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EQB Announcement

COVID-19 Update

Environmental Quality Board staff are working remotely until further notice due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Staff are available by <u>email</u>, phone, or the environmental review hotline at 651.757.2873. For general environmental review questions or if you are an RGU with specific questions related to Environmental Review Program requirements during the pandemic, please email <u>Env.Review@state.mn.us</u>.

For more information on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), please visit the State of Minnesota's <u>COVID-19 Portal</u>.

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.

• Princeton Township Town Board, Silver Lake Oaks Residential Development

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.

Project: KMM Burnsville Quarry PUD Amendment 4-7-20 (2-3-20) Link to Document: No link provided. Contact the RGU. RGU Contact: Gina Aulwes, Consulting Transportation Planner, 952-890-0509, gina.aulwes@bolton-menk.com

Project: Timber Creek Residential Development 4-6-20 (2-3-20) **Link to Document:** No link provided. Contact the RGU. **RGU Contact:** Erin Smith, Community Development Director, 952-448-8743, <u>esmith@cityofcarver.com</u>

Notices

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

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number **20-NO-24.** 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 **20-065-102rm**. The counties identified for release include the following: **Freeborn-1 location with 10 acres. Project categories include AP** (Agronomic Performance), HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), and OO (Other).

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 20-NO-25. 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 20-003-101rm-a1. The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-2 locations at 8 and 25 acres; Fillmore-2 locations at 10 and 15 acres; Goodhue-1 location at 15 acres; Stevens-1 location at 10 acres. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Performance), FR (Fungal Resistance), HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), OO (Other) and PQ (Product Quality).

BASF Corporation filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number **20-NO-26.** Notification is for genetically modified **SOYBEAN**, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic soybean, referenced as Application Number **19-352-101rm**. The counties identified for release include the following: **Becker-1 location with 20 acres; Big Stone-2 locations with 20 acres per location; Clay-1 location with 20 acres; and Freeborn-1 location with 20 acres**. Project categories **include HT (Herbicide Tolerance) and NR (Nematode Resistance).**

University of Minnesota filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number **20-NO-27**. Notification is for genetically modified **WHEAT**, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic wheat, referenced as Application Number **20-078-101r**. The counties identified for release include the following: **Ramsey County-1 location at less than 1.5 acres.** Project categories include **FR (Fungal Resistance).**

For additional information contact:

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