or</u> the PCA is the RGU.
- <u>F.</u> For construction of a new industrial process wastewater treatment facility with a design flow capacity of 200,000 gallons per day or more, 5,000,000 gallons per month or more, or 20,000,000 gallons per year or more, the PCA

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shall be is the RGU. This category does not apply to industrial process wastewater treatment facilities that discharge to a publicly-owned publicly owned treatment works or to a tailings basin reviewed pursuant according to subpart 11, item B. [For text of subps 19 and 19a, see M.R.]

- Subp. 20. **Campgrounds and RV parks.** For construction of a seasonal or permanent recreational development, accessible by vehicle, consisting of 50 or more sites, or the expansion of such a facility by 50 or more sites, the local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU.
- Subp. 20a. **Resorts, campgrounds, and RV parks in shorelands.** The local government governmental unit is the RGU for construction or expansion of a resort or other seasonal or permanent recreational development located wholly or partially in shoreland, accessible by vehicle, of a type listed in item A or B:

[For text of items A and B, see M.R.]

- Subp. 21. Airport projects. Items A and B designate the RGU for the type of project listed:
- A. For construction of a paved, new airport runway, the DOT, local governmental unit, or the Metropolitan Airports Commission shall be is the RGU.
- B. For construction of a runway extension that would upgrade an existing airport runway to permit usage by aircraft over 12,500 pounds that are at least three decibels louder than aircraft currently using the runway, the DOT, local government governmental unit, or the Metropolitan Airports Commission shall be is the RGU. The RGU shall be is selected according to part 4410.0500, subpart 5.
 - Subp. 22. Highway projects. Items A to C designate the RGU for the type of project listed:
- A. For construction of a road on a new location over one mile in length that will function as a collector roadway, the DOT or local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU.
- B. For construction of additional <u>travel through</u> lanes <u>or passing lanes</u> on an existing road for a length of <u>one two</u> or more miles, <u>exclusive of auxiliary lanes</u>, the DOT or local <u>government governmental</u> unit <u>shall be is</u> the RGU.
- C. For the addition of one or more new interchanges to a completed limited access highway, the DOT or local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU.

[For text of subps 23 and 24, see M.R.]

- Subp. 25. **Marinas.** For construction or expansion of a marina or harbor that results in a 20,000 or more square foot total or a 20,000 or more square foot increase of water surface area used temporarily or permanently for docks, docking, or maneuvering of watercraft, the local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU.
- Subp. 26. **Stream diversion.** For a diversion, realignment, or channelization of any designated trout stream, or affecting greater than 500 feet of natural watercourse with a total drainage area of ten or more square miles unless exempted by part 4410.4600, subpart 14, item E, or 17, the <u>DNR or local government governmental</u> unit <u>shall be is</u> the RGU.
- Subp. 27. Wetlands and Public waters, public waters wetlands, and wetlands. Items A and B designate the RGU for the type of project listed:
- A. For projects that will change or diminish the course, current, or cross-section of one acre or more of any public water or public waters wetland except for those to be drained without a permit <u>pursuant according</u> to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103G, the <u>DNR or local government governmental</u> unit <u>shall be is</u> the RGU.
- B. For projects that will ehange or diminish the course, current, or cross-section of 40 percent or more or five or more acres of types 3 through 8 wetland of 2.5 acres or more cause an impact, as defined in part 8420.0111, to a total of one acre or more of wetlands, excluding public waters wetlands, if any part of the wetland is within a shoreland area, a delineated flood plain floodplain, a state or federally designated wild and scenic rivers district, the Minnesota River Projection.
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ect Riverbend area, or the Mississippi headwaters area, the local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU.

- Subp. 28. **Forestry.** Items A and B designate the RGU for the type of project listed:
- A. For harvesting of timber for commercial purposes on public lands within a state park, <u>a</u> historical area, <u>a</u> wilderness area, <u>a</u> scientific and natural area, <u>a</u> wild and scenic rivers district, the Minnesota River Project Riverbend area, the Mississippi headwaters area, or <u>a</u> critical area that does not have an approved plan under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.09 or 116G.07, the DNR shall be is the RGU.
- B. For a clearcutting of 80 or more contiguous acres of forest, any part of which is located within a shoreland area and within 100 feet of the ordinary high water mark of the lake or river, the DNR shall be is the RGU.

[For text of subp 29, see M.R.]

- Subp. 30. **Natural areas.** For projects resulting in the permanent physical encroachment on lands within a national park, <u>a</u> state park, <u>a</u> wilderness area, state lands and waters within the boundaries of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, <u>or a scientific</u> and natural area, <u>or state trail corridor</u> when the encroachment is inconsistent with laws applicable to or the management plan prepared for the recreational unit, the DNR or local <u>government governmental</u> unit <u>shall be is</u> the RGU.
- Subp. 31. **Historical places.** For the destruction, in whole or part, or the moving of a property that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places or State Register of Historic Places, the permitting state agency or local governmental unit of government shall be is the RGU, except this does not apply to projects reviewed under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, United States Code, title 16 54, section 470 306108, or the federal policy on lands, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites pursuant to United States Code, title 49, section 303, or projects reviewed by a local heritage preservation commission certified by the State Historic Preservation Office pursuant to Code of Federal Regulations, title 36, sections 61.5 and 61.7. This subpart does not apply to a property located within a designated historic district if the property is listed as "noncontributing" in the official district designation or if the State Historic Preservation Office issues a determination that the property is noncontributing.

[For text of subps 32 to 35, see M.R.]

- Subp. 36. Land use conversion, including golf courses. Items A and B designate the RGU for the type of project listed:
- A. For golf courses, residential development where the lot size is less than five acres, and other projects resulting in the permanent conversion of 80 or more acres of agricultural, native prairie, forest, or naturally vegetated land, the local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU, except that this subpart does not apply to agricultural land inside the boundary of the Metropolitan Urban Service Area established by the Metropolitan Council.
- B. For projects resulting in the conversion of 640 or more acres of forest or naturally vegetated land to a different open space land use, the local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU.
 - Subp. 36a. Land conversions in shoreland.
- A. For a project <u>proposing a permanent conversion</u> that alters 800 feet or more of the shoreline in a sensitive shoreland area or 1,320 feet or more of shoreline in a nonsensitive shoreland area, the local governmental unit is the RGU.
- B. For a project <u>proposing a permanent conversion</u> that alters more than 50 percent of the shore impact zone if the alteration measures at least 5,000 square feet, the local governmental unit is the RGU.

[For text of item C, see M.R.]

Subp. 37. **Recreational trails.** If a project listed in items A to F will be built on state-owned land or funded, in whole or part, by grant-in-aid funds administered by the DNR, the DNR is the RGU. For other projects, if a governmental unit is sponsoring the project, in whole or in part, that governmental unit is the RGU. If the project is not sponsored by a unit

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of government, the RGU is the local governmental unit. For purposes of this subpart, "existing trail" means an established corridor in current legal use.

- A. Constructing a trail at least ten 25 miles long on forested or other naturally vegetated land for a recreational use other than snowmobiling or cross-country skiing, unless exempted by part 4410.4600, subpart 14, item D, or constructing a trail at least 20 miles long on forested or other naturally vegetated land exclusively for snowmobiling or cross-country-skiing.
- B. Designating at least 25 miles of an existing trail for a new motorized recreational use other than snowmobiling. When designating an existing motorized trail or existing corridor in current legal use by motor vehicles, the designation does not contribute to the 25-mile threshold under this item. When adding a new recreational use or seasonal recreational use to an existing motorized recreational trail, the addition does not contribute to the 25-mile threshold if the treadway width is not expanded as a result of the added use. In applying items A and B, if a proposed trail will contain segments of newly constructed trail and segments that will follow an existing trail but be designated for a new motorized use, an EAW must be prepared if the sum total length of the quotients obtained by dividing the length of the new construction by ten miles and the length of the existing but newly constructed and newly designated trail by 25 miles, equals or exceeds one segments is at least 25 miles.

[For text of items C to F, see M.R.]

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[For text of subp 1, see M.R.]

- Subp. 2. Nuclear fuels and nuclear waste. Items A to <u>D</u> E designate the RGU for the type of project listed:
- A. For the construction or expansion of a nuclear fuel or nuclear waste processing facility, including fuel fabrication facilities, reprocessing plants, and uranium mills, the DNR shall be is the RGU for uranium mills; otherwise, the PCA shall be is the RGU.
 - B. For construction of a high level nuclear waste disposal site, the EQB shall be is the RGU.
- <u>C.</u> For construction or expansion of an independent spent-fuel storage installation, the Department of Commerce is the RGU.
- \underline{CD} . For construction of an away-from-reactor facility for temporary storage of spent nuclear fuel, the <u>Public-Utilities Commission shall be PUC</u> is the RGU.
 - December E. For construction of a low level nuclear waste disposal site, the MDH shall be is the RGU.
- Subp. 3. **Electric-generating facilities.** For construction of a large electric power generating plant, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 216E.01, subdivision 5, the PUC is the RGU. Environmental review shall must be conducted according to parts 7849.1000 to 7849.2100 and 7850.1000 to 7850.5600.
 - Subp. 4. **Petroleum refineries.** For construction of a new petroleum refinery facility, the PCA shall be is the RGU.
 - Subp. 5. Fuel conversion facilities. Items A and B designate the RGU for the type of project listed:
- A. For construction of a <u>new fuel conversion</u> facility for the <u>conversion of converting</u> coal, peat, or biomass sources to gaseous, liquid, or solid fuels if <u>that the</u> facility has the capacity to <u>utilize use</u> 250,000 dry tons or more per year of input, the PCA <u>shall be is</u> the RGU.
- B. For construction of a new or expansion of a an existing fuel conversion facility for the production of alcohol fuels which that would have or would increase its the facility's capacity by 50,000,000 or more gallons per year of alcohol produced if the facility will be in the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area or by 125,000,000 or more gallons per year of alcohol produced if the facility will be outside the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area, the PCA shall-
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be is the RGU.

C. A mandatory EIS is not required for projects described in Minnesota Statutes, section 116D.04, subdivision 2a, paragraph (c).

Subp. 6. **Transmission lines.** For construction of a high_voltage transmission line <u>and associated facilities</u>, as defined <u>in part 7850.1000</u>, the <u>PUC</u> is the <u>RGU</u>. Environmental review shall must be conducted according to parts 7849.1000 to 7849.2100 and 7850.1000 to 7850.5600.

[For text of subp 7, see M.R.]

- Subp. 8. **Metallic mineral mining and processing.** Items A to C and B designate the RGU for the type of project listed:
- A. For mineral deposit evaluation involving the extraction of 1,000 tons or more of material that is of interest to the proposer principally due to its radioactive characteristics, the DNR shall be the RGU.
- B. A. For construction of a new facility for mining metallic minerals or for the disposal of tailings from a metallic mineral mine, the DNR shall be is the RGU.
 - E. B. For construction of a new metallic mineral processing facility, the DNR shall be is the RGU.
 - Subp. 9. Nonmetallic mineral mining. Items A to C designate the RGU for the type of project listed:
- A. For development of a facility for the extraction or mining of peat which will utilize 320 acres of land or more during its existence, the DNR shall be is the RGU.
- B. For development of a facility for the extraction or mining of sand, gravel, stone, or other nonmetallic minerals, other than peat, which will excavate 160 acres of land or more to a mean depth of ten feet or more during its existence, the local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU.

[For text of item C, see M.R.] [For text of subp 10, see M.R.]

- Subp. 11. **Industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities.** Items A and B designate the RGU for the type of project listed, except as provided in items C and D:
- A. For construction of a new or expansion of an existing warehousing or light industrial facility equal to or in excess of the following thresholds, expressed as gross floor space, the local governmental unit is the RGU:
 - (1) unincorporated area, 375,000 square feet;
 - (2) third or fourth class city, 750,000 square feet;
 - (3) second class city, 1,000,000 square feet; and
 - (4) first class city, 1,500,000 square feet.
- B. For construction of a new or expansion of an existing industrial, commercial, or institutional facility, other than a warehousing or light industrial facility, equal to or in excess of the following thresholds, expressed as gross floor space, the local <u>government governmental</u> unit <u>shall be is</u> the RGU:

[For text of subitems (1) and (2), see M.R.]

- (3) second class city, 750,000 square feet; and
- (4) first class city, 1,000,000 square feet.

[For text of items C and D, see M.R.]

- Subp. 12. Hazardous waste. Items A to C designate the RGU for the type of project listed:
 - [For text of items A and B, see M.R.]
- C. For construction or expansion of a <u>facility for</u> hazardous waste processing facility storage or treatment, if the facility is located in a water-related land use management district, or in an area characterized by soluble bedrock, the PCA shall be is the RGU.
 - Subp. 13. Solid waste. Items A to E designate the RGU for the type of project listed:
- A. For construction of a mixed municipal solid waste <u>land</u> disposal facility for 100,000 cubic yards or more of waste fill per year, the PCA is the RGU.
- B. For construction or expansion of a mixed municipal solid waste <u>land</u> disposal facility in a water-related land use management district; or in an area characterized by soluble bedrock, the PCA is the RGU.
- C. For construction or expansion of a mixed municipal solid waste energy recovery facility or incinerator; or the utilization use of an existing facility for the combustion of mixed municipal solid waste or refuse-derived fuel; with a permitted capacity of 250 or more per day of input, the PCA is the RGU.
- D. For construction or expansion of a mixed municipal solid waste compost facility or a refuse-derived fuel production facility when the construction or expansion results in a facility with a permitted capacity of 500 tons or more tons per day of input, the PCA is the RGU.
- E. For expansion by 25 percent or more of previous capacity of a mixed municipal solid waste <u>land</u> disposal facility for 100,000 cubic yards or more of waste fill per year, the PCA is the RGU.

[For text of subps 14 and 14a, see M.R.]

- Subp. 15. **Airport runway projects.** For construction of a paved and lighted airport runway of 5,000 feet of length or greater, the DOT or local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU.
- Subp. 16. **Highway projects.** For construction of a road on a new location which is four or more lanes in width and two or more miles in length, the DOT or local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU.

[For text of subps 17 and 18, see M.R.]

- Subp. 19. **Marinas.** For construction of a new or expansion of an existing marina, harbor, or mooring project on a state or federally designated wild and scenic river, the local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU.
- Subp. 20. Wetlands and Public waters and public water wetlands. For projects that will eliminate a public water or public waters wetland, the <u>DNR or the</u> local government governmental unit shall be is the RGU.

[For text of subps 21 to 24, see M.R.]

Subp. 25. Incineration of Incinerating wastes containing PCBs. For the incineration of incinerating wastes containing PCB's PCBs for which an EIS is required by Minnesota Statutes, section 116.38, subdivision 2, the PCA shall be is the RGU.

[For text of subps 26 to 28, see M.R.]

4410.4600 EXEMPTIONS.

[For text of subps 1 to 9, see M.R.]

Subp. 10. Industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities. The following projects are exempt:

[For text of item A, see M.R.]

B. The Construction of a warehousing, light industrial, commercial, or institutional facility with less than 4,000 square feet of gross floor space, and with associated parking facilities designed for 20 vehicles or less, is exempt fewer.

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C. Construction of a new parking facility for <u>less fewer</u> than 100 vehicles if the facility is not located in a shoreland area, <u>a</u> delineated <u>flood plain floodplain</u>, <u>a</u> state or federally designated wild and scenic rivers district, the Minnesota River Project Riverbend area, or the Mississippi headwaters area <u>is exempt</u>.

[For text of subp 11, see M.R.]

- Subp. 12. **Residential development.** The following projects are exempt:
 - A. Construction of a sewered residential development, of:
 - (1) less fewer than ten units in an unincorporated area;
 - (2) less fewer than 20 units in a third or fourth class city;
 - (3) less fewer than 40 units in a second class city; or
- (4) less fewer than 80 units in a first class city, no part of which is within a shoreland area, a delineated flood plain floodplain, a state or federally designated wild and scenic rivers district, the Minnesota River Project Riverbend area, or the Mississippi headwaters area, is exempt.

[For text of item B, see M.R.]

C. Construction of a single residence or multiple residence with four dwelling units or <u>less fewer</u> and accessory appurtenant structures and utilities <u>is exempt</u>.

[For text of subp 13, see M.R.]

- Subp. 14. **Highway projects.** The following projects are exempt:
 - A. Highway safety improvement projects are exempt.
- B. Installation of traffic control devices, individual noise barriers, bus shelters and bays, loading zones, and access and egress lanes for transit and paratransit vehicles is exempt.
- C. Modernization of an existing roadway or bridge by resurfacing, restoration, or rehabilitation that may involve the acquiring minimal amounts of right-of-way is exempt.
- D. Roadway landscaping, or construction of bicycle and pedestrian lanes, paths, and facilities within an existing right-of-way are exempt.
- E. Any stream diversion, realignment, or channelization within the right-of-way of an existing public roadway associated with bridge or culvert replacement is exempt.
- F. Reconstruction or modification of an existing bridge structure on essentially the same alignment or location that may involve the acquiring minimal amounts of right-of-way is exempt.

[For text of subps 15 to 17, see M.R.]

- Subp. 18. **Agriculture and forestry.** The following projects are exempt:
 - A. Harvesting of timber for maintenance purposes is exempt.
- B. Public and private forest management practices, other than clearcutting or the application of applying pesticides, that involve less than 20 acres of land, are exempt.

[For text of subps 19 to 26, see M.R.]

Subp. 27. **Recreational trails.** The projects listed in items A to $F\underline{H}$ are exempt. For purposes of this subpart, "existing trail" means an established corridor in current legal use.

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[For text of items A to F, see M.R.]

- G. Paving a trail located on an abandoned railroad grade retired in accordance with Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, part 1152.
- H. Adding a new motorized use to an existing motorized trail or trail segment where the trail is located only on an abandoned railroad grade retired in accordance with Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, part 1152.

4410.5200 EQB MONITOR; PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS.

- Subpart 1. **Required notices.** Governmental units are required to publish notice of the items listed in items A to R in the EQB Monitor, except that this part constitutes a request and not a requirement with respect to federal agencies.
- A. When a project has been noticed <u>pursuant according</u> to item D, separate notice of individual permits required by that project need not be made unless changes in the project are proposed that will involve new and potentially significant environmental effects not considered previously. No decision granting a permit application for which notice is required to be published by this part <u>shall be is</u> effective until 30 days following publication of the notice.

[For text of subitem (1), see M.R.]

(2) For notice of public sales of permits for or leases to mine iron ore, copper-nickel, or other minerals on state-owned or administered mineral rights, Minnesota Statutes, sections 93.16, and 93.335, and 93.351, and part 6125.0500, the DNR is the permitting authority.

[For text of subitems (3) and (4), see M.R.]
[For text of items B to R, see M.R.]
[For text of subps 2 and 3, see M.R.]

4410.7904 LICENSING OF EXPLORERS.

An applicant shall <u>must</u> comply with Minnesota Statutes, section <u>156A.071 103I.601</u>, subdivision 2, and parts 4727.0400 to <u>4727.0900 4727.0860</u>, relating to the regulation of exploratory boring.

4410.7906 PROCEDURE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A ISSUING DRILLING PERMIT.

[For text of subp 1, see M.R.]

Subp. 2. **Content of an application for drilling permit.** An application for a drilling permit shall must be filed by the applicant with the board <u>EQB</u> and shall must include:

[For text of items A and B, see M.R.]

C. the applicant's explorer's license, issued under Minnesota Statutes, section 156A.071 103I.601, subdivision 2, and parts 4727.0400 to 4727.0900 4727.0860;

[For text of items D to J, see M.R.] [For text of subps 3 and 4, see M.R.]

4410.7926 ABANDONMENT OF ABANDONING EXPLORATORY BORINGS.

Pursuant According to Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.724, subdivision 2, clause (1), any abandonment, whether temporary or permanent, shall must comply with the state drilling and drill hole abandonment and restoration rules governing exploratory boring under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 156A 103I, and parts 4727.1000 to 4727.1300 4727.1250.

TERM CHANGE. The term "shall be the RGU" is changed to "is the RGU" wherever it appears in Minnesota Rules, chapter 4410.

Exhibit F.3.

Environmental Quality Board

AMENDED DUAL NOTICE: Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules Without a Public Hearing Unless 25 or More Persons Request a Hearing, and Notice of Hearing if 25 or More Requests for Hearing Are Received; Revisor's ID Number RD-04157

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Erik Cedarleaf Dahl Environmental Quality Board, 520 Lafayette Rd. St. Paul, MN, 55101, 651-757-2364 (phone), 651-757-2343 (fax), erik.dahl@state.mn.us.

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Request for a Hearing. In addition to submitting comments, you may also request that the Environmental Quality Board hold a hearing on the rules. You must make your request for a public hearing in writing, which the agency contact person must receive by 4:30 p.m. on February 4, 2019. You must include your name and address in your written request. In addition, you must identify the portion of the proposed rules that you object to or state that you oppose the entire set of rules. Any request that does not comply with these requirements is not valid and the agency cannot count it when determining whether it must hold a public hearing. You are also encouraged to state the reason for the request and any changes you want made to the proposed rules.

Withdrawal of Requests. If 25 or more persons submit a valid written request for a hearing, the Environmental Quality Board will hold a public hearing unless a sufficient number of persons withdraw their requests in writing. If enough requests for hearing are withdrawn to reduce the number below 25, the agency must give written notice of this to all persons who requested a hearing, explain the actions the agency took to effect the withdrawal, and ask for written comments on this action. If a public hearing is required, the agency will follow the procedures in *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20.

Alternative Format/Accommodation. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request or if you need an accommodation to make this hearing accessible, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

Modifications. The Environmental Quality Board might modify the proposed rules, either as a result of public comment or as a result of the rule hearing process. It must support modifications by data and views submitted to the agency or presented at the hearing. The adopted rules may not be substantially different than these proposed rules unless the Environmental Quality Board follows the procedure under *Minnesota Rules*, part 1400.2110. If the proposed rules affect you in any way, the Environmental Quality Board encourages you to participate in the rulemaking process.

Cancellation of Hearing. The Environmental Quality Board will cancel the hearing(s) scheduled for March 8, 2019 (in St Paul), and March 12, 2019 (in St. Cloud) if the Environmental Quality Board does not receive requests for a hearing from 25 or more persons. If you requested a public hearing, the Environmental Quality Board will notify you before the scheduled hearings whether the hearings will be held. You may also call the agency contact person at 651-757-2364 after February 4, 2019 (4:30pm) to find out whether the hearing will be held.

