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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.

Decision Hills Campground

Location (city/township; county): Park Rapids; Hubbard County Process: Petition Step: Responsible governmental unit assigned

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Hubbard County, <u>Jeff Cadwell</u>, 218-732-2336

Green Gravel Pit Project

Location (city/township; county): Hagen Township; Clay Process: EAW Step: EAW available End of comment period: January 25, 2024

Project description: RJ Zavoral & Sons, Inc. proposes to expand the existing, approximately 36.4-acre, Green Gravel Green Gravel Pit Expansion Project 3 Environmental Assessment Worksheet Pit in Hagen Township, Clay County, Minnesota. The approximately 14.4-acre expansion Project would provide for mining, storage, and distribution of gravel aggregate.

Link to public documents: Green Gravel Pit Project EAW Location of public documents: Clay County Government Center, PO Box 280, Moorhead, MN 56560

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Clay County, Matt Jacobson, 218-299-7330

Richards Gravel Pit

Location (city/township; county): Flowing Township; Clay Process: EAW Step: EAW available End of comment period: January 25, 2024

Project description: Richards Family Partnership LLP is proposing to expand an existing mine from 101.7 acres to a total of 159 acres. This nonmetallic mineral mine, producing sand and gravel, is located in Flowing Township, Clay County.

Link to public documents: <u>Richards Gravel Pit EAW</u> Location of public documents: Clay County Government Center, 3510 12th Ave S, Moorhead, MN 56560

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Clay County, Matt Jacobson, 218-299-7330

Rogers Industrial Development

Location (city/township; county): Rogers; Hennepin Process: EAW Step: EAW available End of comment period: January 25, 2024

Project description: The Rogers Industrial Development is the proposed construction of a three-building, 557,000 square foot office/industrial development at the north end of Northdale Boulevard in Rogers. The three buildings vary in size, with Buildings A and C being 260' deep, and 900' and 800' long, respectively. Building B will be 230' deep x 500' long. Each buildings' square footage is as follows: Building A = 234,000 S.F., Building B = 115,000 S.F, Building C = 208,000 S.F. It is likely that the buildings will be constructed in phases and have the flexibility to accommodate multiple tenants or possibly a single build-to-suit tenant. The varying building sizes and depths allows for a variety of tenant uses, targeting around 10-15% office space.

Link to public documents: <u>Rogers Industrial Development EAW</u> Location of public documents: Rogers City Hall, 22350 S Diamond Lake Rd, Rogers, MN 55374

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Rogers, Brett Angell, 763-428-2253

Auditorium Demolition

Location (city/township; county): Thief River Falls; Pennington Process: EAW Step: EIS need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (EIS not ordered) **Responsible governmental unit record of decision date:** December 15, 2023

Project description: Pennington County is proposing to remove the Auditorium building and install a parking lot. The parking lot will provide parking to county employee and the public for the adjacent Government Center, which is being renovated and will house the Human Services Department adding approximately 35-40 employees to the building.

Link to public documents: <u>Auditorium Demolition EIS need decision</u> Location of public documents: Pennington County Auditor-Treasurer, 101 Main Ave N, Thief River Falls, MN 56701

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Pennington County, <u>Jennifer Herzberg</u>, 218-683-7000 x111

Trunk Highway 169 and County Highway 59 Interchange

Location (city/township; county): St. Lawrence Township; Scott Process: EAW Step: EIS need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (EIS not ordered) Responsible governmental unit record of decision date: December 13, 2023

Project description: Scott County is proposing to replace the existing unsignalized, at grade, intersection at Trunk Highway (TH) 169 and County Highway (CH) 59 with a grade-separated folded diamond interchange. Frontage roads will replace existing access to residences and commercial properties within the area. The project will also involve stormwater improvements to manage the additional runoff.

Link to public documents: <u>Trunk Highway 169 and County Highway 59 Interchange EIS</u> need decision

Location of public documents: Scott County, 200 4th Ave W, Shakopee, MN 55379

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Scott County, Adam Jessen, 952-496-8346

Waterford Township Limestone Quarry

Location (city/township; county): Waterford Township; Dakota Process: EIS Step: EIS preparation notice

Project description: Bryan Rock Products, Inc. (Bryan Rock) proposes to develop a new limestone quarry on property located in Waterford Township, Dakota County, Minnesota. Quarry operations will include topsoil and overburden removal, dewatering, blasting, extraction, processing (crushing, washing, screening,) stockpiling, loading, hauling, and reclamation.

Summary of scoping decision: Waterford Township acting at the Responsible Governmental Unit per Minn. Rule 4410.4400 Subpart B issued a Final Scoping Decision Document (FSDD) for the Proposed Limestone Quarry on November 9, 2023. The conclusion of the Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) was the following environmental review topics were deemed to require ongoing review in the Environmental Impact Statement - Land Use; Water Resources;

Contamination/Hazardous Materials/Wastes; Fish, Wildlife, Plant Communities, and Sensitive Ecological; Historic Properties; Noise; Cumulative Impacts; Other Potential Effects (Blasting) and Socioeconomical Impacts.

Link to public documents: <u>Waterford Township Limestone Quarry EIS preparation notice</u>

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Waterford Township, <u>Elizabeth Wheeler</u>, 651-346-8467

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 <u>Department of Natural Resources</u>. 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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