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Environmental review project notices

EQB publishes environmental review notices provided by responsible governmental units. For more information on a project undergoing environmental review, click on the individual project links below. You can also find information about active projects in your community on the [Environmental Review Projects Interactive Map](#).

[Walden at Hastings](#)

Location (city/township; county): Hastings; Dakota

Process: EAW

Step: EAW available

End of comment period: January 11, 2024

Project description: Land Equity Development proposes Walden at Hastings containing 511 residential housing units generally located east of TH 316 and Michael Avenue. The 71.1-acre housing project features a phased development plan including single family, twin home, townhome, apartment and senior housing. The five year project is anticipated to commence in 2024. Development will primarily occur in areas currently under cultivation. 17.5 acres of natural areas will be reserved.

Location of public documents: Hastings City Hall, 101 East 4th Street, Hastings, MN 55033

Public meeting date, time, location: February 5, 2024, 7:00 p.m., Hastings City Hall - Council Chambers, 101 East 4th St, Hastings, Minnesota, MN 55033

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Hastings, [John Hinzman](#), 651-480-2378

[Lake Bronson Dam Rehabilitation](#)

Location (city/township; county): Lake Bronson; Kittson

Process: EAW

Step: EIS need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (EIS not ordered)

Responsible governmental unit record of decision date: December 5, 2023

Project description: The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is undertaking the replacement of a high hazard dam within Lake Bronson State Park. This project includes removal and replacement of the concrete spillway and associated bridge, which are located

within areas of valuable natural and cultural resources, including a Works Progress Administration historic district.

Link to public documents: [Lake Bronson Dam Rehabilitation EIS need decision](#)

Location of public documents: DNR, 500 Lafayette Road N, St Paul, MN 55155

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, [Becky Horton](#), 651-259-5122

[Launch Park AUAR Update](#)

Location (city/township; county): Lakeville; Dakota

Process: AUAR update

Step: AUAR update adoption

Responsible governmental unit decision: Adequate

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

Project description: The Launch Park Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) study area is approximately 190 acres in Lakeville, MN located on Cedar Avenue in between Lakeville Boulevard and 225th Street. The City of Lakeville adopted the Launch Park Final AUAR in September 2018. Since that time, development within the study area has occurred. Pursuant to Minnesota Rules 4410.3610 Subp. 7, an AUAR and plan for mitigation must be revised every five years until all development in the study area has received final approval. Since the study area is not yet fully developed, the purpose of this document is to provide another update to the Launch Park AUAR pursuant to Minnesota Rules.

Link to public documents: [Launch Park AUAR Update adoption](#)

Location of public documents: Lakeville City Hall, 20195 Holyoke Ave, Lakeville, MN 55044

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Lakeville, [Tina Goodroad](#), 952-985-4421

[The West End AUAR Update](#)

Location (city/township; county): St Louis Park; Hennepin

Process: AUAR update

Step: AUAR update adoption

Responsible governmental unit decision: Adequate

Responsible governmental unit record of decision date: November 20, 2023

Project description: The West End development is located on an approximately 49 acre site at the southwest corner of I-394 and Highway 100 in St. Louis Park, MN, with eastern portions of the site in Golden Valley, MN. The development to date includes a combination of residential, retail, and office buildings and parking structures. The city is updating the AUAR and Mitigation Plan, originally adopted in 2007 per Minnesota Rules, part 4410.3610, subpart 7.

Link to public documents: [The West End AUAR Update adoption](#)

Location of public documents: St Louis Park Planning and Zoning, 5005 Minnetonka Blvd, St Louis Park, MN 55416

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of St Louis Park, [Sean Walther](#), 952-924-2574

[Dodge County Wind Project](#)

Location: St. Paul, Dodge, Mower, Steele

Process: Alternative review

Notice title: Notice of Environmental Assessment Availability, Public Hearings, and Comment Period

Notice description: The Department of Commerce has prepared and issued an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed project. The EA analyzes the potential impacts of the proposed project and possible mitigation measures and was issued on November 30th, 2023. In addition, the EA analyzes the potential impacts of any alternatives (including route alternatives) contained in the Scoping Decision. The EA is available on the Department's website and on eDockets. The Honorable Kimberly Middendorf, Administrative Law Judge with the Office of Administrative Hearings will administer the hearing. The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain public input on the proposed project and compile the record for the Commission to consider in making a final decision on the certificate of need, site permit, and route permit applications.