Notice of Hearing. If 25 or more persons submit valid written requests for a public hearing on the rules, the Environmental Quality Board will hold a hearing following the procedures in *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20. The Environmental Quality Board will hold the hearings on the dates and at the times and places listed above. The hearings will continue until all interested persons have been heard. Administrative Law Judge, LauraSue Schlatter is assigned to conduct the hearings. Judge LauraSue Schlatter can be reached at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, P.O. Box 64620, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620, telephone (651) 361-7875, and fax (651) 539-0310.

Hearing Procedure. If the Environmental Quality Board holds a hearing, you and all interested or affected persons, including representatives of associations or other interested groups, will have an opportunity to participate. You may present your views either orally at the hearing or in writing at any time before the hearing record closes. All evidence presented should relate to the proposed rules. You may also submit written material to the Administrative Law Judge to be recorded in the hearing record for five working days after the public hearing ends. At the hearing the Administrative Law Judge may order that this five-day comment period is extended for a longer period but not more than 20 calendar days. Following the comment period, there is a five-working-day rebuttal period when the agency and any interested person may respond in writing to any new information submitted. No one may submit new evidence during the five-day rebuttal period. The Office of Administrative Hearings must receive all comments and responses submitted to the Administrative Law Judge via the Office of Administrative Hearings Rulemaking e-comments website at

<u>https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com/discussions</u> no later than 4:30 p.m. on the due date. All comments or responses received will be available for review at the Environmental Quality Board or on the Environmental Quality Board website at

https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/eqb-mandatory-categories-rulemaking. This rule hearing procedure is governed by *Minnesota Rules*, parts 1400.2000 to 1400.2240, and *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20. You may direct questions about the procedure to the Administrative Law Judge.

The agency requests that any person submitting written views or data to the Administrative Law Judge before the hearing or during the comment or rebuttal period also submit a copy of the written views or data to the agency contact person at the address stated above.

Statement of Need and Reasonableness. The statement of need and reasonableness summarizes the justification for the proposed rules, including a description of who will be affected by the proposed rules and an estimate of the probable cost of the proposed rules. It is now available from the agency contact person. You may review or obtain copies for the cost of reproduction by contacting the agency contact person. The SONAR will be available at the

Environmental Quality Board's website here: https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/eqb-mandatory-categories-rulemaking.

Lobbyist Registration. *Minnesota Statutes*, chapter 10A, requires each lobbyist to register with the State Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board. Ask any questions about this requirement of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board at: Suite #190, Centennial Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, telephone (651) 539-1180 or 1-800-657-3889.

Adoption Procedure if No Hearing. If no hearing is required, the agency may adopt the rules after the end of the comment period. The Environmental Quality Board will submit the rules and supporting documents to the Office of Administrative Hearings for a legal review. You may ask to be notified of the date the rules are submitted to the office. If you want either to receive notice of this, to receive a copy of the adopted rules, or to register with the agency to receive notice of future rule proceedings, submit your request to the agency contact person listed above.

Adoption Procedure after a Hearing. If a hearing is held, after the close of the hearing record, the Administrative Law Judge will issue a report on the proposed rules. You may ask to be notified of the date that the Administrative Law Judge's report will become available, and can make this request at the hearing or in writing to the Administrative Law Judge. You may also ask to be notified of the date that the agency adopts the rules and the rules are filed with the Secretary of State by requesting this at the hearing or by writing to the agency contact person stated above.

Order. I order that the rulemaking hearing be held at the date, time, and location listed above.

Dave Frederickson

Chair, Environmental Quality Board

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Request for a Hearing. In addition to submitting comments, you may also request that the Environmental Quality Board hold a hearing on the rules. You must make your request for a public hearing in writing, which the agency contact person must receive by 4:30 p.m. on February 4, 2019. You must include your name and address in your written request. In addition, you must identify the portion of the proposed rules that you object to or state that you oppose the entire set of rules. Any request that does not comply with these requirements is not valid and the agency cannot count it when determining whether it must hold a public hearing. You are also encouraged to state the reason for the request and any changes you want made to the proposed rules.

Withdrawal of Requests. If 25 or more persons submit a valid written request for a hearing, the Environmental Quality Board will hold a public hearing unless a sufficient number of persons withdraw their requests in writing. If enough requests for hearing are withdrawn to reduce the number below 25, the agency must give written notice of this to all persons who requested a hearing, explain the actions the agency took to effect the withdrawal, and ask for written comments on this action. If a public hearing is required, the agency will follow the procedures in *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20.

Alternative Format/Accommodation. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request or if you need an accommodation to make this hearing accessible, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

Modifications. The Environmental Quality Board might modify the proposed rules, either as a result of public

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comment or as a result of the rule hearing process. It must support modifications by data and views submitted to the agency or presented at the hearing. The adopted rules may not be substantially different than these proposed rules unless the Environmental Quality Board follows the procedure under *Minnesota Rules*, part 1400.2110. If the proposed rules affect you in any way, the Environmental Quality Board encourages you to participate in the rulemaking process.

Cancellation of Hearing. The Environmental Quality Board will cancel the hearing(s) scheduled for March 8, 2019 (in St Paul), and March 12, 2019 (in St. Cloud) if the Environmental Quality Board does not receive requests for a hearing from 25 or more persons. If you requested a public hearing, the Environmental Quality Board will notify you before the scheduled hearings whether the hearings will be held. You may also call the agency contact person at 651-757-2364 after February 4, 2019 (4:30pm) to find out whether the hearing will be held.

Notice of Hearing. If 25 or more persons submit valid written requests for a public hearing on the rules, the Environmental Quality Board will hold a hearing following the procedures in *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20. The Environmental Quality Board will hold the hearings on the dates and at the times and places listed above. The hearings will continue until all interested persons have been heard. Administrative Law Judge, LauraSue Schlatter is assigned to conduct the hearings. Judge LauraSue Schlatter can be reached at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, P.O. Box 64620, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620, telephone (651) 361-7875, and fax (651) 539-0310.

Hearing Procedure. If the Environmental Quality Board holds a hearing, you and all interested or affected persons, including representatives of associations or other interested groups, will have an opportunity to participate. You may present your views either orally at the hearing or in writing at any time before the hearing record closes. All evidence presented should relate to the proposed rules. You may also submit written material to the Administrative Law Judge to be recorded in the hearing record for five working days after the public hearing ends. At the hearing the Administrative Law Judge may order that this five-day comment period is extended for a longer period but not more than 20 calendar days. Following the comment period, there is a five-working-day rebuttal period when the agency and any interested person may respond in writing to any new information submitted. No one may submit new evidence during the five-day rebuttal period. The Office of Administrative Hearings must receive all comments and responses submitted to the Administrative Law Judge via the Office of Administrative Hearings Rulemaking e-comments website at https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com/discussions no later than 4:30 p.m. on the due date. All comments or responses received will be available for review at the Environmental Quality Board or on the Environmental Quality Board website at https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/eqb-mandatory-categories-rulemaking. This rule hearing procedure is governed by Minnesota Rules, parts 1400.2000 to 1400.2240, and Minnesota Statutes, sections 14.131 to 14.20. You may direct questions about the procedure to the Administrative Law Judge.

The agency requests that any person submitting written views or data to the Administrative Law Judge before the hearing or during the comment or rebuttal period also submit a copy of the written views or data to the agency contact person at the address stated above.

Statement of Need and Reasonableness. The statement of need and reasonableness summarizes the justification for the proposed rules, including a description of who will be affected by the proposed rules and an estimate of the probable cost of the proposed rules. It is now available from the agency contact person. You may review or obtain copies for the cost of reproduction by contacting the agency contact person. The SONAR will be available at the Environmental Quality Board's website here: https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/eqb-mandatory-categories-rulemaking.

Lobbyist Registration. *Minnesota Statutes*, chapter 10A, requires each lobbyist to register with the State Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board. Ask any questions about this requirement of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board at: Suite #190, Centennial Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, telephone (651) 539-1180 or 1-800-657-3889.

Adoption Procedure if No Hearing. If no hearing is required, the agency may adopt the rules after the end of the comment period. The Environmental Quality Board will submit the rules and supporting documents to the Office of Administrative Hearings for a legal review. You may ask to be notified of the date the rules are submitted to the office. If you want either to receive notice of this, to receive a copy of the adopted rules, or to register with the agency to receive notice of future rule proceedings, submit your request to the agency contact person listed above.

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Adoption Procedure after a Hearing. If a hearing is held, after the close of the hearing record, the Administrative Law Judge will issue a report on the proposed rules. You may ask to be notified of the date that the Administrative Law Judge's report will become available, and can make this request at the hearing or in writing to the Administrative Law Judge. You may also ask to be notified of the date that the agency adopts the rules and the rules are filed with the Secretary of State by requesting this at the hearing or by writing to the agency contact person stated above.

Order. I order that the rulemaking hearing be held at the date, time, and location listed above.

Date: 12/20/2018 Dave Frederickson

Chair, Environmental Quality Board

Exempt Rules

Exempt rules are excluded from the normal rulemaking procedures (*Minnesota Statutes* §§ 14.386 and 14.388). They are most often of two kinds. One kind is specifically exempted by the Legislature from rulemaking procedures, but approved for form by the Revisor of Statutes, reviewed for legality by the Office of Administrative Hearings, and then published in the State Register. These exempt rules are effective for two years only.

The second kind of exempt rule is one adopted where an agency for good cause finds that the rulemaking provisions of *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapter 14 are unnecessary, impracticable, or contrary to the public interest. This exemption can be used only where the rules:

- (1) address a serious and immediate threat to the public health, safety, or welfare, or
- (2) comply with a court order or a requirement in federal law in a manner that does not allow for compliance with *Minnesota Statutes* Sections 14.14-14.28, or
 - (3) incorporate specific changes set forth in applicable statutes when no interpretation of law is required, or
 - (4) make changes that do not alter the sense, meaning, or effect of the rules.

These exempt rules are also reviewed for form by the Revisor of Statutes, for legality by the Office of Administrative Hearings and then published in the *State Register*. In addition, the Office of Administrative Hearings must determine whether the agency has provided adequate justification for the use of this exemption. Rules adopted under clauses (1) or (2) above are effective for two years only. The Legislature may also exempt an agency from the normal rulemaking procedures and establish other procedural and substantive requirements unique to that exemption.

KEY: Proposed Rules - <u>Underlining</u> indicates additions to existing rule language. <u>Strikeouts</u> indicate deletions from existing rule language. If a proposed rule is totally new, it is designated "all new material." **Adopted Rules** - <u>Underlining</u> indicates additions to proposed rule language. <u>Strikeout</u> indicates deletions from proposed rule language.

Department of Natural Resources

Adopted Exempt Permanent Rule Relating to Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area

6106.0050 DEFINITIONS.

[For text of subparts 1 to 63, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 64. **River corridor boundary.** "River corridor boundary" means the boundary approved and adopted by the Metropolitan Council under Minnesota Statutes, section 116G.06, as approved and adopted by the legislature in Minnesota Statutes, section 116G.15, and as legally described in the State Register, volume 3_43, pages 1681_508 to 1691_519.

[For text of subparts 65 to 86, see Minnesota Rules]

Exhibit F.5.

Environmental Quality Board

NOTICE OF HEARING

Proposed Amendment to Rules Governing Environmental Review, *Minnesota Rules*, 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410.4400, 4410,5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, 4410.4600; Revisor's ID Number RD-04157; OAH docket number 80-9008-35532

Public Hearing. The Environmental Quality Board (EQB) intends to adopt rules after a public hearing following the procedures in the rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, *Minnesota Rules*, parts 1400.2200 to 1400.2240, and the Administrative Procedure Act, *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20. The agency will hold a public hearing on the above-named rules in Room 100, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN, starting at 1:30pm on Friday, May 31, 2019, and continuing until the hearing is completed. The hearing (via a video-conference connection) will also be available at:

Brainerd MPCA Office 7678 College Road, Suite 105 Baxter, MN 56425

Detroit Lakes MPCA Office 714 Lake Ave., Suite 220 Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

Duluth MPCA Office 525 Lake Ave. S., Suite 400 Duluth, MN 55802 Marshall MPCA Office 504 Fairgrounds Rd., Suite 200 Marshall, MN 56258

Rochester MPCA Office 18 Wood Lake Drive SE Rochester, MN 55904

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The EQB will schedule additional days of hearing if necessary. All interested or affected persons will have an opportunity to participate by submitting either oral or written data, statements, or arguments. Statements may be submitted without appearing at the hearing.

Administrative Law Judge. Administrative Law Judge LauraSue Schlatter will conduct the hearing. The judge can be reached at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, P.O. Box 64620, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620 by fax (651) 539-0310 or by telephone by calling Judge Schlatter's assistant Ian Lewenstein at (651) 361-7857, or by email to

Ian.Lewenstein@state.mn.us. The rule hearing procedure is governed by *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20, and by the rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, *Minnesota Rules*, parts 1400.2000 to 1400.2240. You should direct questions about the rule hearing procedure to the administrative law judge.

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Agency Contact Person. The Environmental Quality Board contact person is:

Erik Cedarleaf Dahl Environmental Quality Board, 520 Lafayette Rd. St. Paul, MN, 55101, 651-757-2364 (phone), 651-757-2343 (fax), erik.dahl@state.mn.us.

Statement of Need and Reasonableness. The statement of need and reasonableness contains a summary of the justification for the proposed rules, including a description of who will be affected by the proposed rules and an estimate of the probable cost of the proposed rules. It is now available from the agency contact person. You may review or obtain copies for the cost of reproduction by contacting the agency contact person.

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The agency requests that any person submitting written views or data to the administrative law judge before the hearing or during the comment or rebuttal period also submit a copy of the written views or data to the agency contact person at the address stated above.

Alternative Format/Accommodation. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request or if you need an accommodation to make this hearing accessible, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

Modifications. The agency may modify the proposed rules as a result of the rule hearing process. It must support modifications with data and views presented during the rule hearing process. The adopted rules may not be substantially different than these proposed rules, unless the agency follows the procedure under *Minnesota Rules*, part 1400.2110. If the proposed rules affect you in any way, the agency encourages you to participate.

Adoption Procedure after the Hearing. After the close of the hearing record, the administrative law judge will issue a report on the proposed rules. You may ask to be notified of the date when the judge's report will become available, and can make this request at the hearing or in writing to the administrative law judge. You may also ask to be notified of the date that the agency adopts the rules and files them with the Secretary of State, or ask to register with the agency to receive notice of future rule proceedings. You may make these requests at the hearing or in writing to the agency contact person stated above.

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Order. I order that the rulemaking hearing be held at the date, time, and location listed above.

William Seuff

Executive Director, Environmental Quality Board

Exhibit F.6.

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Environmental Quality Board

NOTICE OF HEARING for Proposed Amendment to Rules Governing Environmental Review, *Minnesota Rules*, 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410.4400, 4410,5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, 4410.4600; Revisor's ID Number RD-04157; OAH docket number 80-9008-35532

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Order. I order that the rulemaking hearing be held at the date, time, and location listed above.

Date: 2/19/2019 William Seuffert

Executive Director, Environmental Quality Board

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Exhibit F.7.

Environmental Quality Board

NOTICE OF HEARING

Proposed Amendment to Rules Governing Environmental Review, *Minnesota Rules*, 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410.4400, 4410,5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, 4410.4600; Revisor's ID Number RD-04157; OAH docket number 80-9008-35532

Public Hearing. The Environmental Quality Board (EQB) intends to adopt rules after a public hearing following the procedures in the rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, *Minnesota Rules*, parts 1400.2200 to 1400.2240, and the Administrative Procedure Act, *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20. The EQB will hold a public hearing on the abovenamed rules in Room 100, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN, starting at 1:30pm on Friday, May 31, 2019, and continuing until the hearing is completed. The hearing (via a video-conference connection) will also be available at:

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Rochester MPCA Office 18 Wood Lake Drive SE Rochester, MN 55904

The EQB will hold an <u>additional</u> public hearing on the above-named rules at the St Cloud Great River Regional Library, 1300 W. St. Germain St., St. Cloud, MN 56301, **starting at** 5:30pm on Wednesday June 26, 2019, and continuing until 8:30pm.

St Cloud Great River Regional Library 1300 W. St. Germain St. St. Cloud, MN 56301

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The EQB will schedule additional days of hearing if necessary. All interested or affected persons will have an opportunity to participate by submitting either oral or written data, statements, or arguments. Statements may be submitted without appearing at the hearing.

Comments. You have until 4:30 p.m. on June 21, 2019 to submit written comment in support of or in opposition to the proposed rules or any part or subpart of the rules. Your comment must be in writing and received by the agency contact person by the due date. Comment is encouraged. Your comments should identify the portion of the proposed rules addressed, the reason for the comment, and any change proposed. You are encouraged to propose any change that you desire. Any comments that you have about the legality of the proposed rules must also be made during this comment period.

Administrative Law Judge. Administrative Law Judge LauraSue Schlatter will conduct the hearing. The judge can be reached at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, P.O. Box 64620, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620, fax (651) 539-0310 by telephone by calling OAH Rulemaking Coordinator Ian Lewenstein at (651) 361-7857, or by email to Ian.Lewenstein@state.mn.us. The rule hearing procedure is governed by *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20, and by the rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, *Minnesota Rules*, parts 1400.2000 to 1400.2240. You should direct questions about the rule hearing procedure to the administrative law judge.

Subject of Rules, Statutory Authority, and Agency Contact Person. The proposed rules are about Environmental Review: definitions, RGU selection process, Mandatory EAW Categories, Mandatory EIS categories, Exemptions, Required notices, Licensing of Explorers, Content of an application for drilling permit, Abandonment of Exploratory Borings. The statutory authority to adopt the rules is Minnesota Statutes, section 116D.04, subdivisions 2a(a), 4a, 5a; Minnesota Statutes 116D.045, subdivision 1; Laws of Minnesota 2013, Chapter 114, Article 4, Section 105; Laws of Minnesota 2015 1st Special Session, Chapter 4, Article 4, Section 121; Minnesota Statutes 116C.991; Laws of Minnesota 2015 1st Special Session, Chapter 4, Section 33. A copy of the proposed rules was published in the State Register on November 13, 2018, State Registers, on pages 531 to 546, and attached to this notice as mailed.

Agency Contact Person. The Environmental Quality Board contact person is:

Erik Cedarleaf Dahl Environmental Quality Board, 520 Lafayette Rd. St. Paul, MN, 55101, 651-757-2364 (phone), 651-757-2343 (fax), erik.dahl@state.mn.us.

Statement of Need and Reasonableness. The statement of need and reasonableness contains a summary of the justification for the proposed rules, including a description of who will be affected by the proposed rules and an estimate of the probable cost of the proposed rules. It is now available from the agency contact person. You may review or obtain copies for the cost of reproduction by contacting the agency contact person.

Public Comment. You and all interested or affected persons, including representatives of associations and other interested groups, will have an opportunity to participate. *The administrative law judge will accept your views* either orally at the hearing or in writing at any time before the close of the hearing record. Submit written comments *to the administrative law judge at the address above or* **via the Office of Administrative Hearings Rulemaking**

eComments website at https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com/discussions. All evidence that you present should relate to the proposed rules. You may also submit written material to the administrative law judge to be recorded in the hearing record for five working days after the public hearing ends. At the hearing the administrative law judge may order this five-day comment period extended for a longer period but for no more than 20 calendar days. Following the comment period, there is a five-working-day rebuttal period during which the agency and any interested person may respond in writing to any new information submitted. No one may submit additional evidence during the five-day rebuttal period. The Office of Administrative Hearings must receive all comments and responses submitted to the administrative law judge no later than 4:30 p.m. on the due date. All comments or responses received are public and will be available for review at the Office of Administrative Hearings.

The agency requests that any person submitting written views or data to the administrative law judge before the hearing or during the comment or rebuttal period also submit a copy of the written views or data to the agency contact person at the address stated above.

Alternative Format/Accommodation. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request or if you need an accommodation to make this hearing accessible, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

Modifications. The agency may modify the proposed rules as a result of the rule hearing process. It must support modifications by data and views presented during the rule hearing process. The adopted rules may not be substantially different than these proposed rules, unless the agency follows the procedure under *Minnesota Rules*, part 1400.2110. If the proposed rules affect you in any way, the agency encourages you to participate.

Adoption Procedure after the Hearing. After the close of the hearing record, the administrative law judge will issue a report on the proposed rules. You may ask to be notified of the date when the judge's report will become available, and can make this request at the hearing or in writing to the administrative law judge. You may also ask to be notified of the date that the agency adopts the rules and files them with the Secretary of State, or ask to register with the agency to receive notice of future rule proceedings. You may make these requests at the hearing or in writing to the agency contact person stated above.

Lobbyist Registration. *Minnesota Statutes*, chapter 10A, requires each lobbyist to register with the State Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board. You should direct questions regarding this requirement to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board at: Suite #190, Centennial Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, telephone (651) 539-1180 or 1-800-657-3889.

Order. I order that the rulemaking hearing be held at the date, time, and location listed above.

William Seuffert

Executive Director, Environmental Quality Board

Exhibit F.8.

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Proposed Rules

Comments on Planned Rules or Rule Amendments. An agency must first solicit Comments on Planned Rules or Comments on Planned Rule Amendments from the public on the subject matter of a possible rulemaking proposal under active consideration within the agency (*Minnesota Statutes* §§ 14.101). It does this by publishing a notice in the *State Register* at least 60 days before publication of a notice to adopt or a notice of hearing, and within 60 days of the effective date of any new statutory grant of required rulemaking.

Rules to be Adopted After a Hearing. After receiving comments and deciding to hold a public hearing on the rule, an agency drafts its rule. It then publishes its rules with a notice of hearing. All persons wishing to make a statement must register at the hearing. Anyone who wishes to submit written comments may do so at the hearing, or within five working days of the close of the hearing. Administrative law judges may, during the hearing, extend the period for receiving comments up to 20 calendar days. For five business days after the submission period the agency and interested persons may respond to any new information submitted during the written submission period and the record then is closed. The administrative law judge prepares a report within 30 days, stating findings of fact, conclusions and recommendations. After receiving the report, the agency decides whether to adopt, withdraw or modify the proposed rule based on consideration of the comments made during the rule hearing procedure and the report of the administrative law judge. The agency must wait five days after receiving the report before taking any action.

Rules to be Adopted Without a Hearing. Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* § 14.22, an agency may propose to adopt, amend, suspend or repeal rules without first holding a public hearing. An agency must first solicit Comments on Planned Rules or Comments on Planned Rule Amendments from the public. The agency then publishes a notice of intent to adopt rules without a public hearing, together with the proposed rules, in the *State Register*. If, during the 30-day comment period, 25 or more persons submit to the agency a written request for a hearing of the proposed rules, the agency must proceed under the provisions of §§ 14.1414.20, which state that if an agency decides to hold a public hearing, it must publish a notice of intent in the *State Register*.

