

Minnesota Environmental Quality Board

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Changes to the EQB *Monitor*

- The EQB *Monitor* has now switched to a weekly publication schedule. Submissions will be due for the *Monitor* by 4:00 pm on the Monday one week prior to the intended publication date. Please see the <u>2016 EQB Monitor schedule</u> for additional details.
- The EQB *Monitor* submission form has been updated to standardize the submission process while also capturing more information regarding environmental review. We strongly encourage the use of the <u>online submission form</u> to submit notices to the EQB *Monitor*.

Thank you for completing the EQB Survey!

- The Environmental Quality Board recently conducted a survey of all responsible governmental units (RGU) that published notices in the EQB *Monitor* in calendar year 2015. Thank you to all RGUs that completed the survey! The information provided in the survey will help the EQB to identify opportunities to improve customer service and the EQB Environmental Review Program, while also providing comments on the EQB proposed rulemaking on mandatory environmental review categories.
- Environmental Impact Statement Need Decision
- Notice

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

• Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Goose Prairie Marsh Enhancement Project, 1-14-16 (11-23-15) Notice

Good Cause Exempt Rulemaking Relating to Recreational Trails

The EQB will be engaged in "good cause" rulemaking to make its rules consistent with changes directed through statute adopted in the 2015 legislative session. Good cause rulemaking is a streamlined process that is limited to only rule amendments that do not require any interpretation of law. This means that the public will be invited to comment only on whether the EQB's proposed rule amendments accurately incorporate the legislative directives. Interested parties who wish to be notified of their opportunity to comment and the final adoption of these amendments are encouraged to register for GovDelivery at https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNEQB/subscriber/new

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