Project description: Dodge County Wind, LLC (DCW or applicant), a wholly-owned subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC proposes to construct, own, and operate the Dodge County Wind Farm in Dodge and Steele counties and approximately 27 miles of 161 kV transmission line in Dodge and Mower counties (Project). DCW originally proposed the Project with a nameplate capacity of up to 259 megawatts (MW) and up to 79 turbines. The final design for the Project proposes a nameplate capacity of up to 252 MW and includes up to 77 turbines.

Link to public documents: [Dodge County Wind Project documents](#)

Location of public documents: Department of Commerce, 85 Seventh Place East, Suite 280, Saint Paul, MN 55101-2198

First public meeting date, time, location: December 19, 2023, 1:00 p.m., Saker's Sports Bar & Grill, 401 8th Street SE, Kasson, MN 55944

Second public meeting date, time, location: December 19, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Saker's Sports Bar & Grill, 401 8th Street SE, Kasson, MN 55944

Third public meeting date, time, location: December 20, 2023, 6:00 p.m.,
Online meeting

Third public meeting virtual link:

<https://minnesota.webex.com/webappng/sites/minnesota/dashboard/home?siteurl=minnesota>

Third public meeting additional details: Event Password, if needed: WvJpNKeZ328 Access Code: 2492 910 8330 If you are joining the meeting by WebEx and would like to ask a question or make a comment during the designated portion of the meeting, use the chat function to send a message to the meeting moderator. If you are joining the meeting by phone, press *3 on your phone. When it is your turn to speak, your line will be unmuted, and you will be able to ask questions and provide comments.

Additional information and instructions are available at:

<https://mn.gov/puc/activities/meetings/webex/>

If you have questions about participating in the meeting or need assistance during the meeting, please contact the Public Advisor at the Commission: [Craig Janezich](#), 651-201-2203

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, [Sam Lobby](#), 651-201-2205

Minnesota Power HVDC Modernization Project

Location: Hermantown, St. Louis

Process: Alternative review

Notice title: Notice Of Public Information And Environmental Assessment Scoping Meetings

Notice description: The Public Utilities Commission and Department of Commerce are holding public information and environmental assessment scoping meetings on the certificate of need and route permit applications for the proposed Minnesota Power HVDC Modernization project. Both meetings start at 6 PM: the in-person meeting on August 29th at Solway Town Hall in Cloquet, and the virtual meeting on August 30th via Webex (see below). Commerce is seeking comments for scoping considerations in the Environmental Assessment through September 13, 2023.

Project description: To modernize the Minnesota terminal of the existing Square Butte high voltage direct current (HVDC) line that runs from North Dakota to Northeast Minnesota, a new terminal, new substation, and three high voltage transmission lines, each less than one

mile, are proposed on a new site near the existing Arrowhead Substation in St. Louis County, Minnesota.

Link to public documents: [Minnesota Power HVDC Modernization Project alternative review](#)

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

Public meeting date, time, location: August 29, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Solway Town Hall, 4029
Munger Shaw Road, Cloquet, MN 55720

Public meeting date, time, location: August 30, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Online meeting

Public meeting virtual

link: <https://minnesota.webex.com/minnesota/j.php?MTID=maf5e9354e2c70ad0907ee24cf49e3d09>

Public meeting additional details: Meeting No: 2486 372 4368 Call-In No: 1-855-282-6330
Access Code: 2486 372 4368 Password: knQp8D4K7NU If you are joining the meeting by
WebEx and would like to ask a question or make a comment during the designated portion
of the meeting, use the chat function to send a message to the meeting moderator. If you
are joining the meeting by phone, press *3 on your phone.

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

Fish kill reports

Minnesota Duty Officer reports pertaining to fish kills are summarized in the following table, in accordance with 103G.216, REPORTING FISH KILLS IN PUBLIC WATERS, Subd. 2 Reporting Requirement. These reports were received via the Minnesota Duty Officer prior to the submission deadline for this edition of the EQB Monitor. They represent the raw data/information provided by callers. For more information regarding fish kills in Minnesota see the [Department of Natural Resources](#). Call the Minnesota Duty Officer at 651-649-5451 or 800-422-0798 to report fish kills.

Date	Location	County	Waterbody	Species	Count
12/1/2023	Millwood Township	Stearns	Cedar Lake	Bluegill	50+
12/5/2023	Lake Itasca State Park	Hubbard	Lake Itasca	Bluegill	Hundreds

Submit a notice to 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 Tuesday at noon. Submissions to the [EQB Monitor](#) are due by 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday one week prior to the intended publication date. Please see the [EQB Monitor schedule](#) for more details.

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