KEY: Proposed Rules - <u>Underlining</u> indicates additions to existing rule language. <u>Strikeouts</u> indicate deletions from existing rule language. If a proposed rule is totally new, it is designated "all new material." **Adopted Rules** - <u>Underlining</u> indicates additions to proposed rule language. <u>Strikeout</u> indicates deletions from proposed rule language.

Environmental Quality Board

Notice of Hearing for Proposed Amendment to Rules Governing Environmental Review, *Minnesota Rules*, 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410.4400, 4410,5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, 4410.4600; Revisor's ID Number RD-04157; OAH docket number 80-9008-35532

Public Hearing. The Environmental Quality Board (EQB) intends to adopt rules after a public hearing following the procedures in the rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, *Minnesota Rules*, parts 1400.2200 to 1400.2240, and the Administrative Procedure Act, *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20. The EQB will hold a public hearing on the above-named rules in Room 100, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN, **starting at 1:30pm on Friday, May 31, 2019**, and continuing until the hearing is completed. The hearing (via a video-conference connection) will also be available at:

Proposed Rules

Brainerd MPCA Office 7678 College Road, Suite 105 Baxter, MN 56425

Detroit Lakes MPCA Office 714 Lake Ave., Suite 220 Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

Duluth MPCA Office 525 Lake Ave. S., Suite 400 Duluth, MN 55802 Marshall MPCA Office 504 Fairgrounds Rd., Suite 200 Marshall, MN 56258

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(Cite 43 SR 1330)

Proposed Rules

Erik Cedarleaf Dahl
Environmental Quality Board,
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Order. I order that the rulemaking hearing be held at the date, time, and location listed above.

Date: May 9, 2019 William Seuffert

Executive Director, Environmental Quality Board

(Cite 43 SR 1331)

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Exhibit G.1.



11/20/2018

Environmental Quality Board

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING THE DUAL NOTICE (OF INTENT TO ADOPT RULES WITHOUT A PUBLIC HEARING UNLESS 25 OR MORE PERSONS REQUEST A HEARING AND NOTICE OF HEARING IF 25 OR MORE REQUESTS FOR HEARING ARE RECEIVED) TO THE RULEMAKING MAILING LIST; AND ACCURACY OF THE RULEMAKING MAILING LIST.

Proposed Rules of the Environmental Quality Board Governing Environmental Review, Minnesota Rules, 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410.4400, 4410.5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, 4410.4600. Revisor's ID Number R-04157

I certify that on November 13, November 19 and, November 20, 2018 at least 33 days before the end of the comment period, the EQB sent an electronic GovDelivery notice with a hyperlink to electronic copies of the Dual Notice, Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR) and proposed rule amendments to all parties who are registered with the EQB to receive rulemaking notices as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 14.14, subd. 1.

The Dual Notice was published in the *State Register* on November 13, 2018. A copy of the GovDelivery notification and the mailing lists are attached to this Certificate. Also attached are copies of the EQB webpages to which recipients of the GovDelivery and direct email notifications were directed, via hyperlink, to view the electronic versions of the Dual notice, the SONAR, and the proposed rule amendments.

I also certify that the list of person and associations who have registered to receive rulemaking notices from the EQB under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.14, subdivision 1a, is accurate, complete and current as of November 13, 2018, November 19, 2018 and November 20, 2018.

Erik Cedarleaf Dahl Planning Director

Environmental Quality Board

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Exhibit G.2.



12/31/2018

Environmental Quality Board

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING THE AMENDED DUAL NOTICE (OF INTENT TO ADOPT RULES WITHOUT A PUBLIC HEARING UNLESS 25 OR MORE PERSONS REQUEST A HEARING AND NOTICE OF HEARING IF 25 OR MORE REQUESTS FOR HEARING ARE RECEIVED) TO THE RULEMAKING MAILING LIST; AND ACCURACY OF THE RULEMAKING MAILING LIST.

Proposed Rules of the Environmental Quality Board Governing Environmental Review, Minnesota Rules, 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410.4400, 4410.5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, 4410.4600. Revisor's ID Number R-04157

I certify that on December 31, 2018 at least 33 days before the end of the comment period, the EQB sent an electronic GovDelivery notice the Amended Dual Notice, Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR) and proposed rule amendments to all parties who are registered with the EQB to receive rulemaking notices as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 14.14, subd. 1.

The Amended Dual Notice was published in the *State Register* on December 31, 2018. A copy of the GovDelivery notification and the mailing lists are attached to this Certificate. Also attached are copies of the EQB webpages to which recipients of the GovDelivery and direct email notifications were directed, via hyperlink, to view the electronic versions of the Amended Dual notice, the SONAR, and the proposed rule amendments.

I also certify that the list of person and associations who have registered to receive rulemaking notices from the EQB under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.14, subdivision 1a, is accurate, complete and current as of December 31, 2018.

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Exhibit G.3.



3/6/2019

Environmental Quality Board

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING THE NOTICE HEARING TO THE RULEMAKING MAILING LIST; ADDITIONAL NOTICE LIST; AND ACCURACY OF THE RULEMAKING MAILING LIST; ADDITIONAL NOTICE LIST.

Proposed Rules of the Environmental Quality Board Governing Environmental Review, Minnesota Rules, 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410.4400, 4410.5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, 4410.4600. Revisor's ID Number R-04157

I certify that on February 20, 2019, February 25, 2019 and March 6, 2019 at least 33 days before the end of the comment period, the EQB sent an electronic GovDelivery notice with a hyperlink to electronic copies of the Hearing Notice, Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR) and proposed rule amendments to all parties who are registered with the EQB to receive rulemaking notices as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 14.14, subd. 1.

The Notice of Hearing was published in the *State Register* on February 25, 2019. A copy of the GovDelivery notification and the mailing lists are attached to this Certificate. Also attached are copies of the EQB webpages to which recipients of the GovDelivery and direct email notifications were directed, via hyperlink, to view the electronic versions of the Hearing Notice, the SONAR, and the proposed rule amendments.

I also certify that the list of person and associations who have registered to receive rulemaking notices from the EQB under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.14, subdivision 1a, is accurate, complete and current as of February 20 2019, February 25, 2019, and March 6, 2019.

Erik Cedarleaf Dahl Planning Director

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Exhibit G.4.



5/20/2019

Environmental Quality Board

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING THE NOTICE HEARING TO THE RULEMAKING MAILING LIST; ADDITIONAL NOTICE LIST; AND ACCURACY OF THE RULEMAKING MAILING LIST; ADDITIONAL NOTICE LIST.

Proposed Rules of the Environmental Quality Board Governing Environmental Review, Minnesota Rules, 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410.4400, 4410.5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, 4410.4600. Revisor's ID Number R-04157

I certify that on May 20, 2019 at least 30 days before the end of the comment period, the EQB sent an electronic GovDelivery notice with a hyperlink to electronic copies of the Hearing Notice, Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR) and proposed rule amendments to all parties who are registered with the EQB to receive rulemaking notices as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 14.14, subd. 1.

The Notice of Hearing was published in the *State Register* on May 20, 2019. A copy of the GovDelivery notification and the mailing lists are attached to this Certificate. Also attached are copies of the EQB webpages to which recipients of the GovDelivery and direct email notifications were directed, via hyperlink, to view the electronic versions of the Hearing Notice, the SONAR, and the proposed rule amendments.

I also certify that the list of person and associations who have registered to receive rulemaking notices from the EQB under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.14, subdivision 1a, is accurate, complete and current as of May 20, 2019.

Erik Cedarleaf Dahl Planning Director Environmental Quality Board

Erik.Dahl@state.mn.us

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Exhibit G.5.

From: Minnesota Environmental Quality Board
To: Dahl, Erik (EQB); Wilson, Denise (EQB)

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules Without a Public Hearing Unless 25 or More Persons Request a Hearing, and Notice of Hearing if 25 or More

Requests for Hearing Are Received; Revisor's ID Number (RD-04157): TEST

Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 12:26:06 PM

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Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules Without a Public Hearing Unless 25 or More Persons Request a Hearing, and Notice of Hearing if 25 or More Requests for Hearing Are Received; Revisor's ID Number RD-04157

Proposed Amendment to Rules Governing Environmental Review, *Minnesota Rules*, 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410,4400, 410,5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, 4410.4600

Introduction. The Environmental Quality Board intends to adopt rules without a public hearing following the procedures in the rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, *Minnesota Rules*, parts 1400.2300 to 1400.2310, and the Administrative Procedure Act, *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.22 to 14.28. If, however, 25 or more persons submit a written request for a hearing on the rules by 4:30 p.m. on January 7, 2019, the Environmental Quality Board will hold the following two public hearings.

The first hearing, in Room 100, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155, starting at 10:00 am on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 and, the second hearing at Great River Regional Library, 1300 W St. Germain St., St Cloud, MN 56301, starting at 10:30am on Monday January 28, 2019. To find out whether the Environmental Quality Board will adopt the rules without a hearing or if it will hold the hearings, you should contact the agency contact person after January 7, 2019 and before January 23, 2019.

Agency Contact Person. Submit any comments or questions on the rules or written requests for a public hearing to the Environmental Quality Board contact person. The Environmental Quality Board contact person is:

Erik Cedarleaf Dahl

Environmental Quality Board,

520 Lafayette Rd. St. Paul, MN, 55101,

651-757-2364 (phone), 651-757-2343 (fax), erik.dahl@state.mn.us.

You may also review the proposed rule and submit written comments via the Office of Administrative Hearings Rulemaking e-comments website at https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com/discussions/35532-environmental-quality-board-notice-of-intent-to-adopt-rules.

Subject of Rules and Statutory Authority. The proposed rules are about Environmental Review: definitions, RGU selection process, Mandatory EAW Categories, Mandatory EIS Categories, Exemptions, Required notices, Licensing of Explorers, Content of an application for drilling permit, Abandonment of Exploratory Borings. The statutory authority to adopt the rules is *Minnesota Statutes*, *section 116D.04*, *subdivisions 2a(a)*, *4a*, *5a*; *Minnesota*

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Comments. You have until 4:30 p.m. on January 7, 2019 to submit written comment in support of or in opposition to the proposed rules or any part or subpart of the rules. Your comment must be in writing and received by the agency contact person by the due date. Comment is encouraged. Your comments should identify the portion of the proposed rules addressed, the reason for the comment, and any change proposed. You are encouraged to propose any change that you desire. Any comments that you have about the legality of the proposed rules must also be made during this comment period.

Request for a Hearing. In addition to submitting comments, you may also request that the Environmental Quality Board hold a hearing on the rules. You must make your request for a public hearing in writing, which the agency contact person must receive by 4:30 p.m. on January 7, 2019. You must include your name and address in your written request. In addition, you must identify the portion of the proposed rules that you object to or state that you oppose the entire set of rules. Any request that does not comply with these requirements is not valid and the agency cannot count it when determining whether it must hold a public hearing. You are also encouraged to state the reason for the request and any changes you want made to the proposed rules.

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Modifications. The Environmental Quality Board might modify the proposed rules, either as a result of public comment or as a result of the rule hearing process. It must support modifications by data and views submitted to the agency or presented at the hearing. The adopted rules may not be substantially different than these proposed rules unless the Environmental Quality Board follows the procedure under *Minnesota Rules*, part 1400.2110. If the proposed rules affect you in any way, the Environmental Quality Board encourages you to participate in the rulemaking process.

Cancellation of Hearing. The Environmental Quality Board will cancel the hearing(s) scheduled for January 23, 2019 and January 28, 2019 (in St. Cloud) if the Environmental Quality Board does not receive requests for a hearing from 25 or more persons. If you requested a public hearing, the Environmental Quality Board will notify you before the scheduled hearings whether the hearings will be held. You may also call the agency contact person at 651-757-2364 after January 7, 2019 (4:30pm) to find out whether the hearing will be held.

Notice of Hearing. If 25 or more persons submit valid written requests for a public hearing on the rules, the Environmental Quality Board will hold a hearing following the procedures in *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20. The Environmental Quality Board will hold the hearings on the dates and at the times and places listed above. The hearings will continue until all interested persons have been heard. Administrative Law Judge, LauraSue Schlatter is assigned to conduct the hearings. Judge LauraSue Schlatter can be reached at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, P.O. Box 64620, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620, telephone

(651) 361-7875, and fax (651) 539-0310.

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Statement of Need and Reasonableness. The statement of need and reasonableness summarizes the justification for the proposed rules, including a description of who will be affected by the proposed rules and an estimate of the probable cost of the proposed rules. It is now available from the agency contact person. You may review or obtain copies for the cost of reproduction by contacting the agency contact person. The SONAR will be available at the Environmental Quality Board's website here: https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/eqb-mandatory-categories-rulemaking.

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Adoption Procedure after a Hearing. If a hearing is held, after the close of the hearing record, the Administrative Law Judge will issue a report on the proposed rules. You may ask to be notified of the date that the Administrative Law Judge's report will become available, and can make this request at the hearing or in writing to the Administrative Law Judge. You may also ask to be notified of the date that the agency adopts the rules and the rules are filed with the Secretary of State by requesting this at the hearing or by writing to the agency contact person stated above.

A copy of the proposed rules can be downloaded here:

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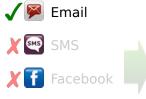
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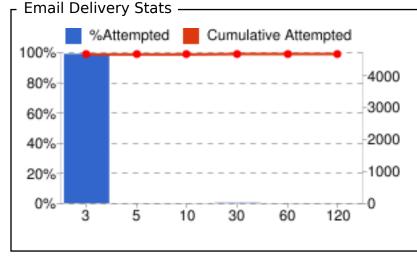
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From: Minnesota Environmental Quality Board

To: Dahl, Erik (EQB)

Subject: Amended Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules Without a Public Hearing Unless 25 or More Persons Request a Hearing, and Notice of Hearing if 25

or More Requests for Hearing Are Received; Revisor's ID Number (RD-04157): TEST

Date: Friday, December 28, 2018 12:10:11 PM

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AMENDED DUAL NOTICE: Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules Without a Public Hearing Unless 25 or More Persons Request a Hearing, and Notice of Hearing if 25 or More Requests for Hearing Are Received; Revisor's ID Number RD-04157

Proposed Amendment to Rules Governing Environmental Review, *Minnesota Rules*, 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410,4400, 410,5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, 4410.4600

Introduction. The Environmental Quality Board intends to adopt rules without a public hearing following the procedures in the rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, *Minnesota Rules*, parts 1400.2300 to 1400.2310, and the Administrative Procedure Act, *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.22 to 14.28.

If, however, 25 or more persons submit a written request for a hearing on the rules by 4:30 p.m. on February 4, 2019, the Environmental Quality Board will hold two public hearings.

AMENDED DATES: EQB has changed the hearing dates for this rulemaking. The first hearing, in Room 100, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155, starting at 10:00 am on Friday March 8, 2019 and continuing until all public comments have been heard. The second hearing at Great River Regional Library, 1300 W St. Germain St., St Cloud, MN 56301, starting at 10:30am on Tuesday March 12, 2019 and continuing until all public comments have been heard. To find out whether the Environmental Quality Board will adopt the rules without a hearing or if it will hold the hearings, you should contact the agency contact person after February 4, 2019 and before March 8, 2019.

Any comments submitted following the publication of the original Dual Notice published on November 13, 2018, will be included in the rulemaking record.

Agency Contact Person. Submit any comments or questions on the rules or written requests for a public hearing to the Environmental Quality Board contact person. The Environmental Quality Board contact person is:

Erik Cedarleaf Dahl Environmental Quality Board 520 Lafayette Rd. St. Paul, MN 55101 651-757-2364 (phone) 651-757-2343 (fax), erik.dahl@state.mn.us.

You may also review the proposed rule and submit written comments via the Office of Administrative Hearings Rulemaking e-comments website at https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com/discussions.

Subject of Rules and Statutory Authority. The proposed rules are about Environmental Review: definitions, RGU selection process, Mandatory EAW Categories, Mandatory EIS Categories, Exemptions, Required notices, Licensing of Explorers, Content of an application for drilling permit, Abandonment of Exploratory Borings. The statutory authority to adopt the rules is *Minnesota Statutes*, section 116D.04, subdivisions 2a(a), 4a, 5a; Minnesota Statutes 116D.045, subdivision 1; Laws of Minnesota 2013, Chapter 114, Article 4, Section 105; Laws of Minnesota 2015, Chapter 4, Article 4, Section 121; Minnesota Statutes 116C.991; Laws of Minnesota 2015, Chapter 4, Section 33. A copy of the proposed rules is published in the State Register and attached to this notice as mailed.

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Chair, Environmental Quality Board

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Subject: Amended Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules Without a Public Hearing Unless 25

> or More Persons Request a Hearing, and Notice of Hearing if 25 or More Reguests for Hearing Are Received; Revisor's ID Number (RD-04157)

12/31/2018 01:00 PM CST Sent:

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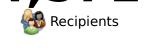
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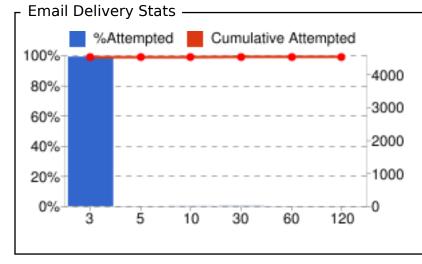
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From: Minnesota Environmental Quality Board

To: Pratt, Katie (EQB); Wilson, Denise (EQB); Dahl, Erik (EQB); Tumminello, Giuseppe (EQB); Mroz-Risse, Kristin (EQB); Cale, Tabitha (EQB)

Subject: Courtesy Copy: Notice of Hearing; Revisor's ID Number (RD-04157)

Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 8:15:17 AM

This is a courtesy copy of an email bulletin sent by Erik Dahl.

This bulletin was sent to the following groups of people:

Subscribers of Environmental Review Program, Mandatory Categories Rulemaking, RGUs 2015, Silica Sand Rulemaking, or Statutes and Rulemaking, (4616 recipients)



Proposed Amendment to Rules Governing Environmental Review, *Minnesota Rules*, 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410.4400, 4410,5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, 4410.4600; Revisor's ID Number RD-04157; OAH docket number 80-9008-35532

Public Hearing. The Environmental Quality Board (EQB) intends to adopt rules after a public hearing following the procedures in the rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, *Minnesota Rules*, parts 1400.2200 to 1400.2240, and the Administrative Procedure Act, *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20. The agency will hold a public hearing on the above-named rules in Room 100, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, <u>520 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155</u>. **starting at 1:30pm on Friday, May 31, 2019**, and continuing until the hearing is completed.

The hearing (via a video-conference connection) will also be available at:

- Brainerd MPCA Office, 7678 College Road, Suite 105, Baxter, MN 56425
- Detroit Lakes MPCA Office, 714 Lake Ave., Suite 220, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501
- Duluth MPCA Office, 525 Lake Ave. S., Suite 400, Duluth, MN 55802
- Marshall MPCA Office, 504 Fairgrounds Rd., Suite 200, Marshall, MN 56258
- Rochester MPCA Office, <u>18 Wood Lake Drive SE</u>, Rochester, <u>MN 55904</u>

In the November 13, 2018, State Register, on pages 531 to 546, and in the December 31, 2018, State Register, on pages 775 to 778, the EQB published a Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules relating to Environmental Review categories. The Notice stated that a hearing would be held on the proposed rules if 25 or more persons submitted written requests for a hearing. In response, the EQB received 177 requests for a hearing. The hearing(s) on Friday March 8, 2019 and on March 12, 2019 are cancelled and rescheduled for Friday, May 31, 2019 1:30pm, in Room 100, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155.

The EQB will schedule additional days of hearing if necessary. All interested or affected persons will have an opportunity to participate by submitting either oral or written data, statements, or arguments. Statements may be submitted without appearing at the hearing.

Administrative Law Judge. Administrative Law Judge LauraSue Schlatter will conduct the hearing. The judge can be reached at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, P.O. Box 64620, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620 by fax (651) 539-0310 or by telephone by calling Judge Schlatter's assistant Ian Lewenstein

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Agency Contact Person. The Environmental Quality Board contact person is:

Erik Cedarleaf Dahl

Environmental Quality Board,

520 Lafayette Rd. St. Paul, MN, 55101,

651-757-2364 (phone), 651-757-2343 (fax), erik.dahl@state.mn.us.

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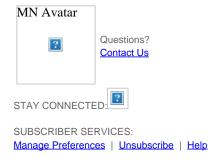
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Subject: Update on EQB Rulemaking: Haring date (May 31) and next steps (EQB Board meeting May 15, 2019)

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Dear Commenter,

You are receiving this letter (attached) because you commented on the Environmental Quality Board's (EQB's) Mandatory Category Rulemaking (Revisor's ID Number RD-04157). Thank you for participating in the rulemaking process. The comment period closed on February 4, 2019 and we received 190 comments on the proposed rules.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information about next steps in the rulemaking process to enable your ongoing participation in the rulemaking. Please be advised, this letter is not a response to your comments. You will receive a response to your comment from EQB staff as required by the rulemaking process.

The hearing date has been moved from March 8/12th to May 31st, 2019 at 1:30pm, to provide the EQB an opportunity to review the comments received and consider revisions. Due to the turnover of Board members coinciding with the administration transition, EQB staff needs

additional time to present the rule, the body of comments and responses, and any recommended revisions to the EQB prior to the hearing.

Based on comments received during the public comment period, EQB staff will present and recommend revisions to the proposed rule language for the Board to consider at the May 15, 2019 Board meeting. Please be advised, the scope of the rulemaking will not expand, but proposed rule changes may be removed or revised based on feedback received during the comment period. All EQB meetings are open to the public. Agenda and proposed revisions to the rule will be posted 10 days prior to the EQB meeting.

Next Steps:

- 1) May 15, 2019 EQB Meeting: EQB staff will present an overview of comments, and recommended changes to the proposed rules. The EQB will consider recommendations and direct staff accordingly. The Board meeting packet will be available by May 3, 2019 on the EQB website: https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/
- 2) **May 31, 2019 1:30pm**: Public rulemaking hearing at MPCA, St Paul, Room 100. The hearing (via a two-way-video-conference connection—anyone wishing to give testimony to the Judge can do so via the two-way-video-conference connection) will also be available at:
 - a. Brainerd MPCA Office, 7678 College Road, Suite 105, Baxter, MN 56425
 - b. Detroit Lakes MPCA Office, 714 Lake Ave., Suite 220, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501
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 - d. Marshall MPCA Office, 504 Fairgrounds Rd., Suite 200, Marshall, MN 56258
 - e. Rochester MPCA Office, <u>18 Wood Lake Drive SE</u>, Rochester, <u>MN 55904</u>

Additional rule timeline updates are available at the EQB rulemaking webpage: https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/eqb-mandatory-categories-rulemaking

Thank you for your time and interest in the EQB rulemaking. If you have any other questions, please reach out to Erik Cedarleaf Dahl (erik.dahl@state.mn.us or 651-757-2364).

