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EQB announcements and Environmental review notices

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EQB announcements

Registration open for participation in Climate Change and Environmental Review Pilot Program

EQB is seeking local responsible governmental units (RGUs) and consultants interested in participating in a pilot program that will assess the efficiency and effectiveness of climate information by testing a draft revised Environmental Assessment Worksheet. Participants will benefit from shared learning as well as training provided by technical experts. Registration is open to all RGUs and consultants, regardless of whether you are actively reviewing a project. This cohort-based program will begin in early 2022. [Register now!](#)

If you are not eligible to register, but would like to receive updates about the Pilot Program, please [sign-up here](#).



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The application is open for four EQB Public Board Member positions – one each representing Minnesota’s 1st, 2nd, 7th, and 8th congressional districts. Serving on the Environmental Quality Board is a unique opportunity to shape environmental issues in Minnesota. Public Board Members bring the voices of Minnesotans from around the state into decision making, helping the Board think in new ways about environmental challenges and solutions.

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Environmental review notices



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](#).

Proposed Northshore Mining Company Milepost 7 Tailings Basin Expansion, Tailings Dam Enlargement, and Rail Line Relocation Project

Location: Beaver Bay Township, Lake County

Process: Citizen Petition

Step: Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) Assigned

RGU and Contact: Department of Natural Resources, [Jill Townley](#), 651-259-5168

Proposed Ulland Brothers-Klitzke Project

Location: Lansing Township, Mower County

Process: Citizen Petition

Step: RGU Assigned

RGU and Contact: Lansing Township, [Duane Mortensen](#), 507-438-1278

Avalon Estates Development Project

Location: Big Lake, Sherburne County

Process: Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)

Step: EAW Available

End of Comment Period: January 20, 2022

Project Description: A private developer is proposing the development of approximately 57 acres within the City of Big Lake in Sherburne County, Minnesota. The proposed project would construct 16 twin residential units, eight quad residential units, a three-story apartment building with 42 units, interior roadway and surface parking areas, and infiltration pond features. Portions of the project area would be maintained as public parkland.

Link to Public Documents: [Avalon Estates Development Project EAW](#)

Location of Public Documents: Great River Regional Library, 1300 W. St. Germain Street, St. Cloud, MN 56301-3667

RGU and Contact: City of Big Lake, [Lucinda Spanier](#), 763-251-2977

Victoria Shores Residential Development

Location: Roseville, Ramsey County

Process: EAW

Step: Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Need Decision

RGU Decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Record of Decision Date: December 6, 2021

Link to Public Documents: [Victoria Shores Residential Development EIS Need Decision](#)

Location of Public Documents: Roseville City Hall, 2660 Civic Center Drive, Roseville, MN 55113

RGU and Contact: City of Roseville, [Janice Gundlach](#), 651-792-7071

Burnsville Sanitary Landfill Expansion Project - Comment Period Extension

Location: Burnsville, Dakota County

Process: Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)

Step: Final SEIS

End of Comment Period: December 28, 2021

Project Description: The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is extending the public comment period for the Burnsville Sanitary Landfill (BSL) Final Supplemental EIS (FSEIS) from December 24th to December 28th. The MPCA is distributing this BSL FSEIS for review and comment pursuant to the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) rules. Interested persons may submit written comments on the adequacy of the BSL FSEIS during the comment period. Following the comment period, the MPCA Commissioner will make a determination of adequacy decision regarding the BSL FSEIS.

Link to Public Documents: [Burnsville Sanitary Landfill Expansion Project Final SEIS](#)

Location of Public Documents: Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul, MN, 55155

RGU and Contact: Pollution Control Agency, [Steve Sommer](#), 651-757-2465

Rockport, LLC AUAR Update

Location: Apple Valley, Dakota County

Process: Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) Update

Step: AUAR Update Available

End of Comment Period: January 6, 2022

Project Description: This AUAR Update was prepared as a requirement of Rockport LLC's (Rockport) Conditional Use Permits (CUP) in November 2006 for a proposed end-use development. The purpose of this Rockport end-use plan is to provide, within approximately 558 acres, a complementary mixture of low- to medium-density housing, commercial and industrial uses, regional storm water basins, open space, and parkland for use by the residents of the City of Apple Valley. An AUAR Update was previously prepared in 2016.

Link to Public Documents: [Rockport, LLC AUAR Update](#)

RGU and Contact: City of Apple Valley, [Tom Lovelace](#), 952-953-2572

General Notice

Notices published in this section may be required under Minnesota Statute or Rule.

Minnesota Department of Agriculture - Notification of Request for Commercial Use Exemption

Notice Description: J.R. Simplot Company filed a Request for a Commercial Use Exemption with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number CUE 21C001. The request is for genetically modified Snowden potato identified as Z6 which has been deregulated by USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) under Application Number 19-099-02p. The product has also been registered by the EPA as a Plant-Incorporated Protectant. The product categories include disease resistance and product quality traits. For additional information, contact Denise Thiede.

Contact: [Denise Thiede](#), Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531

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The *EQB Monitor* is published every Tuesday at 12:00 pm. Submissions to the [EQB Monitor](#) are due by 4:00 pm on the Tuesday one week prior to the intended publication date. Please see the [EQB Monitor schedule](#) for more details.

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