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EQB Announcements

EQB Board Meeting, April 19, 2017

The EQB will hold its monthly meeting on April 19, 2017, at the Minnesota State Capitol in room G-23: 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55155. The proposed meeting agenda and additional information can be found on the [EQB website](#).

Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: Minnesota Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area, Renville County, Minnesota

Comment Deadline: May 10, 2017

Project Description: Renville County proposes the Minnesota Valley OHVRA on 278 acres of land in Sacred Heart (South) Township. Current sand and gravel mining will be phased out over 20 years, with reclamation including construction of proposed trails and amenities, and revegetation of remaining mined areas to prairie grassland species.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR) will accept written comments on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet during the public review and comment period, which concludes on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at 4:30 p.m.

Written comments should be submitted to: Bill Johnson, EAW Project Manager; EWR Environmental Policy and Review Unit; Department of Natural Resources; 500 Lafayette Road; St. Paul, MN 55155-4025. Electronic or email comments may be sent to Environmentalreview.dnr@state.mn.us with "Mn Valley OHVRA EAW" in the subject line. If submitting comments electronically, include name and mailing address. Written comments may also be sent by fax to (651) 296-1811.

A copy of the EAW is available for public review at:

- MNDNR Library, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155
- MNDNR Southern Regional Office, 21371 State Highway 15 South, New Ulm, MN 56073
- Hennepin County – Minneapolis Central Library, Government Documents, Second Floor, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401-1992
- Willmar Public Library, 410 Fifth Street, Willmar, MN 56201
- Olivia Public Library, 405 South Tenth Street, Olivia, MN 56277

The EAW is also posted on MNDNR's website at:
<http://www.dnr.state.mn/input/environmentalreview/MnValleyOHVRA/index.html>.

Additional copies may be requested by calling 651-259-5126.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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The comment period for the following EAW has been extended to April 19, 2017

Project Title: PLACE St. Louis Park

Project Description: The City of St. Louis Park has released an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the proposed PLACE St. Louis Park redevelopment. The development is located in St. Louis Park, Minn., at the southeast corner of Trunk Highway 7 and Wooddale Avenue South. PLACE, a 501(c)(3), proposes to redevelop nine brownfield parcels into a mixed-use, environmentally sustainable, transit-oriented community. The project will include 299 mixed-income living spaces, including live/work space for artists; a 110-room hotel; retail space; and neighborhood amenities like an urban forest. The project also includes an e-generation facility that will digest all compostable materials generated on-site.

The City of St. Louis Park is the Responsible Government Unit (RGU) for review of the mandatory Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW). The St. Louis Park City Manager approved the EAW for distribution on February 27, 2017. The deadline for written comments has been extended by two weeks and must be received by 4 p.m., Wednesday, April 19, 2017.

The PLACE St. Louis Park EAW is available on the city website at <http://tinyurl.com/kur4qzs>. Paper copies of the EAW are available at St. Louis Park City Hall, 5005 Minnetonka Blvd, St. Louis Park, Minn., 55416 and the St. Louis Park Library, 3240 Library Lane, St. Louis Park, Minn., 55426. Written comments must be submitted to: Sean Walther, Planning and Zoning Supervisor City of St. Louis Park 5005 Minnetonka Boulevard St. Louis Park, MN 55416 Fax: 952.924.2662 Email: swalther@stlouispark.org

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of St. Louis Park

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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*.

- Minnesota Pollution Control Unit, Jordan Southwest Interceptor, 3-27-17 (12-26-16)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Lab USA's Ash Processing Project - Red Wing, 4-3-17 (12-5-16)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Holden Farms Inc., 3-31-17 (1-2-17)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, McNamara Bulk Storage Facility, 3-31-17 (1-2-17)

Notices

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

MDA Notification	Applicant	Crop	Project Category	County(s)
17-NO-17	Forage Genetics International	Corn	HT-Herbicide Tolerance PQ – Processing Quality	Nicollet – up to 10 acres

Forage Genetics International, filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 17-NO-17. Notification is for genetically modified corn, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic corn, referenced as Application Number 17-073-102n. For additional information contact Clifford Watrin, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531, clifford.watrin@state.mn.us

MDA Notification	Applicant	Crop	Project Category	County(s)
17-NO-18	Pioneer Hi-Bred International	Corn	HT-Herbicide Tolerance IR – Insect Resistance	Blue Earth – 2 sites – 10 acres and 25 acres

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 17-NO-18. Notification is for genetically modified corn, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic corn, referenced as Application Number 17-038-105rm-a1. For additional information contact Clifford Watrin, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531, clifford.watrin@state.mn.us

MDA Notification	Applicant	Crop	Project Category	County(s)
17-NO-19	Syngenta LLC.	Corn	AP – Agronomic Properties	Dakota, Faribault, Goodhue, Mower (2), Rice, Waseca – Up to 10 acres each site

Syngenta LLC., filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 17-NO-19. Notification is for genetically modified corn, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic corn, referenced as Application Number 17-061-101rm. For additional information contact Clifford Watrin, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531, clifford.watrin@state.mn.us