Sincerely,

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To persons who requested a hearing. The Environmental Quality Board is sending this Notice to all persons who requested a hearing.

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Proposed Amendment to Rules Governing Environmental Review, Minnesota Rules, 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410.4400, 4410.5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, 4410.4600; Revisor's ID Number RD-04157; OAH docket number 80-9008-35532

Public Hearing. The Environmental Quality Board (EQB) intends to adopt rules after a public hearing following the procedures in the rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, Minnesota Rules, parts 1400.2200 to 1400.2240, and the Administrative Procedure Act, Minnesota Statutes, sections 14.131 to 14.20. The agency will hold a public hearing on the above-named rules in Room 100, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155. starting at 1:30pm on Friday, May 31, 2019, and continuing until the hearing is completed.

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In the November 13, 2018, State Register, on pages 531 to 546, and in the December 31, 2018, State Register, on pages 775 to 778, the EQB published a Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules relating to Environmental Review categories. The Notice stated that a hearing would be held on the proposed rules if 25 or more persons submitted written requests for a hearing. In response, the EQB received 177 requests for a hearing. The hearing(s) on Friday March 8, 2019 and on March 12, 2019 are cancelled and rescheduled for Friday, May 31, 2019 1:30pm, in Room 100, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155.

The EQB will schedule additional days of hearing if necessary. All interested or affected persons will have an opportunity to participate by submitting either oral or written data, statements, or arguments. Statements may be submitted without appearing at the hearing.

Administrative Law Judge. Administrative Law Judge LauraSue Schlatter will conduct the hearing. The judge can be reached at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, P.O. Box 64620, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620 by fax (651) 539-0310 or by telephone by calling Judge Schlatter's assistant Ian Lewenstein at (651) 361-7857, or by email to Ian_Lewenstein@state.mn.us. The rule hearing procedure is governed by *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20, and by the rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, *Minnesota Rules*, parts 1400.2000 to 1400.2240. You should direct questions about the rule hearing procedure to the administrative law judge.

Subject of Rules, Statutory Authority, and Agency Contact Person. The proposed rules are about Environmental Review: definitions, RGU selection process, Mandatory EAW Categories, Mandatory EIS categories, Exemptions, Required notices, Licensing of Explorers, Content of an application for drilling permit, Abandonment of Exploratory Borings. The statutory authority to adopt the rules is *Minnesota Statutes*, section 116D.04, subdivisions 2a(a), 4a, 5a; Minnesota Statutes 116D.045, subdivision 1; Laws of Minnesota 2013, Chapter 114, Article 4, Section 105; Laws of Minnesota 2015 1st Special Session, Chapter 4, Article 4, Section 121; Minnesota Statutes 116C.991; Laws of Minnesota 2015 1st Special Session, Chapter 4, Article 5, Section 33. A copy of the proposed rules was published in the State Register on November 13, 2018, State Registers, on pages 531 to 546, and is attached to this notice as mailed.

Agency Contact Person. The Environmental Quality Board contact person is:

Erik Cedarleaf Dahl

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651-757-2364 (phone), 651-757-2343 (fax), erik.dahl@state.mn.us.

Statement of Need and Reasonableness. The statement of need and reasonableness contains a summary of the justification for the proposed rules, including a description of who will be affected by the proposed rules and an estimate of the probable cost of the proposed rules. It is now available from the agency contact

person. You may review or obtain copies for the cost of reproduction by contacting the agency contact person.

Public Comment. You and all interested or affected persons, including representatives of associations and other interested groups, will have an opportunity to participate. *The administrative law judge will accept your views* either orally at the hearing or in writing at any time before the close of the hearing record. Submit written comments *to the administrative law judge at the address above or* **via the Office of Administrative Hearings Rulemaking eComments website at** https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com/discussions. All evidence that you present should relate to the proposed rules. You may also submit written material *to the administrative law judge* to be recorded in the hearing record for five working days after the public hearing ends. At the hearing the administrative law judge may order this five-day comment period extended for a longer period but for no more than 20 calendar days. Following the comment period, there is a five-working-day rebuttal period during which the agency and any interested person may respond in writing to any new information submitted. No one may submit additional evidence during the five-day rebuttal period. The Office of Administrative Hearings must receive all comments and responses submitted to the administrative law judge no later than 4:30 p.m. on the due date. All comments or responses received are public and will be available for review at the Office of Administrative Hearings.

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https://www.egb.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/documents/1 Revisor%20Certified%20Rules%209 5 2018.pdf

- The Rule Language can be downloaded or reviewed here: Certified Rule Language
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Notice of Hearing

Based on the volume and wide range of comments received, the hearing(s) on <u>Friday March 8, 2019</u> on <u>March 12, 2019</u> are <u>cancelled</u> and <u>are rescheduled for Friday, May 31, 2019 1:30pm</u> in Room 100, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155.

The hearing (via a two-way-video-conference connection) will also be available at (anyone wishing to give testimony to the Judge can do so via the two-way-video-conference connection):

- Brainerd MPCA Office, 7678 College Road, Suite 105, Baxter, MN 56425
- Detroit Lakes MPCA Office, 714 Lake Ave., Suite 220, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501
- Duluth MPCA Office, 525 Lake Ave. S., Suite 400, Duluth, MN 55802
- Marshall MPCA Office, 504 Fairgrounds Rd., Suite 200, Marshall, MN 56258
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Comments received during comment period (11/13/18-2/4/2019)	Download (68mb)

Current Notices:

- November 13, 2018: Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules (State Register November 13, 2018)
- December 31, 2018: AMENDED Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules (State Register December 31, 2018) -- comment period closed on February 4, 2019 (4:30pm)
 - Comments received Nov 13, 2018 February 4, 2019 (4:30pm): All Comments (68mb)
- February 25, 2019: Notice of Hearing May 31, 2019 1:30pm (State Register February 25, 2019)

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Notice of Hearings

Based on the volume and wide range of comments received, EQB <u>will hold hearings on two dates (May 31, 2019 @ 1:30pm and June 26 2019 @ 5:30pm)</u>.

The first hearing is scheduled **for Friday, May 31, 2019 1:30pm** in Room 100, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155.

The May 31, 2019 hearing (via a two-way-video-conference connection) will also be available at (anyone wishing to give testimony to the Judge can do so via the two-way-video-conference connection):

- Brainerd MPCA Office, 7678 College Road, Suite 105, Baxter, MN 56425
- Detroit Lakes MPCA Office, 714 Lake Ave., Suite 220, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501
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The second hearing is scheduled for: June 26, 2019 5:30pm-8:30pm hearing at the Great River Regional Library, 1300 W. St. Germain St., St. Cloud, MN 56301

A second comment period will be open May 20, 2019 through June 21, 2019 (4:30pm CST). Comment here: eComments

May 15, 2019 Board Packet

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Current Notices:

- May 15, 2019: EQB Board meeting
- May 20, 2019: Notice of Additional Hearing June 26, 2019 5:30pm -- (pre-hearing comment period May 20-June 21, 2019 4:30pm)

Past Notices:

The EQB provided the required notifications to the public and the entities identified in statute. Three Request for Comments were published in the *State Register*.

- July 22, 2013 The Request for Comments closed on August 23, 2013 at 4:30pm.
- November 9, 2015 The Request for Comments closed on December 31, 2015 at 4:30pm.
- October 24, 2016 The Request for Comments closed on November 28, 2016 at 4:30pm.
- November 13, 2018: Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules (State Register November 13, 2018)
- December 31, 2018: AMENDED Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules (State Register December 31, 2018) -- comment period closed on February 4, 2019 (4:30pm)
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- February 25, 2019: Notice of Hearing May 31, 2019 1:30pm (State Register February 25, 2019)

How to submit written comments:

- 1. Email us: Denise.wilson@state.mn.us and/or Erik.Dahl@state.mn.us with the subject line: "Mandatory Category Rulemaking: Comment"
- 2. OAH's eComment portal: eComments -- comments on the rule or requests for a hearing can be made at this website. (https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com/discussions/35532-environmental-quality-board-hearing-notice)
- 3. Mail Us:

Environmental Quality Board

Attn: Mandatory Category Rulemaking

520 Lafayette Road North

St. Paul, MN 55155

Timeline:

The EQB took the following steps to develop the draft rules, notify interested parties about the draft rules and to solicit their input on rule language:

- The EQB has provided the required notifications to the public and the entities identified in statute. Three Request for Comments were published in the State Register:
 - July 22, 2013 The Request for Comments closed on August 23, 2013 at 4:30pm.
 - November 9, 2015 The Request for Comments closed on December 31, 2015 at 4:30pm.
 - October 24, 2016 The Request for Comments closed on November 28, 2016 at 4:30pm.
- EQB staff presented an updated preliminary draft of the proposed rules to the EQB Board on November 18, 2015. This was another opportunity to provide an informal comment on the EQB rules and process.

- Board packet
- The EQB hosted informational meetings, open to the public, but specifically focused on implications to local units of government on March 18, 21, 22, 2016, at the EQB offices in St. Paul, MN and via WebEx. Recordings of the informational meetings can be found here:
 - March 18, 2016 9am-12pm: Play recording (2 hr 03 min)
 - March 21, 2016 2pm-5pm: Play recording (1 hr 24 min 54 sec)
 - March 22, 2016 9am-10am: Play recording (50 min 35 sec)
- The EQB released a preliminary draft of the proposed rule language on June 20, 2016 and provided an informal comment period through August 5, 2016. Informal comments were reviewed and appropriate changes made. Copies of the preliminary proposed rule language can be found here:
 - 4410.0200 Preliminary Definitions
 - 4410.4300 Preliminary EAW
 - 4410.4400 Preliminary EIS
 - 4410.4600 Preliminary Exemptions
 - Comments received on Preliminary Proposed Rule Language
- On June 28, 2016, the EQB also hosted a Mandatory Categories Rulemaking Open House and Workshop at the EQB
 offices in St. Paul, MN and via WebEx (which offers audio and visual interactions with participants from any location with
 internet access).
 - June 28th Agenda
 - · Workshop Worksheet
 - · Play a recording of the meeting
- On **August 15, 2018**, EQB staff presented preliminary rule language to the EQB Board. Preliminary language is located here:
 - Preliminary Rule Language
 - Board packet -- Webcast of meeting
 - Meeting minutes: August 15, 2018
- On **September 19, 2018**, EQB staff presented draft rules and Statement of Need and Reasonableness. Staff requested the Board to adopt a resolution to being formal rulemaking and notice the rulemaking in the State Register:
 - Board packet -- Webex of meeting
 - Meeting minutes: September 19, 2018
- On November 13, 2018, the EQB published the Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules Without a Public Hearing Unless 25 or More
 Persons Request a Hearing, and Notice of Hearing if 25 or More Requests for Hearing Are Received; Revisor's ID Number
 RD-04157 in the State Register.
 - State Register November 13, 2018
 - The Rule Language can be downloaded or reviewed here: Rule Language
 - The Statement of Need and Reasonableness can be download here: SONAR
 - The exhibits for the SONAR can be downloaded here: Exhibits
 - Here is a link to OAH's eComment portal: eComments
- On December 31, 2018, the EQB published an AMENDED Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules Without a Public Hearing Unless
 25 or More Persons Request a Hearing, and Notice of Hearing if 25 or More Requests for Hearing Are Received; Revisor's
 ID Number RD-04157 in the State Register--changing the date of the hearing(s) and extending the comment period
 (extending to February 4, 2019 4:30pm).
 - December 31, 2018: AMENDED Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules (State Register December 31, 2018)

- On February 4, 2019,4:30pm, the comment period closed.
 - Comments received Nov 13, 2018 February 4, 2019 (4:30pm): All Comments (68mb)
- On **February 25, 2019**, the EQB published a Notice of Hearing in the State Register and emailed/mailed all commenters regarding the Notice of Hearing, locations and time.
 - February 25, 2019: Notice of Hearing May 31, 2019 1:30pm (State Register February 25, 2019)
- On May 15, 2019, the EQB will hold a public Board meeting (1pm, MPCA offices) to give an overview of the comments received during the comment period and make a decision on staff's recommended revisions to the proposed rules.
 - EQB Board Packet for May 15, 2019
- On May 20, 2019, the EQB will publish a Notice of Additional Hearing in the State Register and emailed all commenters regarding the Notice of Additional Hearing, location and time: June 26, 2019 5:30pm Great River Regional Library, 1300 W. St. Germain St., St. Cloud, MN 56301 -- (pre-hearing comment period May 20-June 21, 2019 4:30pm)

Schedule:

Task	Date(s)
Publish Request for Comments	Fall 2016
Publish notice of proposed rules in the State Register	November 13, 2018 December 31, 2018 (amended) February 25, 2019 (Notice of Hearing)
1st Comment period (CLOSED)	November 13, 2018 to February 4, 2019 4:30pm
2nd Comment period	May 20, 2019 to June 21, 2019 4:30pm

Hearing dates

May 31, 2019 (1:30pm)

June 26, 2019 (5:30pm)

Final adoption of rules:

· no hearing

- ~3 months after notice
- · with a hearing
- ~6 months after notice

Current Minnesota Statutes and Rules:

- Minnesota Statute 116D
- Minnesota Rules Chapter 4410

Resources:

2013 EQB Mandatory Categories Report

EQB Mandatory Category Power Point

Environmental Review 4410.0200 (Definitions) [Word Document]

Environmental Review 4410.4300 (Environmental Assessment Worksheet Mandatory Categories) [Word Document]

Environmetnal Review 4410.4400 (Environmental Impact Statement Mandatory Catories) [Word Document]

Background:

The Environmental Review Program was established in the early 1970's under the direction of the EQB. Periodic updates to the mandatory categories have been made since that time, the latest major revisions occurring in 2009. In 2013, the EQB along with other state agencies completed the Mandatory Environmental Review Categories Report (Report), directed by the 2012 Minnesota legislature (*Laws of Minnesota for 2012, Chapter 150, Article 2, Section 3*). The report provided an analysis of whether the mandatory categories should be modified, eliminated, or unchanged based on their relationship to existing permits or other federal, state, or local laws or ordinances.

Pursuant to a legislative charge to support environmental review efficiency (2015 Special Session Law, Chapter 4, Article 3, Section 2), the EQB will pursue policy and technical updates to MN Rules Ch. 4410. Specifically, this rulemaking, proposed under Revisor's ID Number R-04157, will focus on select mandatory EAW and EIS categories that were identified in the 2013 report to the legislature and categories identified by the public during rulemaking comment periods.

For more information on the Environmental Review Program visit https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/environmental-review-program.

The proposed mandatory categories rulemaking will also encompass the amendments to rules relating to silica sand projects. This includes the mandatory categories related to mining facilities, transfer facilities, processing facilities and storage facilities related to silica sand projects. The purpose of these amendments is to adopt the threshold levels for silica sand projects established by the Minnesota Legislature through Laws of Minnesota 2013, Chapter 114, Article 4, Section 91. In 2014, the EQB began rulemaking for silica sand projects under Revisor's ID Number RD-4305.

Additionally, the proposed mandatory categories rulemaking will also include the proposed amendments to rules relating to recreational trails. This includes thresholds for different types of recreational trails that require preparation of an EAW. In the 2015 Minnesota legislative session, Laws of Minnesota 2015, Chapter 4, Article 5, Section 33, the Minnesota Legislature passed legislation changing the EAW thresholds applicable to motorized trails. In 2015, the EQB began rulemaking for recreational trails projects under Revisor's ID Number RD-4381.

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INFORMATION ON SILICA SAND RULE ADVISORY PANEL

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Recorded Meeting Audio

2018 and older Board Meeting Audio Recordings available upon request: info.eqb@state.mn.us

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11/20/2018

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Proposed Rules of the Environmental Quality Board Governing Environmental Review, Minnesota Rules, 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410.4400, 4410.5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, 4410.4600. Revisor's ID Number R-04157

I certify that on November 20, 2018 the EQB gave notice to the parties identified in the Additional Notice Plan (Plan), detailed on page 72 of the Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR) as approved by the Administrative Law Judge Laura Sue Schlatter on November 1, 2018. The additional notice was sent at least 33 days before the end of the comment period, the EQB sent an electronic GovDelivery notice as well as direct emails from erik.dahl@state.mn.us with a hyperlink to electronic copies of the Dual Notice, Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR) and proposed rule amendments.

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3/6/2018

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I certify that between February 20th and March 6, 2019 the EQB gave notice to the parties identified in the Additional Notice Plan (Plan), detailed on page 72 of the Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR) as approved by the Administrative Law Judge Laura Sue Schlatter on November 1, 2018. The additional notice was sent at least 33 days before the hearing, the EQB sent an electronic GovDelivery notice as well as direct emails from erik.dahl@state.mn.us with a hyperlink to electronic copies of the Notice of Hearing, Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR) and proposed rule amendments as well as USPS mailed versions of the notice of Hearing.

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5/20/2019

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I certify that on May 17, 2019 the EQB gave notice to the parties identified in the Additional Notice Plan (Plan), detailed on page 72 of the Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR) as approved by the Administrative Law Judge Laura Sue Schlatter on May 7, 2019. The additional notice was mailed at least 33 days before the end of the comment period, on May 20, 2019, the EQB sent an electronic GovDelivery notice as well as direct emails from erik.dahl@state.mn.us with a hyperlink to electronic copies of the Dual Notice, Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR) and proposed rule amendments.

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 Wilson, Denise (EQB)

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"leisa.thompson@metc.state.mn.us"; "Berquam, Jennifer"; "dhann@mntownships.org"

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules Without a Public Hearing Unless 25 or More Persons Request a Hearing, and Notice of Hearing if 25 or

More Requests for Hearing Are Received; Revisor's ID Number (RD-04157)

Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 11:27:00 AM

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To whom it may concern:

You are receiving this packet because you were identified as an interested party, by the Administrative Law Judge assigned to review these proposed rule changes. The Environmental Quality Board published a notice of intent to adopt changes to the rules governing environmental review, Minnesota rules:, 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410.4400, 4410.5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, 4410.4600 without a Public Hearing, unless 25 or more persons request a hearing by January 7, 2019, 4:30pm.

The formal comment period is open now until January 7, 2019 at 4:30pm.

If you would like to comment on the proposed rules, you may use any of the following options:

- 1. Email: Denise.wilson@state.mn.us and/or Erik.Dahl@state.mn.us with the subject line: "Mandatory Category Rulemaking: Comment"
- 2. OAH's eComment portal: https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com/discussions/35532-environmental-quality-board-notice-of-intent-to-adopt-rules
- 3. Send via postal mail to:

Environmental Quality Board Attn: Mandatory Category Rulemaking 520 Lafayette Road North St. Paul, MN 55155

Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules Without a Public Hearing Unless 25 or More Persons Request a Hearing, and Notice of Hearing if 25 or More Requests for Hearing Are Received; Revisor's ID Number RD-04157

Proposed Amendment to Rules Governing Environmental Review, *Minnesota Rules*, 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410,4400, 410,5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, 4410.4600

The Environmental Quality Board intends to adopt rules without a public hearing following the procedures in the rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, *Minnesota Rules*, parts 1400.2300 to 1400.2310, and the Administrative Procedure Act, *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.22 to 14.28. If, however, 25 or more persons submit a written request for a hearing on the rules by 4:30 p.m. on January 7, 2019, the Environmental Quality Board will hold the following two public hearings.

The first hearing, in Room 100, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155, starting at 10:00 am on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 and, the second hearing at Great River Regional Library, 1300 W St. Germain St., St Cloud, MN 56301, starting at 10:30am on Monday January 28, 2019. To find out whether the Environmental Quality Board will adopt the rules without a hearing or if it will hold the hearings, you should contact the agency contact person after January 7, 2019 and before January 23, 2019.

Agency Contact Person. Submit any comments or questions on the rules or written requests for a public hearing to the Environmental Quality Board contact person. The Environmental Quality Board contact person

is:

Erik Cedarleaf Dahl

Environmental Quality Board,

520 Lafayette Rd. St. Paul, MN, 55101,

651-757-2364 (phone), 651-757-2343 (fax), erik.dahl@state.mn.us.

You may also review the proposed rule and submit written comments via the Office of Administrative Hearings Rulemaking e-comments website at https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com/discussions/35532-environmental-quality-board-notice-of-intent-to-adopt-rules.

Subject of Rules and Statutory Authority. The proposed rules are about Environmental Review: definitions, RGU selection process, Mandatory EAW Categories, Mandatory EIS Categories, Exemptions, Required notices, Licensing of Explorers, Content of an application for drilling permit, Abandonment of Exploratory Borings. The statutory authority to adopt the rules is *Minnesota Statutes*, *section 116D.04*, *subdivisions 2a(a), 4a, 5a; Minnesota Statutes 116D.045, subdivision 1; Laws of Minnesota 2013, Chapter 114, Article 4, Section 105; Laws of Minnesota 2015, Chapter 4, Article 4, Section 121; Minnesota Statutes 116C.991; Laws of Minnesota 2015, Chapter 4, Section 33.* A copy of the proposed rules is published in the *State Register* and attached to this notice as mailed.

Comments. You have until 4:30 p.m. on January 7, 2019 to submit written comment in support of or in opposition to the proposed rules or any part or subpart of the rules. Your comment must be in writing and received by the agency contact person by the due date. Comment is encouraged. Your comments should identify the portion of the proposed rules addressed, the reason for the comment, and any change proposed. You are encouraged to propose any change that you desire. Any comments that you have about the legality of the proposed rules must also be made during this comment period.

Request for a Hearing. In addition to submitting comments, you may also request that the Environmental Quality Board hold a hearing on the rules. You must make your request for a public hearing in writing, which the agency contact person must receive by 4:30 p.m. on January 7, 2019. You must include your name and address in your written request. In addition, you must identify the portion of the proposed rules that you object to or state that you oppose the entire set of rules. Any request that does not comply with these requirements is not valid and the agency cannot count it when determining whether it must hold a public hearing. You are also encouraged to state the reason for the request and any changes you want made to the proposed rules.

Withdrawal of Requests. If 25 or more persons submit a valid written request for a hearing, the Environmental Quality Board will hold a public hearing unless a sufficient number of persons withdraw their requests in writing. If enough requests for hearing are withdrawn to reduce the number below 25, the agency must give written notice of this to all persons who requested a hearing, explain the actions the agency took to effect the withdrawal, and ask for written comments on this action. If a public hearing is required, the agency will follow the procedures in *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20.

