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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](#).

[Minnesota Power HVDC Modernization Project](#)

*This project notice was published in the December 12 *EQB Monitor*, however the details were incorrect. The correct information is listed below.

Location (city/township; county): Hermantown, St. Louis

Process: Alternative review

Notice title: Notice of Scoping Decision Availability

Notice description: The Minnesota Department of Commerce has issued the scoping decision for the environmental assessment that will be prepared for the proposed Minnesota Power HVDC Modernization Project in Saint Louis County, Minnesota.

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](#)

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

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

[Buckingham Creek and Buckingham Tributary 2 Channel and Floodplain Restoration Project](#)

Location (city/township; county): Duluth; St. Louis

Process: EAW

Step: EAW available

Joint federal and state review: Yes

End of comment period: January 19, 2024

Project description: The South St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District and the City of Duluth propose to restore ecosystem function along 3,500 feet of Buckingham Creek and its tributary in Enger Park Golf Course in Duluth, MN. Natural stream and floodplain processes that maintain water quality, fish passage, and diverse habitat are largely absent from Buckingham Creek and Tributary 2 where they flow through the golf course. The goal of the proposed project is to maximize the ecosystem and recreational services that Buckingham Creek provides to the community by reducing stressors to the coldwater fish assemblage and improving the stream's climate change resilience. The proposed project will achieve this goal by restoring the dimension, pattern, and profile of the stream to a more natural state, improving stream flow, water temperatures, fish passage, and habitat. Construction will occur in the summer of 2024.

Link to public documents: [Floodplain Restoration Project EAW](#)

Location of public documents: South St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District, 4215 Enterprise Circle, Duluth, MN 55811

Responsible governmental unit and contact: South St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District, [Timothy Beaster](#), 218-723-4867

[Cambridge 2 Fuel Conversion](#)

Location (city/township; county): Cambridge; Isanti

Process: EAW

Step: EIS need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (EIS not ordered)

Responsible governmental unit record of decision date: December 8, 2023

Project description: The project would replace existing natural gas burners with dual-fuel burners and install associated facilities to allow ULSD fuel oil combustion during periods of natural gas curtailment. The project is expected to protect GRE customers from extremely high energy prices. The project is located within GRE's existing Cambridge Station at 2438 349th Avenue NE; Cambridge, MN.

Link to public documents: [Cambridge 2 Fuel Conversion EIS need decision](#)

Location of public documents: Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place E, Suite 350, Saint Paul, MN 55101

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, [Craig Janezich](#), 651-201-2203

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.

No fish kill reports were received since the last publication.

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