

EQB Monitor

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](#).



Apply now to be a Board member at EQB!

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.

To learn more, visit the Environmental Quality Board’s [Join the Board](#) page. The position is open until filled, and begins in January 2022.

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 France 50 Mixed Use Development

Location: Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Process: Citizen Petition

Step: Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) Need Decision

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) Decision: Negative (no EAW ordered)

Record of Decision Date: December 10, 2021

Link to Public Documents: [Proposed France 50 Mixed Use Development EAW Need Decision](#)

RGU and Contact: City of Minneapolis, [Hilary Dvorak](#), 612-673-2639

325 Blake Road Development

Location: Hopkins, Hennepin County

Process: EAW

Step: Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Need Decision

RGU Decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Record of Decision Date: December 7, 2021

Link to Public Documents: [325 Blake Road Development EIS Need Decision](#)

Location of Public Documents: City of Hopkins, 1010 1st Street South, Hopkins, MN 55343

RGU and Contact: City of Hopkins, [Kersten Elverum](#), 952-548-6340

Union Stadium Village

Location: Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Process: EAW

Step: EIS Need Decision

RGU Decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Record of Decision Date: December 10, 2021

Link to Public Documents: [Union Stadium Village EIS Need Decision](#)

Location of Public Documents: Public Service Building, 505 4th Avenue South, Room 320, Minneapolis, MN 55415

RGU and Contact: City of Minneapolis, [Hilary Dvorak](#), 612-673-2639

Nelson Slough Improvement Project

Location: Strandquist, Minnesota/Lincoln and East Park Townships, Marshall County

Process: EAW

Step: EIS Need Decision

RGU Decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Record of Decision Date: December 21, 2021

Link to Public Documents: [Nelson Slough Improvement Project EIS Need Decision](#)

Location of Public Documents: Crookston Public Library, 110 North Ash Street, Crookston, MN 56716

RGU and Contact: Department of Natural Resources, [Sara Mielke](#), 651-259-5723

General Notices

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

Minnesota Department of Agriculture - Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

Notice Description: Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 21-NO-34. Notification is for genetically modified SOYBEAN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in the following eight linked applications AUTH – 182456, 182457, 182876, 182879, 182882, 182883, 182884, and 1833304. The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-1 location with 195 acres. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Performance), FR (Fungal Resistance), HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), PQ (Product Quality) and OO(Other). For additional information, contact Denise Thiede.

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

Minnesota Department of Agriculture - Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

Notice Description: Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 21-NO-35. Notification is for genetically modified CORN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in the following four linked applications AUTH – 0000198147, AUTH – 0000198148, AUTH – 0000198150, and AUTH – 0000198152. The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-1 location with 12 acres; Faribault-2 locations with 7 and 15 acres, respectively; Fillmore-4 locations with 35, 20, 15, and 25 acres, respectively; Goodhue-1 location with 15 acres Project categories include AP (Agronomic Performance), FR (Fungal Resistance), HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), PQ (Product Quality), OO (Other) and VR (Virus Resistance). For additional information, contact Denise Thiede.

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

Submit an environmental review notice to the *Monitor*

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.

To submit a notice for publication:

[Use the EQB Monitor submission form](#)

Questions? Contact EQB by phone at 651-757-2873 or email us at EQB.Monitor@state.mn.us.

The *EQB Monitor* is a weekly publication announcing environmental review documents, public comment periods and other actions of the Environmental Quality Board. For more information on environmental review, please visit the [EQB website](#) or contact us at env.review@state.mn.us.



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