Alternative Format/Accommodation. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request or if you need an

accommodation to make this hearing accessible, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

Modifications. The Environmental Quality Board might modify the proposed rules, either as a result of public comment or as a result of the rule hearing process. It must support modifications by data and views submitted to the agency or presented at the hearing. The adopted rules may not be substantially different than these proposed rules unless the Environmental Quality Board follows the procedure under *Minnesota Rules*, part 1400.2110. If the proposed rules affect you in any way, the Environmental Quality Board encourages you to participate in the rulemaking process.

Cancellation of Hearing. The Environmental Quality Board will cancel the hearing(s) scheduled for January 23, 2019 and January 28, 2019 (in St. Cloud) if the Environmental Quality Board does not receive requests for a hearing from 25 or more persons. If you requested a public hearing, the Environmental Quality Board will notify you before the scheduled hearings whether the hearings will be held. You may also call the agency contact person at 651-757-2364 after January 7, 2019 (4:30pm) to find out whether the hearing will be held.

Notice of Hearing. If 25 or more persons submit valid written requests for a public hearing on the rules, the Environmental Quality Board will hold a hearing following the procedures in *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20. The Environmental Quality Board will hold the hearings on the dates and at the times and places listed above. The hearings will continue until all interested persons have been heard. Administrative Law Judge, LauraSue Schlatter is assigned to conduct the hearings. Judge LauraSue Schlatter can be reached at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, P.O. Box 64620, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620, telephone (651) 361-7875, and fax (651) 539-0310.

Hearing Procedure. If the Environmental Quality Board holds a hearing, you and all interested or affected persons, including representatives of associations or other interested groups, will have an opportunity to participate. You may present your views either orally at the hearing or in writing at any time before the hearing record closes. All evidence presented should relate to the proposed rules. You may also submit written material to the Administrative Law Judge to be recorded in the hearing record for five working days after the public hearing ends. At the hearing the Administrative Law Judge may order that this five-day comment period is extended for a longer period but not more than 20 calendar days. Following the comment period, there is a five-working-day rebuttal period when the agency and any interested person may respond in writing to any new information submitted. No one may submit **new** evidence during the five-day rebuttal period. The Office of Administrative Hearings must receive all comments and responses submitted to the Administrative Law Judge via the Office of Administrative Hearings Rulemaking e-comments website at https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com/discussions/35532-environmental-quality-board-notice-of-intent-toadopt-rules no later than 4:30 p.m. on the due date. All comments or responses received will be available for review at the Environmental Quality Board or on the Environmental Quality Board website at https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/eqb-mandatory-categories-rulemaking. This rule hearing procedure is governed by Minnesota Rules, parts 1400,2000 to 1400,2240, and Minnesota Statutes, sections 14.131 to 14.20. You may direct questions about the procedure to the Administrative Law Judge.

The agency requests that any person submitting written views or data to the Administrative Law Judge before the hearing or during the comment or rebuttal period also submit a copy of the written views or data to the agency contact person at the address stated above.

Statement of Need and Reasonableness. The statement of need and reasonableness summarizes the justification for the proposed rules, including a description of who will be affected by the proposed rules and an estimate of the probable cost of the proposed rules. It is now available from the agency contact person. You may review or obtain copies for the cost of reproduction by contacting the agency contact person. The SONAR will be available at the Environmental Quality Board's website here: https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/eqb-mandatory-categories-rulemaking.

Lobbyist Registration. *Minnesota Statutes*, chapter 10A, requires each lobbyist to register with the State Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board. Ask any questions about this requirement of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board at: Suite #190, Centennial Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, telephone (651) 539-1180 or 1-800-657-3889.

Adoption Procedure if No Hearing. If no hearing is required, the agency may adopt the rules after the end of the comment period. The Environmental Quality Board will submit the rules and supporting documents to the Office of Administrative Hearings for a legal review. You may ask to be notified of the date the rules are submitted to the office. If you want either to receive notice of this, to receive a copy of the adopted rules, or to register with the agency to receive notice of future rule proceedings, submit your request to the agency contact person listed above.

Adoption Procedure after a Hearing. If a hearing is held, after the close of the hearing record, the Administrative Law Judge will issue a report on the proposed rules. You may ask to be notified of the date that the Administrative Law Judge's report will become available, and can make this request at the hearing or in writing to the Administrative Law Judge. You may also ask to be notified of the date that the agency adopts the rules and the rules are filed with the Secretary of State by requesting this at the hearing or by writing to the agency contact person stated above.

A copy of the proposed rules can be downloaded here:

https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/documents/1 Revisor%20Certified%20Rules%209 5 2018.pdf

- The Rule Language can be downloaded or reviewed here: Certified Rule Language
- The Statement of Need and Reasonableness can be download here: **SONAR**
- The exhibits for the SONAR can be downloaded here: Exhibits
- Here is a link to OAH's eComment portal: <u>eComments</u> -- comments on the rule or requests for a hearing can be made at this website.
- Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules

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Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules Without a Public Hearing Unless 25 or More Persons Request a Hearing, and Notice of Hearing if 25 or

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Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 1:24:00 PM

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To whom it may concern:

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The formal comment period is open now until January 7, 2019 at 4:30pm.

If you would like to comment on the proposed rules, you may use any of the following options:

- 1. Email: <u>Denise.wilson@state.mn.us</u> and/or <u>Erik.Dahl@state.mn.us</u> with the subject line: "Mandatory Category Rulemaking: Comment"
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Environmental Quality Board Attn: Mandatory Category Rulemaking 520 Lafayette Road North St. Paul, MN 55155

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Erik Cedarleaf Dahl

Environmental Quality Board,

520 Lafayette Rd. St. Paul, MN, 55101,

651-757-2364 (phone), 651-757-2343 (fax), erik.dahl@state.mn.us.

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Adoption Procedure after a Hearing. If a hearing is held, after the close of the hearing record, the Administrative Law Judge will issue a report on the proposed rules. You may ask to be notified of the date that the Administrative Law Judge's report will become available, and can make this request at the hearing or in writing to the Administrative Law Judge. You may also ask to be notified of the date that the agency adopts the rules and the rules are filed with the Secretary of State by requesting this at the hearing or by writing to the agency contact person stated above.

A copy of the proposed rules can be downloaded here:

https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/documents/1 Revisor%20Certified%20Rules%209 5 2018.pdf

- The Rule Language can be downloaded or reviewed here: <u>Certified Rule Language</u>
- The Statement of Need and Reasonableness can be download here: <u>SONAR</u>
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Erik Dahl

Planning Director

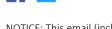
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From: Minnesota Environmental Quality Board

To: Tumminello, Giuseppe (EQB); Wilson, Denise (EQB); Tegdesch, Elizabeth (MPCA); Dahl, Erik (EQB); Pratt, Katie (EQB); Cale,

Tabitha (EQB); Mroz-Risse, Kristin (EQB)

Subject: Courtesy Copy: EOB Monitor, November 19, 2018

Date: Monday, November 19, 2018 8:00:47 AM

This is a courtesy copy of an email bulletin sent by Tabitha Cale.

This bulletin was sent to the following groups of people:

Subscribers of EQB Monitor (1392 recipients)



Environmental Assessment Worksheet Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental unit has made a decision regarding the need for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet in response to a citizen's petition.

 Larry Twedt 3020 Head Swine Finishing Barn Project (Denied - the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency determined the project is exempt from Environmental Review)

Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental unit has determined the following project does not require preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the Environmental Assessment Worksheet notice was published in the EQB *Monitor*.

- City of Carver, Lakeview Industries, 11-5-18 (10-1-18)
- City of Rochester Common Council, Bloom Riverfront Towers, 10-26-18 (9-3-18)

Alternative Urban Areawide Review Updates

Project Title: Final AUAR Update for Ramsey COR

Comment Deadline: December 3, 2018

Project Description: The COR (formerly Ramsey Town Center) study area is a 369.50-acre project in the City of Ramsey. The area is bounded by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad on the south, Armstrong Boulevard on the west and Ramsey Boulevard (Highway 56) on the east. Of the 369.50 acre, 146.55 have been developed or are approved for development. The original AUAR was published on June 24, 2003. This is the second 5-year update for the study area. The 2018 AUAR Update is available for review on the City's website at https://www.ci.ramsey.mn.us/463/The-COR.

All comments concerning the AUAR Update should be received by the City of Ramsey no later than December 3, 2018. All comments should be forwarded to: Chris Anderson City of Ramsey 7550 Sunwood Drive NW Ramsey, MN 55303 canderson@ci.ramsey.mn.us and Alison Harwood WSB 540 Gateway Boulevard Burnsville, MN 55337 aharwood@wsbeng.com

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Ramsey

RGU Contact Person:

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City Planner
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Ramsey, MN 55303
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Alternative Urban Areawide Review Update Adoptions

Project Title: The West End AUAR Update

Project Description: The West End study area consists of 48.6 acres located at the southwest corner of I-394 and Trunk Highway 100 in St. Louis Park, MN, with eastern portions of the site in Golden Valley, MN. The City of St. Louis Park adopted The West End Final AUAR in March 2007. Since that time, some development within the study area has occurred. An update to the AUAR was adopted by the City of St. Louis Park in October 2013. Since the study area is not yet fully developed, another update was prepared that includes one additional scenario as outlined by the developer, which changes the amount of residential use previously proposed for the site. This AUAR Update was adopted on November 5, 2018. The final AUAR Update is available on the City's website at https://www.stlouispark.org/government/departments-divisions/planning-zoning/planning-studies.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of St. Louis Park

RGU Contact Person:

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EQB Announcements

Environmental Quality Board Meeting

The Environmental Quality Board will meet November 21, 2018 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Veterans Service Building in St. Paul, Minnesota. All board meetings are open to the public. The meeting will also be available via live WebEx on November 21 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. You will be able to access the webcast on our website: www.egb.state.mn.us

Veterans Service Building

W 12th St

St. Paul, Minnesota

Meeting agendas, minutes, and handouts are posted on the Environmental Quality Board webpage. Note: Additional documents have been added to the packet including the previously pending "Summary of written and oral comments" and additional "Written comment letters received."

Notices

Notice of Public Hearing, Environmental Assessment Availability, and Comment Period

Comment Deadline: December 20, 2018

Public Utilities Commission (Commission) – Notice of Public Hearing, Environmental Assessment availability and comment period on the high voltage transmission line (HVTL) route permit application for the proposed Blazing Star Wind Farm 2 HVTL project in Lincoln County, Commission Docket No. IP-6985/TL-17-701. The Commission is providing notice of environmental assessment availability and that it will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Blazing Star 2 Wind Farm HVTL project at 6 PM on December 6, 2018 at the Hendricks Public School Gymnasium, 200 Lincoln Street, Hendricks, MN 56136.

Blazing Star 2 Wind Farm 2, LLC (Blazing Star 2) has filed a route permit application to build an approximately 7.5-mile 115 kV HVTL and associated facilities for the proposed Blazing Star Wind Farm 2. Blazing Star 2 proposes the 115 kV HVTL to interconnect the proposed Blazing Star Wind Farm 2 to the Brookings to Hampton 345 kV Line. Blazing Star Wind Farm 2 is being reviewed under a separate site permit process, Commission Docket No. WS-17-700. On November 6, 2018 the Commission granted a large wind energy conversion system (LWECS) site permit to Blazing Star Wind Farm 2 to construct and operate the up to 200 megawatt LWECS. The LWECS will be comprised of 57 to 100 wind turbines ranging from 2 to 3.5 megawatts in size and associated facilities.

Comments on the Blazing Star 2 HVTL route permit and the environmental assessment will be accepted by various methods until December 20, 2018, as noticed. Documents related to this docket can be obtained for the project at the Commission's website at mn.gov/puc, select search eDockets, enter year (17) and the docket number (701), select search.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

RGU Contact Person:

Charley Bruce 121 7th Place E., STE 350 St. Paul, MN 55101 651-201-2254

publicadvisor.puc@state.mn.us

Notice of Availability for Supplemental Information of an Environmental Assessment Worksheet

Comment Deadline: December 11, 2018

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is opening a second comment period specifically limited to addressing supplemental information related to the sinkhole investigation and Electric Resistivity Imaging (ERI) completed for the Environmental Assessment Worksheet for the Catalpa Ag, LLC Project in Sections 7 and 18 of Newburg Township, Fillmore County, Minnesota (Project).

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An electronic version of the documents are available on the MPCA Environmental Review webpage at https://www.pca.state.mn.us/quick-links/catalpa-aq-llc

If you would like a copy of the documents or have any questions on the EAW, contact:

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

RGU Contact Person:

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St. Paul, MN 55155
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A copy of the proposed rules can be downloaded here:

https://www.egb.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/documents/1_Revisor%20Certified%20Rules%209_5_2018.pdf

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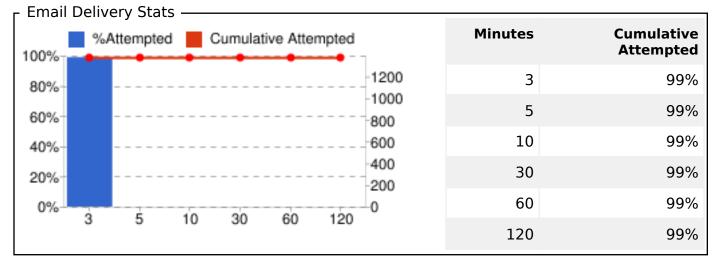
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November 16, 2018

Re: Notice Of Intent To Adopt Rules Without A Hearing Possible Amendment to Rules Governing Environmental Review, Minnesota Rules, 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410.4400, 4410.5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, 4410.4600

To whom it may concern:

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The formal comment period is open now until January 7, 2019 at 4:30pm.

If you would like to comment on the proposed rules, you may use any of the following options:

- 1. Email: Denise.wilson@state.mn.us and/or Erik.Dahl@state.mn.us with the subject line: "Mandatory Category Rulemaking: Comment"
- 2. OAH's eComment portal: https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com/discussions/35532-environmental-quality-board-notice-of-intent-to-adopt-rules
- 3. Send via postal mail to:

Environmental Quality Board Attn: Mandatory Category Rulemaking 520 Lafayette Road North St. Paul, MN 55155

Sincerely,

Erik Cedarleaf Dahl Planning Director

Environmental Quality Board

Erik.Dahl@state.mn.us

651-757-2364

Enclosure: Notice of Intent to Adopt, Rule Language, Statement of Need and Reasonableness, Exhibits Equal Opportunity Employer

12 Federal Tribes: emailed and mailed via USPS https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files /p-gen5-25.pdf

Metro Cities (Association of Metropolitan

Municipalities)

Attn: Patricia Nauman

145 University Ave W, Suite 125

St. Paul, MN 55103 651-215-4000

Minnesota City/County Management

Minnesota Chamber of Commerce

Association

Suite 1500

St. Paul, MN

Attn: Steve Taylor

Attn: Doug Loon

400 Robert Street North

Sherburne County Gov't Center 13880 Business Center Drive NW

Suite 100

Elk River, MN 55330-4668

Association of Minnesota Counties

Attn: Julie Ring 125 Charles Avenue St. Paul, MN 55103-2108

Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities

c/o 525 Park St. Suite 470

St. Paul, MN 55103

1919 University Ave W, Suite 515

Saint Paul, MN 55104

Attn: Kathryn Hoffman

Minnesota Environmental Partnership

Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy

Attn: Steve Morse

546 Rice Street, Suite 100 Saint Paul, MN 55103

League of Minnesota Cities

Attn: David Unmacht 145 University Ave. W Saint Paul, MN 55103-2044

Sierra Club North Star Chapter

Attn: Margaret Levin

2327 East Franklin Avenue, Suite 1 Minneapolis MN 55406-1024

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Attn: Alene Tchourumoff 390 Robert Street North

St. Paul, MN 55101

Environmental Justice Advocates

Attn: Louis Alemayehu 3700 Bryant Ave Ave Minneapolis, MN 55401

Minnesota Association of Small Cities

Attn: Jill Sletten

145 University Ave West Saint Paul, MN 55103-2044 The Alliance Advancing Regional Equity

Attn: Russ Adams

2525 Franklin Ave E, Suite 200 Minneapolis, MN 55406

Minnesota Soybean Growers Association Attn: Tom Slunecka 151 St Andrews Ct #710, Mankato, MN 56001

Minnesota Farm Bureau Attn: Chris Radatz P.O. Box 64370 St. Paul, MN 55164

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency 520 Lafayette Rd St. Paul, MN 55101

Minnesota Farmers Union Attn: Gary Wertish 305 Roselawn Ave. E. Ste. 200 Minnesota Industrial Sand Council Attn: John Cunningham P.O. Box 211542, 2955 Eagandale Blvd, Eagan 55121

St. Paul, MN 55117

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission 121 7th PI E #350, St Paul, MN 55101

Minnesota Corn Growers Association Attn: Adam Birr 738 1st Avenue East

Minnesota Department of Commerce 85 7th Pl E # 280, St Paul, MN 55101

Shakopee, MN, 55379

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources 500 Lafayette Rd, St Paul, MN 55155

Minnesota Association of Wheat Growers Attn: David Torgerson 2600 Wheat Drive Red Lake Falls, MN 56750

MPCA Environmental Justice Advisory Group: ned.brooks@state.mn.us emailed

Minnesota Land Improvement Contractors Association Attn: Kevin & Jeanie Bakken 9600 South Dennison Blvd. Northfield, MN

MPCA Environmental Justice List Serve ned.brooks@state.mn.us emailed

Red River Watershed Management Board Attn: Rob Sip 115th Ave E. Ada, MN 56510

From: Minnesota Environmental Quality Board

Wilson, Denise (EQB); Tegdesch, Elizabeth (MPCA); Dahl, Erik (EQB); Pratt, Katie (EQB); Tumminello, Giuseppe (EQB); Cale, To:

Tabitha (EQB); Mroz-Risse, Kristin (EQB) Courtesy Copy: EQB Monitor, December 31, 2018

Subject: Monday, December 31, 2018 8:00:20 AM Date:

This is a courtesy copy of an email bulletin sent by Erik Dahl.

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EQB Announcements

2019 EQB Monitor Schedule

The <u>2019 EQB Monitor Schedule</u> is now available. See the schedule for EQB Monitor publications, the submission deadlines, and 10-day and 30-day comment period deadlines.

Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: Trunk Highway 53 Intersection and Passing Lane Improvement Project

Comment Deadline: January 30, 2019

Project Description: MnDOT proposes to provide intersection improvements at Trunk Highway (TH) 53 junctions with TH 1 south and north of Cook, Minnesota, and to add passing lanes at four 2.5 mile segments between Cook and International Falls. The comment period will be from December 31, 2018 through January 30, 2019.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Minnesota Department of Transportation

RGU Contact Person:

Josie Olson, P.E. Project Manager 1123 Mesaba Avenue Duluth, MN 55811 218-725-2808 Josie.Olson@state.mn.us

Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental unit has determined the following project does not require preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the Environmental Assessment Worksheet notice was published in the EQB *Monitor*.

- Stearns County, LJS Farms (Steers) Site #2, 12-18-18 (10-22-18)
- Chisago County, Tiller Mining and Reclamation Project EAW, Nonmetallic Mineral Mining, Sunrise Township, Chisago County, 12-19-18 (9-24-18)
- Otter Tail County, (CSAH) 34 Reconstruction and Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail Segment Project, 12-18-18 (8-27-18)

Environmental Impact Statement Adequacy Determinations

Project Title: Fargo-Moorhead Flood Risk Management Project

Project Description: The DNR has determined the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) is adequate. Details about the Project and the environmental review documents are available on the DNR's website at mndnr.gov/fmproject.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

RGU Contact Person:

Jill Townley
Planner Principal
500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155
651-259-5168
jill.townley@state.mn.us

Notice

AMENDED DUAL NOTICE: Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules Without a Public Hearing Unless 25 or More Persons Request a Hearing, and Notice of Hearing if 25 or More Requests for Hearing Are Received; Revisor's ID Number RD-04157

Proposed Amendment to Rules Governing Environmental Review, *Minnesota Rules*, 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410,4400, 410,5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, 4410.4600

Introduction. The Environmental Quality Board intends to adopt rules without a public hearing following the procedures in the rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, *Minnesota Rules*, parts 1400.2300 to 1400.2310, and the Administrative Procedure Act, *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.22 to 14.28.

If, however, 25 or more persons submit a written request for a hearing on the rules by 4:30 p.m. on February 4, 2019, the Environmental Quality Board will hold two public hearings.

AMENDED DATES: EQB has changed the hearing dates for this rulemaking. The first hearing, in Room 100, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155, starting at 10:00 am on Friday March 8, 2019 and continuing until all public comments have been heard. The second hearing at Great River Regional Library, 1300 W St. Germain St., St Cloud, MN 56301, starting at 10:30am on Tuesday March 12, 2019 and continuing until all public comments have been heard. To find out whether the Environmental Quality Board will adopt the rules without a hearing or if it will hold the hearings, you should contact the agency contact person after February 4, 2019 and before March 8, 2019.

Any comments submitted following the publication of the original Dual Notice published on November 13, 2018, will be included in the rulemaking record.

Agency Contact Person. Submit any comments or questions on the rules or written requests for a public hearing to the Environmental Quality Board contact person. The Environmental Quality Board contact person is:

Erik Cedarleaf Dahl Environmental Quality Board 520 Lafayette Rd. St. Paul, MN 55101 651-757-2364 (phone) 651-757-2343 (fax), erik.dahl@state.mn.us.

You may also review the proposed rule and submit written comments via the Office of Administrative Hearings Rulemaking e-comments website at

https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com/discussions .

Subject of Rules and Statutory Authority. The proposed rules are about Environmental Review: definitions, RGU selection process, Mandatory EAW Categories, Mandatory EIS Categories, Exemptions, Required notices, Licensing of Explorers, Content of an application for drilling permit, Abandonment of Exploratory Borings. The statutory authority to adopt the rules is Minnesota Statutes, section 116D.04, subdivisions 2a(a), 4a, 5a; Minnesota Statutes 116D.045, subdivision 1; Laws of Minnesota 2013, Chapter 114, Article 4, Section 105; Laws of Minnesota 2015, Chapter 4, Article 4, Section 121; Minnesota Statutes 116C.991; Laws of Minnesota 2015, Chapter 4, Section 33. A copy of the proposed rules is published in the State Register and attached to this notice as mailed.

Comments. You have until 4:30 p.m. on February 4, 2019, to submit written comments in support of or in opposition to the proposed rules or any part or subpart of the rules. Your comment must be in writing and received by the agency contact person by the due date. Comment is encouraged. Your comments should identify the portion of the proposed rules addressed, the reason for the comment, and any change proposed. You are encouraged to propose any change that you desire. Any comments that you have about the legality of the proposed rules must also be made during this comment period. Any comments submitted following the publication of the original Dual Notice published on November 13, 2018, will be included in the rulemaking record.

