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EQB News

Please contact EQB staff at 651-757-2873 or Env.Review@state.mn.us with any questions regarding the information provided below.

Changes are coming to the *Monitor* in 2017!

Starting January 1, 2017, EQB staff will begin strictly adhering to the 4:00 pm deadline for submissions to the EQB *Monitor*. EQB staff have made a number of changes to streamline the submission and publication process, and this deadline will help ensure that submissions are adequately reviewed before publication. The [2017 EQB Monitor Schedule](#) is now available on the EQB website.

Additionally, EQB staff **strongly encourage** the use of the [EQB Monitor Submission Form](#) to submit notices for publication. The Submission Form helps standardize notices for publication and allows EQB to collect data on the environmental review process.

EQB Environmental Review Survey Updates

2016 Environmental Review Survey – Thank You!

In July 2016, EQB staff launched two pilot surveys for Responsible Governmental Units (RGU) that completed the environmental review process, and citizens that submitted petitions to the EQB. The surveys have provided valuable feedback on the timeliness, effectiveness, and

outcomes of the environmental review process. EQB staff will present a summary of the results, along with other environmental review data collected in 2016, to the Board in early 2017.

Thank you to all that have completed the survey! We have received responses from about 50% of RGUs and 60% of citizens invited to complete the survey. We would like to get these percentages higher as **participation in the survey is critical to guiding future improvements to the EQB Environmental Review Program.**

It's not too late to participate if you have not yet completed the survey. EQB staff will be sending a final survey reminder via email. Keep an eye out for the email and contact EQB staff with any questions.

2017 Environmental Review Survey for Proposers

Starting in January 2017, EQB staff will begin distributing an environmental review survey to project proposers upon completion of the environmental review process. This is an opportunity for proposers to give feedback on their experience with the environmental review process. Please contact EQB staff with any questions.

Environmental Assessment Worksheet

The following EAW has a comment deadline of January 18, 2017

Project Title: Campbell Dairy

Project Description: Riverview, LLP (Proposer) will construct a 9,500 animal unit (AU) dairy farm (8,674 head of cows and 1,180 head of heifers) in Section 35, Campbell Township, Wilkin County (Project). The cows will be housed in a cross-ventilated total confinement free stall barn with the manure and wastewater collected and stored in earthen basins with impermeable covers.

A copy of the Notice of Availability and the EAW can be found on the MPCA website at the following address: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/topics/environmental-review/environmental-assessment-worksheets-and-environmental-impact-statements.html>

Mandatory Category Rule Citation: Minn. R. 4410.4300, Subp. 29 (A), Animal feedlots

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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Alternative Urban Areawide Review Update

Project Title: Farmington Seed/Genstar Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) Update

Comment Deadline: January 4, 2017

Project Description: The Farmington Seed/Genstar AUAR study area is located on approximately 965 acres in the City of Farmington, in Dakota County, Minnesota. The City will act as the RGU for the AUAR Update. This document updates the AUAR adopted in January 2004, with subsequent updates in 2006 and 2011, and includes an updated Mitigation Plan.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Farmington

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Notice

Meeting Notice: Silica Sand Technical Advisory Team

The Silica Sand Technical Advisory (SSTAT) team will meet to discuss technical and agency updates to the EQB Tools to Assist Local Governments in Planning for and Regulating Silica Sand Projects, agency rulemaking updates, and updates on silica sand activities in the State of Minnesota.

The meeting is SCHEDULED FOR January 5th, 2017 @ 2:30pm in the [DNR Central Office Lobby Conference Room](#).

This meeting is open to the public to observe. If you can't make it in person please call in:
Conference call: 1-888-742-5095 | Conference Code: 3649223869#

For more information or questions, you can contact:

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