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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.

Petition

The following petition has been filed with the EQB requesting preparation of an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW). The EQB has assigned the indicated unit of government to review the petition and decide on the need for an EAW.

- Chisago County, Proposed Cemetery in South Chisago Lake Township

Environmental Assessment Worksheet

The following EAW has a comment deadline of January 25, 2017

Project Title: Jordan Southwest Interceptor

Project Description: The city of Jordan (City) proposes to construct the Jordan Southwest Interceptor (Interceptor). The Interceptor, which consists of underground sewer pipes, will provide sanitary sewer service to current and future development areas within the City and anticipated annexation areas. The Interceptor will extend 2.53 miles from approximately 1/3 mile east of Delaware Avenue on the north side of the Union Pacific railroad tracks to the City's Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) on Syndicate Street.

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. 18 (A), Wastewater systems

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental unit has determined the following project does not require preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the Environmental Assessment Worksheet notice was published in the EQB *Monitor*.

- Lake Minnetonka Conservation District, City of Excelsior, 12-14-16 (10-24-16)
- Lake Minnetonka Conservation District, Brown's Bay Marina (Site 2), 12-14-16 (10-24-16)
- City of Grand Rapids, Proposed Nonmetallic Aggregate Mine, 12-12-16 (10-24-16)