Request for a Hearing. In addition to submitting comments, you may also request that the Environmental Quality Board hold a hearing on the rules. You must make your request for a public hearing in writing, which the agency contact person must receive by 4:30 p.m. on February 4, 2019. You must include your name and address in your written request. In addition, you must identify the portion of the proposed rules that you object to or state that you oppose the entire set of rules. Any request that does not comply with these requirements is not valid and the agency cannot count it when determining whether it must hold a public hearing. You are also encouraged to state the reason for the request and any changes you want made to the proposed rules.

Withdrawal of Requests. If 25 or more persons submit a valid written request for a hearing, the Environmental Quality Board will hold a public hearing unless a sufficient number of persons withdraw their requests in writing. If enough requests for hearing are withdrawn to reduce the number below 25, the agency must give written notice of this to all persons who requested a hearing, explain the actions the agency took to effect the withdrawal, and ask for written comments on this action. If a public hearing is required, the agency will follow the procedures in *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20.

Alternative Format/Accommodation. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request or if you need an accommodation to make this hearing accessible, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

Modifications. The Environmental Quality Board might modify the proposed rules, either as a result of public comment or as a result of the rule hearing process. It must support modifications by data and views submitted to the agency or presented at the hearing. The adopted rules may not be substantially different than these proposed rules unless the Environmental Quality Board follows the procedure under *Minnesota Rules*, part 1400.2110. If the proposed rules affect you in any way, the Environmental Quality Board encourages you to participate in the rulemaking process.

Cancellation of Hearing. The Environmental Quality Board will cancel the hearing(s) scheduled for

March 8, 2019 (in St Paul), and March 12, 2019 (in St. Cloud) if the Environmental Quality Board does not receive requests for a hearing from 25 or more persons. If you requested a public hearing, the Environmental Quality Board will notify you before the scheduled hearings whether the hearings will be held. You may also call the agency contact person at 651-757-2364 after February 4, 2019 (4:30pm) to find out whether the hearing will be held.

Notice of Hearing. If 25 or more persons submit valid written requests for a public hearing on the rules, the Environmental Quality Board will hold a hearing following the procedures in *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20. The Environmental Quality Board will hold the hearings on the dates and at the times and places listed above. The hearings will continue until all interested persons have been heard. Administrative Law Judge, LauraSue Schlatter is assigned to conduct the hearings. Judge LauraSue Schlatter can be reached at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, P.O. Box 64620, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620, telephone (651) 361-7875, and fax (651) 539-0310.

Hearing Procedure. If the Environmental Quality Board holds a hearing, you and all interested or affected persons, including representatives of associations or other interested groups, will have an opportunity to participate. You may present your views either orally at the hearing or in writing at any time before the hearing record closes. All evidence presented should relate to the proposed rules. You may also submit written material to the Administrative Law Judge to be recorded in the hearing record for five working days after the public hearing ends. At the hearing the Administrative Law Judge may order that this five-day comment period is extended for a longer period but not more than 20 calendar days. Following the comment period, there is a five-working-day rebuttal period when the agency and any interested person may respond in writing to any new information submitted. No one may submit new evidence during the five-day rebuttal period. The Office of Administrative Hearings must receive all comments and responses submitted to the Administrative Law Judge via the Office of Administrative Hearings Rulemaking e-comments website at https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com/discussions no later than 4:30 p.m. on the due date. All comments or responses received will be available for review at the Environmental Quality Board or on the Environmental Quality Board website at https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/eqb-mandatory-categories-rulemaking. This rule hearing procedure is governed by Minnesota Rules, parts 1400.2000 to 1400.2240, and Minnesota Statutes, sections 14.131 to 14.20. You may direct questions about the procedure to the Administrative Law Judge.

The agency requests that any person submitting written views or data to the Administrative Law Judge before the hearing or during the comment or rebuttal period also submit a copy of the written views or data to the agency contact person at the address stated above.

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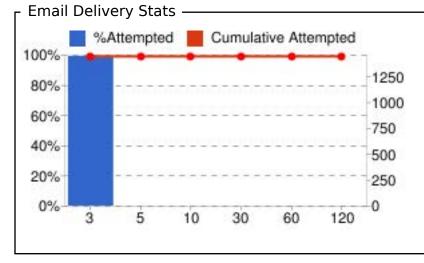
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You are receiving this packet because you were identified as an interested party, by the Administrative Law Judge assigned to review these proposed rule changes. The Environmental Quality Board published a notice of intent to adopt changes to the rules governing environmental review, Minnesota rules:, 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410.4400, 4410.5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, 4410.4600.

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Proposed Amendment to Rules Governing Environmental Review, *Minnesota Rules*, 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410.4400, 4410.5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, 4410.4600; Revisor's ID Number RD-04157; OAH docket number 80-9008-35532

Public Hearing. The Environmental Quality Board (EQB) intends to adopt rules after a public hearing following the procedures in the rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, *Minnesota Rules*, parts 1400.2200 to 1400.2240, and the Administrative Procedure Act, *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20. The agency will hold a public hearing on the above-named rules in Room 100, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155. **starting at 1:30pm on Friday, May 31, 2019**, and continuing until the hearing is completed.

The hearing (via a video-conference connection) will also be available at:

- Brainerd MPCA Office, 7678 College Road, Suite 105, Baxter, MN 56425
- Detroit Lakes MPCA Office, 714 Lake Ave., Suite 220, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501
- Duluth MPCA Office, 525 Lake Ave. S., Suite 400, Duluth, MN 55802
- Marshall MPCA Office, 504 Fairgrounds Rd., Suite 200, Marshall, MN 56258
- Rochester MPCA Office, <u>18 Wood Lake Drive SE</u>, Rochester, <u>MN 55904</u>

In the November 13, 2018, State Register, on pages 531 to 546, and in the December 31, 2018, State Register, on pages 775 to 778, the EQB published a Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules relating to Environmental Review categories. The Notice stated that a hearing would be held on the proposed rules if 25 or more persons submitted written requests for a hearing. In response, the EQB received 177 requests for a hearing. The hearing(s) on Friday March 8, 2019 and on March 12, 2019 are cancelled and rescheduled for Friday, May 31, 2019 1:30pm, in Room 100, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155.

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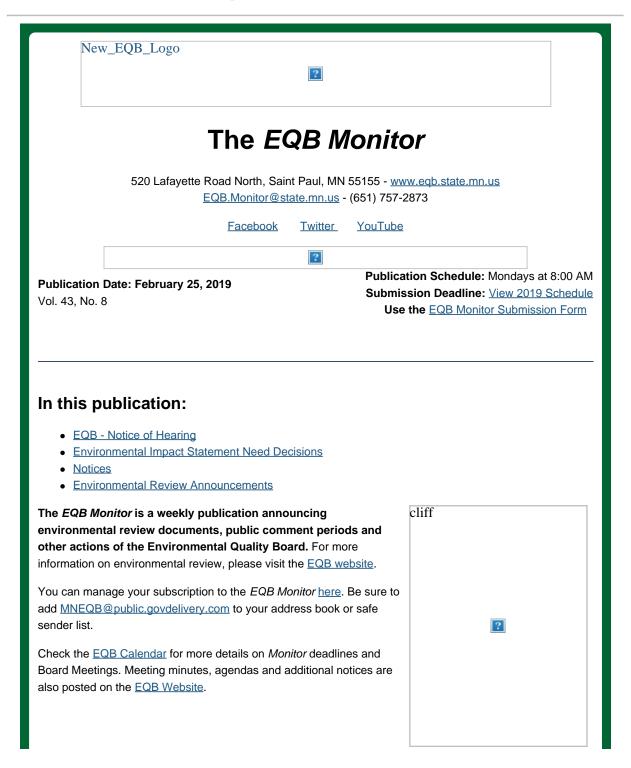
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Order. I order that the rulemaking hearing be held at the date, time, and location listed above.

Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions

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- Minnesota Department of Transportation, Trunk Highway 53 Intersection and Passing Lane Improvement Project, 2-19-19 (12-31-18)
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Notices

ROTENONE APPLICATION PROJECT PLANNED BY DNR SECTION OF FISHERIES

The DNR Section of Fisheries is planning a rotenone treatment on the lake below:

Lake	DOW#	Township	Range	Sections(s)
Frank Lake	76003400	121N	37W	5,6

The DNR Section of Fisheries is planning a rotenone treatment during the spring (April 2019). The project involves the boat application (2 boats utilized) of powdered rotenone (5% active ingredient) at approximately 1PPM (low-dose) concentration to eliminate carryover Walleye in Frank Lake which is a DNR Section of Fisheries Walleye rearing pond. All attempts will be made to remove and stock as many carryover Walleye as possible prior to the treatment. This project will take place only if winterkill of Walleye does not occur during 2018/19 winter. Fish sampling will be conducted between ice-out and project initiation to confirm/deny winterkill of Walleye. Endangered or threatened species are not present in this lake. The goal for this project is to remove primary predators in order to substantially increase Walleye fingerling production for fall 2019 to better meet statewide Walleye stocking quotas.

For general information about this project contact: Dave Coahran Spicer Area Fisheries Supervisor 320-796-2161 ext. 225 dave.coahran@state.mn.us

Minnesota Department of Agriculture--Notification of

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Environmental Review Announcements

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Request for Proposals for Enterprise Environmental Review and Technical Services Master Contract

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Public and private projects in MN can have impacts on our air, land and water resources. For over four decades, Minnesota Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) has helped minimize damage to Minnesota's environment by requiring that certain projects go through an environmental review (ER) process before getting governmental permits or approvals. The ER process provides an opportunity for public comment and produces a document that identifies: 1) potential environmental effects of the proposed project and; 2) ways to reduce negative environmental effects.

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Who will be able to use the contract?

This Program will be available for use by state agencies and other local government entities as well as non-profit organizations eligible under the State's cooperative purchasing venture ("CPV") program. CPVs are established pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 16C.03, subdivision 10 and includes, but is not limited to, counties, cities, school districts, higher education and non-profit organizations.

For more information on becoming a qualified CPV member, follow this link http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/cpv2.htm, or contact the Office of State Procurement Helpline at (651)296-2600. If you are a CPV and have worked with a competent, qualified contractor in the past that you think should be considered, please forward this information and suggest they submit an application.

What services will be offered?

The Minnesota Department of Administration is introducing the Enterprise Environmental Review and Technical Services Master Contract Program (the "Program") to support state agencies and governmental units with the preparation of environmental review and decision documents, and analyses in technical specialties. Once the ER Master Contract process is complete, contactors will remain on the list for two years with the possibility of an additional three year extension, depending utilization. Contractors who apply will be able to select the services they want to offer (i.e. developing complete environmental review documents and/or developing specific types of stand-alone studies like traffic studies, wildlife studies, assessments of archeological and historic resources, etc. and/or assisting with implementation of best practices for communication and public engagement).

Applicants may select one or more of the following Sub-categories included in the RFP:

- 1. Environmental Review
 - EAW
 - EIS
 - AUAR
- 2. Public Engagement
 - Communications
 - Editing/Technical Writing
 - o Public/Stakeholder Engagement
- 3. Community Assessment
 - Health Assessment
 - Social Impacts Assessment
 - Economic Impacts Analysis
 - Traffic and Transportation Impact Assessment
 - Greenhouse Gas Assessment
 - Cultural Impacts Assessment

- 4. Technical Assessment
 - Land Use
 - Geology, Hydrogeology and Soils
 - Ecological
 - Water Resources
 - Ai
 - Contamination/ Hazards Materials/ Wastes
 - o Cumulative Potential Effects Assessment
 - o GIS Data Analysis

How to apply to the RFP

The Request for Proposals will be open from January 2, 2019 through 4:30 PM on March 4, 2019.

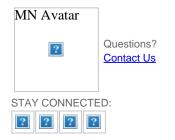
In order to submit an application, you need to register. For more information on becoming a registered SWIFT vendor, please go to https://mn.gov/mmb/accounting/swift/vendor-resources/ or contact the SWIFT Supplier Portal Assistance line at (651)201-8100, Option 1.

If you are already a registered vendor, here is the link to submit an application: https://supplier.swift.state.mn.us/psp/fmssupap 1/SUPPLIER/ERP/c/PORTAL COMPONENTS AU.AUC LOGIN.GBL

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Notice of Hearing: Revisor's ID Number (RD-04157) - EQB Rulemaking Subject:

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To persons who requested a hearing. The Environmental Quality Board is sending this Notice to all persons who requested a hearing.

Notice of Hearing; Revisor's ID Number (RD-04157)

Proposed Amendment to Rules Governing Environmental Review, *Minnesota Rules*, 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410.4400, 4410.5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, 4410.4600; Revisor's ID Number RD-04157; OAH docket number 80-9008-35532

Public Hearing. The Environmental Quality Board (EQB) intends to adopt rules after a public hearing following the procedures in the rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, Minnesota Rules, parts 1400.2200 to 1400.2240, and the Administrative Procedure Act, Minnesota Statutes, sections 14.131 to 14.20. The agency will hold a public hearing on the above-named rules in Room 100, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155. starting at 1:30pm on Friday, May 31, 2019, and continuing until the hearing is completed.

The hearing (via a video-conference connection) will also be available at:

- Brainerd MPCA Office, 7678 College Road, Suite 105, Baxter, MN 56425
- Detroit Lakes MPCA Office, 714 Lake Ave., Suite 220, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501
- Duluth MPCA Office, 525 Lake Ave. S., Suite 400, Duluth, MN 55802
- Marshall MPCA Office, 504 Fairgrounds Rd., Suite 200, Marshall, MN 56258

Rochester MPCA Office, 18 Wood Lake Drive SE, Rochester, MN 55904

In the November 13, 2018, State Register, on pages 531 to 546, and in the December 31, 2018, State Register, on pages 775 to 778, the EQB published a Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules relating to Environmental Review categories. The Notice stated that a hearing would be held on the proposed rules if 25 or more persons submitted written requests for a hearing. In response, the EQB received 177 requests for a hearing. The hearing(s) on Friday March 8, 2019 and on March 12, 2019 are cancelled and rescheduled for Friday, May 31, 2019 1:30pm, in Room 100, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155.

The EQB will schedule additional days of hearing if necessary. All interested or affected persons will have an opportunity to participate by submitting either oral or written data, statements, or arguments. Statements may be submitted without appearing at the hearing.

Administrative Law Judge. Administrative Law Judge LauraSue Schlatter will conduct the hearing. The judge can be reached at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, P.O. Box 64620, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620 by fax (651) 539-0310 or by telephone by calling Judge Schlatter's assistant Ian Lewenstein at (651) 361-7857, or by email to Ian.Lewenstein@state.mn.us. The rule hearing procedure is governed by *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20, and by the rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, *Minnesota Rules*, parts 1400.2000 to 1400.2240. You should direct questions about the rule hearing procedure to the administrative law judge.

Subject of Rules, Statutory Authority, and Agency Contact Person. The proposed rules are about Environmental Review: definitions, RGU selection process, Mandatory EAW Categories, Mandatory EIS categories, Exemptions, Required notices, Licensing of Explorers, Content of an application for drilling permit, Abandonment of Exploratory Borings. The statutory authority to adopt the rules is *Minnesota Statutes*, section 116D.04, subdivisions 2a(a), 4a, 5a; Minnesota Statutes 116D.045, subdivision 1; Laws of Minnesota 2013, Chapter 114, Article 4, Section 105; Laws of Minnesota 2015 1st Special Session, Chapter 4, Article 4, Section 121; Minnesota Statutes 116C.991; Laws of Minnesota 2015 1st Special Session, Chapter 4, Article 5, Section 33. A copy of the proposed rules was published in the State Register on November 13, 2018, State Registers, on pages 531 to 546, and is attached to this notice as mailed.

Agency Contact Person. The Environmental Quality Board contact person is:

Erik Cedarleaf Dahl

Environmental Quality Board,

520 Lafayette Rd. St. Paul, MN, 55101,

651-757-2364 (phone), 651-757-2343 (fax), erik.dahl@state.mn.us.

Statement of Need and Reasonableness. The statement of need and reasonableness contains a summary of the justification for the proposed rules, including a description of who will be affected by the proposed rules and an estimate of the probable cost of the proposed rules. It is now available from the agency contact

person. You may review or obtain copies for the cost of reproduction by contacting the agency contact person.

Public Comment. You and all interested or affected persons, including representatives of associations and other interested groups, will have an opportunity to participate. *The administrative law judge will accept your views* either orally at the hearing or in writing at any time before the close of the hearing record. Submit written comments *to the administrative law judge at the address above or* **via the Office of Administrative Hearings Rulemaking eComments website at** https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com/discussions. All evidence that you present should relate to the proposed rules. You may also submit written material *to the administrative law judge* to be recorded in the hearing record for five working days after the public hearing ends. At the hearing the administrative law judge may order this five-day comment period extended for a longer period but for no more than 20 calendar days. Following the comment period, there is a five-working-day rebuttal period during which the agency and any interested person may respond in writing to any new information submitted. No one may submit additional evidence during the five-day rebuttal period. The Office of Administrative Hearings must receive all comments and responses submitted to the administrative law judge no later than 4:30 p.m. on the due date. All comments or responses received are public and will be available for review at the Office of Administrative Hearings.

The agency requests that any person submitting written views or data to the administrative law judge before the hearing or during the comment or rebuttal period also submit a copy of the written views or data to the agency contact person at the address stated above.

Alternative Format/Accommodation. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request or if you need an accommodation to make this hearing accessible, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

Modifications. The agency may modify the proposed rules as a result of the rule hearing process. It must support modifications with data and views presented during the rule hearing process. The adopted rules may not be substantially different than these proposed rules, unless the agency follows the procedure under *Minnesota Rules*, part 1400.2110. If the proposed rules affect you in any way, the agency encourages you to participate.

Adoption Procedure after the Hearing. After the close of the hearing record, the administrative law judge will issue a report on the proposed rules. You may ask to be notified of the date when the judge's report will become available, and can make this request at the hearing or in writing to the administrative law judge. You may also ask to be notified of the date that the agency adopts the rules and files them with the Secretary of State, or ask to register with the agency to receive notice of future rule proceedings. You may make these requests at the hearing or in writing to the agency contact person stated above.

Lobbyist Registration. *Minnesota Statutes*, chapter 10A, requires each lobbyist to register with the State Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board. You should direct questions regarding this requirement to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board at: Suite #190, Centennial Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, telephone (651) 539-1180 or 1-800-657-3889.

A copy of the proposed rules can be downloaded here:

https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/documents/1 Revisor%20Certified%20Rules%209 5 2018.pdf

- The Rule Language can be downloaded or reviewed here: Certified Rule Language
- The Statement of Need and Reasonableness can be download here: **SONAR**
- The exhibits for the SONAR can be downloaded here: Exhibits
- Here is a link to OAH's eComment portal: eComments

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Subject: Update on EQB Rulemaking: Haring date (May 31) and next steps (EQB Board meeting May 15, 2019)

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Dear Commenter,

You are receiving this letter (attached) because you commented on the Environmental Quality Board's (EQB's) Mandatory Category Rulemaking (Revisor's ID Number RD-04157). Thank you for participating in the rulemaking process. The comment period closed on February 4, 2019 and we received 190 comments on the proposed rules.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information about next steps in the rulemaking process to enable your ongoing participation in the rulemaking. Please be advised, this letter is not a response to your comments. You will receive a response to your comment from EQB staff as required by the rulemaking process.

The hearing date has been moved from March 8/12th to May 31st, 2019 at 1:30pm, to provide the EQB an opportunity to review the comments received and consider revisions. Due to the turnover of Board members coinciding with the administration transition, EQB staff needs

additional time to present the rule, the body of comments and responses, and any recommended revisions to the EQB prior to the hearing.

Based on comments received during the public comment period, EQB staff will present and recommend revisions to the proposed rule language for the Board to consider at the May 15, 2019 Board meeting. Please be advised, the scope of the rulemaking will not expand, but proposed rule changes may be removed or revised based on feedback received during the comment period. All EQB meetings are open to the public. Agenda and proposed revisions to the rule will be posted 10 days prior to the EQB meeting.

Next Steps:

- 1) May 15, 2019 EQB Meeting: EQB staff will present an overview of comments, and recommended changes to the proposed rules. The EQB will consider recommendations and direct staff accordingly. The Board meeting packet will be available by May 3, 2019 on the EQB website: https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/
- 2) **May 31, 2019 1:30pm**: Public rulemaking hearing at MPCA, St Paul, Room 100. The hearing (via a two-way-video-conference connection—anyone wishing to give testimony to the Judge can do so via the two-way-video-conference connection) will also be available at:
 - a. Brainerd MPCA Office, 7678 College Road, Suite 105, Baxter, MN 56425
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Additional rule timeline updates are available at the EQB rulemaking webpage: https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/eqb-mandatory-categories-rulemaking

Thank you for your time and interest in the EQB rulemaking. If you have any other questions, please reach out to Erik Cedarleaf Dahl (erik.dahl@state.mn.us or 651-757-2364).

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zachary.kolsum@state.mn. us	Delivered	2	0
zbaer@zbaer.com	Delivered	0	0
zoricajelic@yahoo.com	Delivered	0	0

Notice of Hearing

Based on the volume and wide range of comments received, the hearing(s) on <u>Friday March 8, 2019</u> on <u>March 12, 2019</u> are <u>cancelled</u> and <u>are rescheduled for Friday, May 31, 2019 1:30pm</u> in Room 100, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155.

The hearing (via a two-way-video-conference connection) will also be available at (anyone wishing to give testimony to the Judge can do so via the two-way-video-conference connection):

- Brainerd MPCA Office, 7678 College Road, Suite 105, Baxter, MN 56425
- Detroit Lakes MPCA Office, 714 Lake Ave., Suite 220, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501
- Duluth MPCA Office, 525 Lake Ave. S., Suite 400, Duluth, MN 55802
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Exhibits for SONAR	Download
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Current Notices:

- November 13, 2018: Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules (State Register November 13, 2018)
- December 31, 2018: AMENDED Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules (State Register December 31, 2018) -- comment period closed on February 4, 2019 (4:30pm)
 - Comments received Nov 13, 2018 February 4, 2019 (4:30pm): All Comments (68mb)
- February 25, 2019: Notice of Hearing May 31, 2019 1:30pm (State Register February 25, 2019)

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Exhibit J.1.

From: Armstrong, Lisa (OAH) To: Dahl, Erik (EQB)

Subject: RE: OAH 80-9008-35532 Order

Date: Thursday, December 20, 2018 3:15:56 PM

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You do not need to republish the rules – just the Amended Notice is sufficient.

From: Dahl, Erik (EQB)

Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2018 2:28 PM

To: Armstrong, Lisa (OAH) < lisa.armstrong@state.mn.us>

Subject: RE: OAH 80-9008-35532 Order

Lisa,

Thanks. Sorry one other question.

Do we need to publish the rule language again with the amended notice, or just the amended notice language alone?

Thank you for your time.

Erik Dahl

Planning Director

Minnesota Environmental Quality Board

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From: Armstrong, Lisa (OAH) < <u>lisa.armstrong@state.mn.us</u>>

Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2018 2:19 PM

To: Dahl, Erik (EQB) < erik.dahl@state.mn.us Subject: RE: OAH 80-9008-35532 Order

Mr. Dahl: Good afternoon, and apologies for my delay in getting back to you. I spoke with Judge Schlatter, who stated that as long as the Notice is published at least 30 days before February 4, 2019, and mailed at least 33 days before February 4, 2019, no further Order is needed. Please let me know if you have further questions. Thank you – Lisa

Lisa A. Armstrong

Legal Assistant

Office of Administrative Hearings

600 Robert St N PO Box 64620 St. Paul, MN 55164-0620 P: 651-361-7888

F: 651-539-0310 mn.gov/oah



From: Dahl, Erik (EQB)

Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2018 10:22 AM

To: Armstrong, Lisa (OAH) < <u>lisa.armstrong@state.mn.us</u>>

Cc: Snaza, Cari (OAH) < <u>cari.snaza@state.mn.us</u>>

Subject: RE: OAH 80-9008-35532 Order

Importance: High

Lisa, Cari,

We have made the changes the Judge requested, the changes document is attached, please let me know if we can send it to the State Register or if we need to get approval from the Judge before doing so.

Thanks,

Erik Dahl

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From: Armstrong, Lisa (OAH) < <u>lisa.armstrong@state.mn.us</u>>

Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 10:03 AM **To:** Dahl, Erik (EQB) < erik.dahl@state.mn.us **Cc:** Snaza, Cari (OAH) < cari.snaza@state.mn.us

Subject: OAH 80-9008-35532 Order

Please see attached.

Lisa A. Armstrong

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Exhibit J.2.

From: Smith, Sara (OAH)

To: <u>Dahl, Erik (EQB)</u>; <u>Wilson, Denise (EQB)</u>

Subject: RE: Minor changes to order - can you make and send back to me?

Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 12:56:41 PM Attachments: image001.png

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Hi, Erik, Denise

No, as long as you refer to the original publication of the rule in the notice, then you don't have to republish it.

Thanks,

Sara

Sara N. Smith

Staff Attorney

Office of Administrative Hearings

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From: Dahl, Erik (EQB) <erik.dahl@state.mn.us> Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 12:47 PM

To: Wilson, Denise (EQB) <denise.wilson@state.mn.us>; Smith, Sara (OAH) <sara.smith@state.mn.us>

Subject: Re: Minor changes to order - can you make and send back to me?

Sara,

Can you please confirm that we do not need to republish the rule language with this notice?

I am out ill today, please communicate with Denise.

Erik

From: Wilson, Denise (EQB)

Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 1:36 PM

To: Smith, Sara (OAH) **Cc:** Dahl, Erik (EQB)

Subject: RE: Minor changes to order - can you make and send back to me?

Sara,

Here is the revised version.

Thanks, for your help!

Denise

Exhibit K.1.

Environmental Quality Board

9/28/2018

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 14.111, REGARDING FARMING OPERATIONS

Proposed Rules of the Environmental Quality Board Governing Environmental Review, Minnesota Rules, 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410.4400, 4410.5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, 4410.4600. Revisor's ID Number R-04157

I certify that on September 27, 2018, at least 30 days prior to the publication of the proposed rule amendments in the State Register, at the City of St. Paul, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, the EQB notified the Commissioner of Agriculture, pursuant to Minnesota Statues, Section 14.111. Specifically, the EQB deposited a letter, with a copy of the proposed rule amendments attached, to the Commissioner of Agriculture in the interoffice mail of the State of Minnesota; and notified MDA staff via email. This was done to comply with Minnesota Statutes, Section 14.111, regarding farming operations. A copy of the letter and associated email are attached to this Certificate.

Erik Cedarleaf Dahl Planning Director

Exhibit K.1a.

From: <u>Dahl, Erik (EQB)</u>

To: <u>Tegdesch, Elizabeth (MPCA)</u>
Subject: Can you please send this for me?

Date: Thursday, September 27, 2018 8:40:00 AM

Attachments: image003.png image004.png

Letter to Ag Commish and Legal Counsel.docx

Draft Dual Notice 9 26 2018.docx Revisor Certified Rules 9 5 2018.pdf SONAR September 27 2018.pdf

Beth,

Can you send this letter and attachments to the addresses on the top and the CC's on the bottom of the letter? Please let me know when its sent.

Thanks,

Erik Dahl

Planning Director

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Exhibit K.1b.



September 27, 2018

David Frederickson, Commissioner Minnesota Department of Agriculture 625 Robert Street North, Saint Paul, MN 55155-2538

Doug Spanier, Attorney Minnesota Department of Agriculture 625 Robert Street North, Saint Paul, MN 55155-2538

Re: In The Matter of the Proposed Rules of the Environmental Quality Board about Proposed Amendment to Rules Governing Environmental Review, Minnesota Rules, 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410,4400, 410,5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, 4410.4600; Revisor's ID Number: R-04157

Dear Commissioner David Frederickson:

The Environmental Quality Board (EQB or Board) is proposing amendments to rules concerning Environmental Review: definitions, RGU selection process, Mandatory EAW Categories, Mandatory EIS Categories, Exemptions, Required notices, Licensing of Explorers, Content of an application for drilling permit, Abandonment of Exploratory Borings.. This rulemaking is proposed under Revisor's ID Number R-04157

The statutory authority to adopt the rules is Minnesota Statutes, section 116D.04, subdivisions 2a(a), 4a, 5a; Minnesota Statutes 116D.045, subdivision 1; Laws of Minnesota 2013, Chapter 114, Article 4, Section 105; Laws of Minnesota 2015, Chapter 4, Article 4, Section 121; Minnesota Statutes 116C.991; Laws of Minnesota 2015, Chapter 4, Section 33.

Minnesota Statutes, section 14.111, states:

"Before an agency adopts or repeals rules that affect farming operations, the agency must provide a copy of the proposed rule change to the commissioner of agriculture, no later than 30 days prior to publication of the proposed rule in the State Register."

EQB plans to publish, on October 29, 2018, a Dual Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules Without a Public Hearing Unless 25 or More Persons Request a Hearing, and Notice of Hearing if 25 or More Requests for Hearing Are Received.

As required by section 14.111, the EQB is sending you a copy of the aforementioned notice and the Statement of Need and Reasonableness. We are also enclosing a copy of the proposed rules.

If you have any questions about these rules, please contact Erik Cedarleaf Dahl at 651-757-2364 or Erik.Dahl@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

Will Seuffert

Executive Director

Minnesota Environmental Quality Board

520 Lafayette Road

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O: 651-757-2766

Enclosures: Dual Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules

Statement of Need and Reasonableness

Proposed Rules

cc: Whitney Place, Assistant Commissioner

Joshua Stamper, Division Director, Pesticide and Fertilizer Management Division Dan Stoddard, Assistant Division Director, Pesticide and Fertilizer Management Division

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Exhibit K.2a.



November 20, 2018

Minnesota Environmental Quality Board

CERTIFICATE OF SENDING THE NOTICE AND THE STATEMENT OF NEED AND REASONABLENESS TO LEGISLATORS AND THE LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COMMISSION

Proposed Rules of the Environmental Quality Board Governing Environmental Review, Minnesota Rules, 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410.4400, 4410.5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, 4410.4600. Revisor's ID Number R-04157

I certify that on November 20, 2018, when the Environmental Quality Board mailed Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.14 or 14.22, I sent a copy of the Notice and the Statement of Need and Reasonableness to certain Legislators and the Legislative Coordinating Commission by depositing them in the State of Minnesota's central mail system for United States mail with postage prepaid. I mailed these documents to comply with Minnesota Statutes, section 14.116. A copy of the cover letter is attached to this Certificate.

Erik Cedarleaf Dahl Planning Director

Environmental Quality Board

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Exhibit K.2b.



November 20, 2018

The Honorable Bill Ingebrigtsen, Chair Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee 3207 Minnesota Senate Building St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable David J. Tomassoni, Ranking Minority Member Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee 2235 Minnesota Senate Building St. Paul, MN 55155 The Honorable Dan Fabian, Chair Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Finance Committee 359 State office Building St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Rick Hansen,
DFL Lead
Environment and Natural Resources Policy
And Finance Committee
247 State Office Building
St Paul, MN 55155

Legislative Coordinating Commission 72 State Office Building 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. St. Paul. MN 55155

Re: In The Matter of the Proposed Rules of the Environmental Quality Board Governing Environmental Review, Minnesota Rules, 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410.4400, 4410.5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, 4410.4600. Revisor's ID Number R-04157

Dear Legislators:

The Environmental Quality Board (EQB or Board) is proposing amendments to rules relating to the Environmental Review Program (Minnesota Rules chapter 4410), including: RGU selection process, Mandatory Environmental Assessment Worksheet categories, Mandatory Environmental Impact Statement categories, definitions to support the mandatory categories, categories of exemptions for environmental review, required notices, Licensing of Explorers, Content of an application for drilling permit, Abandonment of Exploratory Borings (Revisor's ID Number R-04157). Also included in this rulemaking:

- Rules relating to silica sand projects (Revisor's ID Number RD-4305).
- Rules relating to Recreational trails (Revisor's ID Number RD-4381).

The statutory authority to adopt the rules is Minnesota Statutes, section 116D.04, subdivisions 2a(b) and 5a; Minnesota Statutes 116C.04; Laws of Minnesota 2013, Chapter 114, Article 4,

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Section 105; Laws of Minnesota 2015, Chapter 4, Article 4, Section 121; Minnesota Statutes 116C.991; Laws of Minnesota 2015, Chapter 4, Section 33.

Minnesota Statutes, section 14.116, states:

"14.116 NOTICE TO LEGISLATURE.

When an agency mails notice of intent to adopt rules under section 14.14 or 14.22, the agency must send a copy of the same notice and a copy of the statement of need and reasonableness to the chairs and ranking minority party members of the legislative policy and budget committees with jurisdiction over the subject matter of the proposed rules and to the Legislative Coordinating Commission.

In addition, if the mailing of the notice is within two years of the effective date of the law granting the agency authority to adopt the proposed rules, the agency shall make reasonable efforts to send a copy of the notice and the statement to all sitting legislators who were chief house and senate authors of the bill granting the rulemaking authority. If the bill was amended to include this rulemaking authority, the agency shall make reasonable efforts to send the notice and the statement to the chief house and senate authors of the amendment granting rulemaking authority, rather than to the chief authors of the bill."

EQB published a *Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules Without a Public Hearing Unless 25 or More Persons Request a Hearing*, and *Notice of Hearing if 25 or More Requests for Hearing Are Received* in the State Register on November 13, 2018 after the Environmental Quality Board held a meeting on September 19, 2018. The Notice was mailed according to section 14.14 or 14.22.

As required by section 14.116, the EQB is sending you a copy of the notice and the Statement of Need and Reasonableness. [For your information, we are also enclosing a copy of the proposed rules.]

If you have any questions about these rules, please contact Erik Cedarleaf Dahl at 651-757-2364 or Erik.Dahl@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

Will Seuffert

Executive Director

Minnesota Environmental Quality Board

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Enclosures: Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules, Statement of Need and Reasonableness, Proposed Rules

Exhibit K.2c.



December 28, 2018

Minnesota Environmental Quality Board

CERTIFICATE OF SENDING THE AMENDED DUAL NOTICE AND THE STATEMENT OF NEED AND REASONABLENESS TO LEGISLATORS AND THE LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COMMISSION

Proposed Rules of the Environmental Quality Board Governing Environmental Review, Minnesota Rules, 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410.4400, 4410.5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, 4410.4600. Revisor's ID Number R-04157

I certify that on December 28, 2018, when the Environmental Quality Board mailed the Amended Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.14 or 14.22, I sent a copy of the Amended Notice and the Statement of Need and Reasonableness to certain Legislators and the Legislative Coordinating Commission by depositing them in the State of Minnesota's central mail system for United States mail with postage prepaid. I mailed these documents to comply with Minnesota Statutes, section 14.116. A copy of the cover letter is attached to this Certificate.

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If you have any questions about these rules, please contact Erik Cedarleaf Dahl at 651-757-2364 or Erik.Dahl@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules, Statement of Need and Reasonableness, Proposed Rules

Exhibit K.3a.



September 5, 2018

Minnesota Environmental Quality Board

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 14.131, REGARDING CONSULTATION WITH MINNESOTA MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.

Proposed Rules of the Environmental Quality Board Governing Environmental Review, Minnesota Rules, 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410.4400, 4410.5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, 4410.4600. Revisor's ID Number R-04157

I certify that on August 20, 2018, at least 30 days prior to the publication of the proposed rule amendments in the *State Register*, at the City of St. Paul, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) notified the Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB), pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 14.131. Specifically, the EQB (a) deposited a letter to MMB, together with a copy of the Statement of Need and Reasonableness (which includes a copy of the proposed rule amendments) in the USPS; and (b) emailed a copy of the same letter and associated attachments to MMB. A copy of the letter, which requested the MMB's review and comments on the fiscal analysis of the proposed rules as well as MMB's letter in response (9/4/2018), is attached to this Certificate.

Erik Cedarleaf Dahl Planning Director

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Exhibit K.3b.

From: Dahl, Erik (EQB) To: Fahnhorst, Sean (MMB) Subject: EQB Rulemaking: R-0457

Monday, August 20, 2018 2:29:00 PM Date:

Attachments: image003.png image004.png

MMB Letter Signed 8 20 2018.pdf

SONAR working document 2018 August 20 2018.pdf

Importance: High

Sean,

I sent you a letter with attachments via the mail today, but I also wanted to send you an electronic version so you had it sooner.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

If possible, we need to get this reviewed and back to us with MMB questions/concerns/approval by September 4th COB in order to get in our September EQB Board packet. Thank you for your help.

Erik Dahl

Planning Director

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Exhibit K.3c.



Minnesota Environmental Quality Board 520 Lafayette Road North Saint Paul, MN 55155

8/20/2018

Sean Fahnhorst Executive Budget Officer Minnesota Management and Budget 658 Cedar St., Suite 400 St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: In The Matter of the Proposed Rules of the Environmental Quality Board about Mandatory Environmental Review Categories; Revisor's ID Number: R-0457

Dear Sean Fahnhorst,

Minnesota Statutes, section 14.131, requires that an agency engaged in rulemaking consult with the Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget, "to help evaluate the fiscal impact and fiscal benefits of the proposed rule on units of local government."

Enclosed for your review are copies of the following documents on proposed rules the Mandatory Environmental Review Categories.

1. The August 2018 draft of the SONAR.

I will also be delivering documents to the Governor's Office this week.

If you or any other representative of the Commissioner of Minnesota Management & Budget has questions about the proposed rule, please call me at 651-757-2364. Please send any correspondence about this matter to me at the following address: Minnesota Environmental Quality Board, Attn. Erik Cedarleaf Dahl, 520 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN, 55155

Yours very truly,

Erik Cedarleaf Dahl Planning Director

Exhibit K.3d.



Office Memorandum

Date: September 4, 2018

To: Erik Cedarleaf Dahl, Environmental Quality Board

From: Sean Fahnhorst, Minnesota Management and Budget

CC: Alisha Cowell, Minnesota Management and Budget

RE: M.S. 14.131 Review of Proposal to Amend Rules Regarding Environmental Assessment Worksheets, Environmental Impacts Statements, Responsible Government Unit Determinations, and Exemptions from Environmental Review

The Environmental Quality Board (EQB) proposes to amend Minnesota Rules Chapters 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410.4400, 4410.5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, and 4410.4600 regarding mandatory categories for environmental assessment worksheets and environmental impact statements, definitions to support those categories, responsible governmental unit determinations, and categories of exemptions from environmental review. Pursuant to M.S. 14.131, EQB has consulted with the commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) to help evaluate the fiscal impact of the proposed rule changes on local units of government.

Evaluation

On behalf of the commissioner of MMB, I reviewed the proposed rule changes and the related Statement of Need and Reasonableness and consulted with board staff to determine the local fiscal impact of the changes as proposed. The attached table encapsulates the potential impacts of the amendments on local government units. To summarize, the proposed change to part 4410.4300, subpart 3, item B regarding electric-generating facilities may increase costs for local governments if a project is proposed that meets the rule's threshold. This change makes the local government unit the responsible government unit, and therefore, responsible for conducting environmental review when a project occurs. According to Minnesota Pollution Control Agency records, during the last 10 years, 13 projects have occurred in this general category. Of these 13 projects, one would have fallen under item B and required environmental review by the local government unit if this proposed change had been in effect. To mitigate these costs, local government units have the option of creating a local ordinance to require project proposers to pay the costs of an environmental assessment worksheet.

Further, the EQB is uncertain if the amendment to part 4410.4300, subpart 27 regarding wetlands and public waters will increase costs for local governments. Because this amendment clarifies and simplifies rule language, local government units will potentially apply the rule more frequently and incur additional costs. The remaining rule amendments should have little to no effect on, or decrease, the costs to local government units.

	Cost to	
Rule Number and Title	Local	Notes
	Government	Notes
	Unit	
Part 4410.0200, subpart 1b. Acute hazardous waste.	None	
Part 4410.0200, subpart 5a. Auxiliary lane.	None	
Part 4410.0200, subpart 9b. Compost facility.	None	
Part 4410.0200, subpart 36a. Hazardous material.	None	
Part 4410.0200, subpart 40b. Institutional facility.	None	
Part 4410.0200, subpart 43. Local governmental unit.	None	
Part 4410.0200, subpart 52a. Mixed municipal solid waste	None	
land disposal facility.	None	
Part 4410.0200, subpart 59a. Petroleum refinery.	None	
Part 4410.0200, subpart 71a. Refuse-derived fuel.	None	
Part 4410.0200, subpart 82a. Silica sand	None	
Part 4410.0200, subpart 82b. Silica sand project.	None	
Part 4410.0200, subpart 93. Wetland.	None	
Part 4410.0500, subpart. 4. RGU for EAW by order of EQB.	None	
Part 4410.0500, subpart 6. Exception.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 2. Nuclear fuels and nuclear waste.	None	
	Item B, likely	Local government units have
Part 4410.4300, subpart 3. Electric-generating facilities.	if a project is	approval authority over
and the state of t	proposed.	projects in item B. Other
		changes align with rule 7854
Part 4410.4300, subpart 4. Petroleum refineries.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 5. Fuel conversion facilities.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 6. Transmission lines.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 7. Pipelines.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 8. Transfer facilities.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 10. Storage facilities.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 12. Nonmetallic mineral mining.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 14. Industrial, commercial, and	None	
institutional.		
Part 4410.4300, subpart 16. Hazardous waste.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 17. Solid waste.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 18. Wastewater system.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 20. Campgrounds and RV parks.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 20a. Resorts, campgrounds, and RV	None	
parks in shorelands	NI.	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 21. Airport projects.	None	Increase South with all 1 and 10 and
Part 4410.4300, subpart 22. Highway projects.	Cost	Increase in threshold will likely
	Cost	cause local government units
	Reduction	to undertake less
Port 4410 4200 cubport 25 Marines	None	environmental review
Part 4410.4300, subpart 25. Marinas.	None	

Part 4410.4300, subpart 26. Stream diversion.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 27. Wetlands and public waters.	Uncertain	This amendment will clarify and simplify language. The modification potentially would cause local government units to apply the rule more frequently, which could increase their costs
Part 4410.4300, subpart 30. Natural areas.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 31. Historical places.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 36. Land use conversion, including golf courses.	None	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 37. Recreational trails.	Cost Reduction	Projects that require environmental review are likely to decrease
Part 4410.4400, subpart 2. Nuclear fuels.	None	
Part 4410.4400, subpart 3. Electric-generating facilities.	None	
Part 4410.4400, subpart 4. Petroleum refineries.	None	
Part 4410.4400, subpart 5. Fuel conversion facilities.	None	
Part 4410.4400, subpart 6. Transmission lines.	None	
Part 4410.4400, subpart 8. Metallic mineral mining and processing.	None	
Part 4410.4400, subpart 9. Nonmetallic mineral mining.	None	
Part 4410.4400, subpart 11. Industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities.	None	
Part 4410.4400, subpart 12. Hazardous waste.	None	
Part 4410.4400, subpart 13. Solid waste.	None	
Part 4410.4400, subpart 15. Airport runway projects.	None	
Part 4410.4400, subpart 16 Highway projects.	None	
Part 4410.4400 Subp. 19. Marinas.	None	
Part 4410.4400, subpart 20. Wetlands and public waters.	None	
Part 4410.4400, subpart 25. Incineration of wastes containing PCBs.	None	
Part 4410.4600, subpart 10. Industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities.	None	
Part 4410.4600, subpart 12. Residential development.	None	
Part 4410.4600, subpart 14. Highway projects.	None	
Part 4410.4600, subpart 18. Agriculture and forestry.	None	
Part 4410.4600, subpart 27. Recreational trails.	Cost Reduction	
Part 4410.5200, subpart 1. Required notices.	None	
Part 4410.7904, Licensing of Explorers.	None	
Part 4410.7906, subpart 2. Content of an application for drilling permit.	None	
Part 4410.7926. Abandonment of Exploratory Borings.	None	

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March 6, 2019

Minnesota Environmental Quality Board

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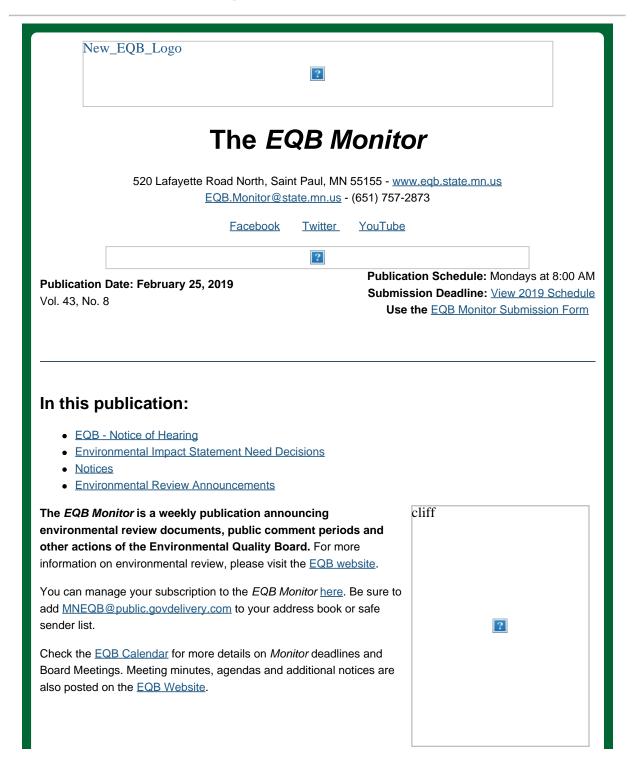
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Order. I order that the rulemaking hearing be held at the date, time, and location listed above.

Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental unit has determined the following project does not require preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the Environmental Assessment Worksheet notice was published in the EQB Monitor.

- Minnesota Department of Transportation, Trunk Highway 53 Intersection and Passing Lane Improvement Project, 2-19-19 (12-31-18)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Prairie Feeders, LLC FP 21 Site, 2-13-19 (12-3-18)

Notices

ROTENONE APPLICATION PROJECT PLANNED BY DNR SECTION OF FISHERIES

The DNR Section of Fisheries is planning a rotenone treatment on the lake below:

Lake	DOW#	Township	Range	Sections(s)
Frank Lake	76003400	121N	37W	5,6

The DNR Section of Fisheries is planning a rotenone treatment during the spring (April 2019). The project involves the boat application (2 boats utilized) of powdered rotenone (5% active ingredient) at approximately 1PPM (low-dose) concentration to eliminate carryover Walleye in Frank Lake which is a DNR Section of Fisheries Walleye rearing pond. All attempts will be made to remove and stock as many carryover Walleye as possible prior to the treatment. This project will take place only if winterkill of Walleye does not occur during 2018/19 winter. Fish sampling will be conducted between ice-out and project initiation to confirm/deny winterkill of Walleye. Endangered or threatened species are not present in this lake. The goal for this project is to remove primary predators in order to substantially increase Walleye fingerling production for fall 2019 to better meet statewide Walleye stocking quotas.

For general information about this project contact:
Dave Coahran
Spicer Area Fisheries Supervisor
320-796-2161 ext. 225
dave.coahran@state.mn.us

Minnesota Department of Agriculture--Notification of

Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

R. Simplot Company filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, **MDA notification number 19-NO-08**. Notification is for genetically modified **POTATO**, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic potato, referenced as Application Number **19-016-101n**.

The counties identified for release include the following: Lake of the Woods County-1 location with 1 acre. Project categories include FR (Fungal Resistance) and PQ (Product Quality).

Betaseed, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, **MDA notification number 19-NO-09**. Notification is for genetically modified SUGARBEET, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic sugarbeet, referenced as Application Number 19-044-103n.

The counties identified for release include the following: Clay-4 locations with up to 10 acres per location, Dakota-2 locations with up to 10 acres per location, Goodhue- 2 locations with up to 10 acres per location, and Wilken-1 location with 10 acres. Project categories include PQ (Product Quality).

University of Minnesota filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, **MDA notification number 19-NO-10**. Notification is for genetically modified WHEAT, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic wheat, referenced as Application Number 19-039-102r.

The county identified for release include the following: Dakota County-1 location with 1 acre. Project categories include FR (Fungal Resistance).

For additional information contact:

Denise Thiede
Minnesota Department of Agriculture
625 Robert St N.
St. Paul, MN 55155
651-201-6531
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Environmental Review Announcements

New Monitor Submission Form Available

A new *Monitor* Submission Form is now available on our website. This form can be used to submit information for publication in *The Monitor*. The updated form will improve the quality of information collected about the projects and notices being submitted for publication and the EQB's ability to monitor the effectiveness of Minnesota's Environmental Review Program.

The updated form is available on the EQB website at: https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/eqb-monitor

Request for Proposals for Enterprise Environmental Review and Technical Services Master Contract

Qualified contractors with expertise in preparing environmental review documents, preparing technical analyses and/or expertise in public engagement practices may be eligible to apply to be listed on an Enterprise Environmental Review Master Contract.

Public and private projects in MN can have impacts on our air, land and water resources. For over four decades, Minnesota Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) has helped minimize damage to Minnesota's environment by requiring that certain projects go through an environmental review (ER) process before getting governmental permits or approvals. The ER process provides an opportunity for public comment and produces a document that identifies: 1) potential environmental effects of the proposed project and; 2) ways to reduce negative environmental effects.

Environmental review is conducted by a Responsible Government Unit (RGU). Under MEPA, RGUs have authority and responsibility to prepare environmental review documents (Environmental Assessment Worksheets, Environmental Impact Statements and Alternative Urban Areawide Reviews) that provide information concerning environmental effects of a proposed project to project proposers, governmental decision makers and the public and, when applicable, engage stakeholders in the process.

Who will be able to use the contract?

This Program will be available for use by state agencies and other local government entities as well as non-profit organizations eligible under the State's cooperative purchasing venture ("CPV") program. CPVs are established pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 16C.03, subdivision 10 and includes, but is not limited to, counties, cities, school districts, higher education and non-profit organizations.

For more information on becoming a qualified CPV member, follow this link http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/cpv2.htm, or contact the Office of State Procurement Helpline at (651)296-2600. If you are a CPV and have worked with a competent, qualified contractor in the past that you think should be considered, please forward this information and suggest they submit an application.

What services will be offered?

The Minnesota Department of Administration is introducing the Enterprise Environmental Review and Technical Services Master Contract Program (the "Program") to support state agencies and governmental units with the preparation of environmental review and decision documents, and analyses in technical specialties. Once the ER Master Contract process is complete, contactors will remain on the list for two years with the possibility of an additional three year extension, depending utilization. Contractors who apply will be able to select the services they want to offer (i.e. developing complete environmental review documents and/or developing specific types of stand-alone studies like traffic studies, wildlife studies, assessments of archeological and historic resources, etc. and/or assisting with implementation of best practices for communication and public engagement).

Applicants may select one or more of the following Sub-categories included in the RFP:

- 1. Environmental Review
 - EAW
 - EIS
 - AUAR
- 2. Public Engagement
 - Communications
 - Editing/Technical Writing
 - o Public/Stakeholder Engagement
- 3. Community Assessment
 - Health Assessment
 - Social Impacts Assessment
 - Economic Impacts Analysis
 - Traffic and Transportation Impact Assessment
 - Greenhouse Gas Assessment
 - Cultural Impacts Assessment

- 4. Technical Assessment
 - Land Use
 - Geology, Hydrogeology and Soils
 - Ecological
 - Water Resources
 - Ai
 - Contamination/ Hazards Materials/ Wastes
 - o Cumulative Potential Effects Assessment
 - GIS Data Analysis

How to apply to the RFP

The Request for Proposals will be open from January 2, 2019 through 4:30 PM on March 4, 2019.

In order to submit an application, you need to register. For more information on becoming a registered SWIFT vendor, please go to https://mn.gov/mmb/accounting/swift/vendor-resources/ or contact the SWIFT Supplier Portal Assistance line at (651)201-8100, Option 1.

If you are already a registered vendor, here is the link to submit an application: https://supplier.swift.state.mn.us/psp/fmssupap 1/SUPPLIER/ERP/c/PORTAL COMPONENTS AU.AUC LOGIN.GBL

Contact Information

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Subject: Courtesy Copy: NOTICE OF HEARING -- COMMENT PERIOD May 20 -- June 21, 2019 -- EQB RULES

Date: Monday, May 20, 2019 12:20:19 PM

This is a courtesy copy of an email bulletin sent by Erik Dahl.

This bulletin was sent to the following groups of people:

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Proposed Amendment to Rules Governing Environmental Review, *Minnesota Rules*, 4410.0200, 4410.0500, 4410.4300, 4410.4400, 4410,5200, 4410.7904, 4410.7906, 4410.7926, 4410.4600; Revisor's ID Number RD-04157; OAH docket number 80-9008-35532

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Brainerd MPCA Office

7678 College Road, Suite 105

Baxter, MN 56425

Detroit Lakes MPCA Office

714 Lake Ave., Suite 220

Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

Duluth MPCA Office

525 Lake Ave. S., Suite 400

Duluth, MN 55802

Marshall MPCA Office

504 Fairgrounds Rd., Suite 200

Marshall, MN 56258

Rochester MPCA Office

18 Wood Lake Drive SE

Rochester, MN 55904

The EQB will hold an <u>additional public hearing</u> on the above-named rules at the St Cloud Great River Regional Library, <u>1300 W. St. Germain St., St. Cloud, MN 56301</u>, starting at 5:30pm on Wednesday June 26, 2019, and continuing until 8:30pm.

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COMMENT PERIOD: May 20, 2019 to June 21, 2019 (4:30pm CST)

Comments. You have until 4:30 p.m. on June 21, 2019 to submit written comment in support of or in opposition to the proposed rules or any part or subpart of the rules. Your comment must be in writing and received by the agency contact person by the due date. Comment is encouraged. Your comments should identify the portion of the proposed rules addressed, the reason for the comment, and any change proposed. You are encouraged to propose any change that you desire. Any comments that you have about the legality of the proposed rules must also be made during this comment period.

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Erik Cedarleaf Dahl

Environmental Quality Board,

520 Lafayette Rd. St. Paul, MN, 55101,

651-757-2364 (phone), 651-757-2343 (fax), erik.dahl@state.mn.us.

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Notice of Hearing: Revisor's ID Number (RD-04157) - EQB Rulemaking Subject:

Date: Friday, February 22, 2019 10:58:00 AM

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To persons who requested a hearing. The Environmental Quality Board is sending this Notice to all persons who requested a hearing.

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Date: Monday, May 20, 2019 10:06:00 AM

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To persons who requested a hearing. The Environmental Quality Board is sending this Notice to all persons who requested a hearing.

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Subject: EQB Rulemaking (RD-04157): 2nd Hearing added (St. Cloud, MN June 26, 2019 5:30pm) and Comment Period Open: May 20, 2019 to

June 21, 2019 (4:30pm)

Date: Monday, May 20, 2019 10:26:00 AM

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Subject: Update on EQB Rulemaking: Haring date (May 31) and next steps (EQB Board meeting May 15, 2019)

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Dear Commenter,

You are receiving this letter (attached) because you commented on the Environmental Quality Board's (EQB's) Mandatory Category Rulemaking (Revisor's ID Number RD-04157). Thank you for participating in the rulemaking process. The comment period closed on February 4, 2019 and we received 190 comments on the proposed rules.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information about next steps in the rulemaking process to enable your ongoing participation in the rulemaking. Please be advised, this letter is not a response to your comments. You will receive a response to your comment from EQB staff as required by the rulemaking process.

The hearing date has been moved from March 8/12th to **May 31st, 2019 at 1:30pm**, to provide the EQB an opportunity to review the comments received and consider revisions. Due to the turnover of Board members coinciding with the administration transition, EQB staff needs

additional time to present the rule, the body of comments and responses, and any recommended revisions to the EQB prior to the hearing.

Based on comments received during the public comment period, EQB staff will present and recommend revisions to the proposed rule language for the Board to consider at the May 15, 2019 Board meeting. Please be advised, the scope of the rulemaking will not expand, but proposed rule changes may be removed or revised based on feedback received during the comment period. All EQB meetings are open to the public. Agenda and proposed revisions to the rule will be posted 10 days prior to the EQB meeting.

Next Steps:

- 1) May 15, 2019 EQB Meeting: EQB staff will present an overview of comments, and recommended changes to the proposed rules. The EQB will consider recommendations and direct staff accordingly. The Board meeting packet will be available by May 3, 2019 on the EQB website: https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/
- 2) **May 31, 2019 1:30pm**: Public rulemaking hearing at MPCA, St Paul, Room 100. The hearing (via a two-way-video-conference connection—anyone wishing to give testimony to the Judge can do so via the two-way-video-conference connection) will also be available at:
 - a. Brainerd MPCA Office, 7678 College Road, Suite 105, Baxter, MN 56425
 - b. Detroit Lakes MPCA Office, 714 Lake Ave., Suite 220, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501
 - c. Duluth MPCA Office, 525 Lake Ave. S., Suite 400, Duluth, MN 55802
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 - e. Rochester MPCA Office, <u>18 Wood Lake Drive SE</u>, Rochester, <u>MN 55904</u>

Additional rule timeline updates are available at the EQB rulemaking webpage: https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/eqb-mandatory-categories-rulemaking

Thank you for your time and interest in the EQB rulemaking. If you have any other questions, please reach out to Erik Cedarleaf Dahl (erik.dahl@state.mn.us or 651-757-2364).

Sincerely,

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Exhibit L.1.

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	Proposed Change to Rule Amendments as Published	Action
Pipelin	es. Items A to D designate the RGU for the type of project listed:	
A.	For routing of a pipeline, greater than six inches in diameter and having more than 0.75 miles of its length in Minnesota, used for the transportation of coal, crude petroleum fuels, or oil or their derivates, the EQB shall be the RGU.	Withdraw proposed change.
В.	For the construction of a pipeline for distribution of natural or synthetic gas under a license, permit, right, or franchise that has been granted by the municipality under authority of Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.36, designed to operate at pressures in excess of 275 pounds per square inch (gauge) with a length greater than:	
C.	 (1) five miles if the pipeline will occupy streets, highways, and other public property; or (2) 0.75 miles if the pipeline will occupy private property; the EQB or the municipality is the RGU. For construction of a pipeline to transport natural or synthetic gas subject to regulation under the federal Natural Gas Act, United States Code, title 15, section 717, et. seq., designed to operate at pressures in excess of 275 pounds per square inch (gauge) with a length greater than: (1) five miles if the pipeline will be constructed and operated within an existing right-of-way; or (2) 0.75 miles if construction or operation will require new temporary or permanent right-of-way; 	
	the EQB is the RGU. This item shall not apply to the extent that the application is expressly preempted by federal law, or under specific circumstances when an actual conflict exists with applicable federal law.	
D.	For construction of a pipeline to convey natural or synthetic gas that is not subject to regulation under the federal Natural Gas Act, United States Code, title 15, section 717, et seq.; or to a license, permit, right, or franchise that has been granted by a municipality under authority of Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.36; designed to operate at pressures in excess of 275 pounds per square inch (gauge) with a length greater than 0.75 miles, the EQB is the RGU.	

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Items A to D do not apply to repair or replacement of an existing pipeline within an existing right-of-way or to a pipeline located entirely within a refining, storage, or manufacturing facility.	
For construction, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 216G.01, subdivision 2, of a pipeline, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 216G.01, subdivision, 3 or 216G.02, subdivision 1, the PUC is the RGU. Environmental review must be conducted according to Minnesota Rules, chapter 7852 and Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216G.	
Part 4410.4400, subpart 8. Metallic mineral mining and processing.	Withdraw proposed change.
Metallic mineral mining and processing. Items A to C and B designate the RGU for the type of projected listed:	
A. For mineral deposit evaluation involving the extraction of 1,000 tons or more of material that is of interest to the proposer principally due to its radioactive characteristics, the DNR shall be is the RGU.	
B. For construction of a new facility for mining metallic minerals or for the disposal of tailings from a metallic mineral mine, the DNR shall be is the RGU.	
C. For construction of a new metallic mineral processing facility, the DNR shall be is the RGU	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 27. Wetlands and public waters.	Insert "Item B does not apply to
Wetlands and Public waters, public water wetlands and wetlands. Items A	projects exempted by part
and B designate the RGU for the type of project listed:	4410.4600, subpart 14".
A. For projects that will change or diminish the course, current, or cross-section of one acre or more of any public water or public waters wetlands except for those to be drained without a permit pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103G, <u>DNR or</u> the local government <u>al</u> unit shall be <u>is</u> the RGU.	
B. For projects that will change or diminish the course, current, or cross section of 40 percent or more or five or more acres of types 3 through 8 wetland of 2.5 acres or more cause an impact, as defined in part 8420.0111, to a total of one acre or more of wetlands, excluding public waters wetlands, if any part of the wetland is	

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within a shoreland area, <u>a</u> delineated flood plain <u>floodplain</u> , a state or federally designated wild and scenic rivers district, the Minnesota River Project Riverbend area, or the Mississippi headwaters area, the local government <u>al</u> unit shall be <u>is</u> the RGU. <u>Item B does not apply to projects exempted by part 4410.4600, subpart 14.</u>	
Part 4410.4300, subpart 3. Electric-generating facilities. A. For construction of a wind energy conversion system, as defined in Minnesota Statutes section 216F.01, designed for and capable of operating at a capacity of 25 5 megawatts or more, the PUC is the RGU and environmental review must be conducted according to chapter 7854.	Insert "5" and remove "25"; scrivener's or clerical error.

Exhibit L.2.

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1. Part 4410.4300, subpart 7. Pipelines.

Pipelines. Items A to D designate the RGU for the type of project listed:

- A. For routing of a pipeline, greater than six inches in diameter and having more than 0.75 miles of its length in Minnesota, used for the transportation of coal, crude petroleum fuels, or oil or their derivates, the EQB shall be the RGU.
- B. For the construction of a pipeline for distribution of natural or synthetic gas under a license, permit, right, or franchise that has been granted by the municipality under authority of Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.36, designed to operate at pressures in excess of 275 pounds per square inch (gauge) with a length greater than:
 - (1) five miles if the pipeline will occupy streets, highways, and other public property; or
 - (2) 0.75 miles if the pipeline will occupy private property; the EQB or the municipality is the RGU.
- C. For construction of a pipeline to transport natural or synthetic gas subject to regulation under the federal Natural Gas Act, United States Code, title 15, section 717, et. seq., designed to operate at pressures in excess of 275 pounds per square inch (gauge) with a length greater than:
 - (1) five miles if the pipeline will be constructed and operated within an existing right-of-way; or
 - (2) 0.75 miles if construction or operation will require new temporary or permanent right-of-way;

the EQB is the RGU. This item shall not apply to the extent that the application is expressly preempted by federal law, or under specific circumstances when an actual conflict exists with applicable federal law.

D. For construction of a pipeline to convey natural or synthetic gas that is not subject to regulation under the federal Natural Gas Act, United States Code, title 15, section 717, et seq.; or to a license, permit, right, or franchise that has been granted by a municipality under authority of Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.36; designed to

operate at pressures in excess of 275 pounds per square inch (gauge) with a length greater than 0.75 miles, the EQB is the RGU.

Items A to D do not apply to repair or replacement of an existing pipeline within an existing right-of-way or to a pipeline located entirely within a refining, storage, or manufacturing facility.

For construction, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 216G.01, subdivision 2, of a pipeline, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 216G.01, subdivision, 3 or 216G.02, subdivision 1, the PUC is the RGU. Environmental review must be conducted according to Minnesota Rules, chapter 7852 and Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216G.

Justification for revision to Part 4410.4300 subpart 7. Pipelines.

The proposed changes to this subpart are removed from consideration. The proposed changes were intended to add greater understanding for when environmental review is required. However, based on the comments received, more discussion is warranted on the potential impacts of the proposed changes. The withdrawal of the proposed change will result in the language reverting back to the current language in Minnesota rule chapter 4410.4300: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/4410.4300/.

2. Part 4410.4300, subpart 27. Wetlands and public waters.

Wetlands and Public waters, public water wetlands and wetlands. Items A and B designate the RGU for the type of project listed:

- A. For projects that will change or diminish the course, current, or cross-section of one acre or more of any public water or public waters wetlands except for those to be drained without a permit pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103G, <u>DNR or</u> the local government<u>al</u> unit <u>shall be</u> <u>is</u> the RGU.
- B. For projects that will change or diminish the course, current, or cross section of 40 percent or more or five or more acres of types 3 through 8 wetland of 2.5 acres or more cause an impact, as defined in part 8420.0111, to a total of one acre or more of wetlands, excluding public waters wetlands, if any part of the wetland is within a shoreland area, a delineated flood plain floodplain, a state or federally designated wild and scenic rivers district, the Minnesota River Project Riverbend area, or the Mississippi headwaters area, the local governmental unit shall be is the RGU. Item B does not apply to projects exempted by part 4410.4600, subpart 14.

Justification for Part 4410.4300, subpart 27. Public waters, public water wetlands and wetlands.

The changes that are proposed for this subpart are intended to provide greater understanding for when environmental review is required and update the requirements to better align with descriptions in the

Wetland Conservation Act. At the time the category was created, the Wetland Conservation Act was not promulgated.

During the public comment period, we received information from government agencies that have the responsibility and expertise for evaluating these projects. They indicated that the proposed changes may now include projects that don't have the potential for significant environmental effects.

As a result of this information, we are now proposing to add a sentence to be clear that these types projects do not apply to this subpart, by referencing projects described in MN Rule chapter 4410.4600.

Because the change is highlighting information already in rule and aligns with our intent for the original amendments, we don't consider this a substantive change

3. Part 4410.4400, subpart 8. Metallic mineral mining and processing.

Metallic mineral mining and processing. Items A to C designate the RGU for the type of projected listed:

- A. For mineral deposit evaluation involving the extraction of 1,000 tons or more of material that is of interest to the proposer principally due to its radioactive characteristics, the DNR shall be the RGU.
- B. For construction of a new facility for mining metallic minerals or for the disposal of tailings from a metallic mineral mine, the DNR shall be is the RGU.
- C. For construction of a new metallic mineral processing facility, the DNR shall be is the RGU.

Justification for Part 4410.4400, subpart 8. Metallic mineral mining and processing.

The proposed changes to this subpart are removed from consideration. The proposed changes were intended to add greater understanding for when environmental review is required. However, based on the comments received, more discussion is warranted on the potential impacts of the proposed changes. The withdrawal of the proposed change will result in the language reverting back to the current language in Minnesota rule chapter 4410.4300: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/4410.4300/.

4. Part 4410.4300, subpart 3. Electric-generating facilities.

D. For construction of a wind energy conversion system, as defined in Minnesota Statutes section 216F.01, designed for and capable of operating at a capacity of 25 5 megawatts or more, the PUC is the RGU and environmental review must be conducted according to chapter 7854.

Justification for Part 4410.4600, subpart 3. Electric-generating facilities.

The environmental review and permitting threshold noted in Minnesota Rule 4410.4300, Subpart 3, for wind energy conversion systems (part D) should be 5 megawatts (MW). This threshold has been

established by the legislature in Minnesota Statute 216F. Minnesota Rule 4410.4300, Subpart 3 should be edited to ensure consistency with the statute. The threshold included in the Revisor's draft of the proposed mandatory category rules (25 MW) was a scrivener's or clerical error.