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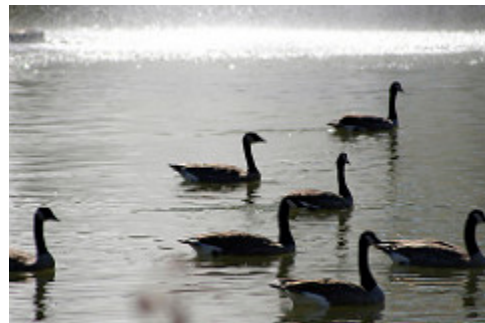
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EQB Announcements

Citizen Environmental Review Survey

The Environmental Quality Board, which oversees the state's Environmental Review program, is undergoing a continuous improvement project to monitor and improve the effectiveness of Environmental Review. Minnesota citizens who have participated in the Environmental Review process are asked to consider taking 10 minutes to complete the survey at the link below. Engagement in the process may include: reviewed a document, attended a public meeting, wrote a comment, contacted staff, etc.

<http://survey.mn.gov/s.asp?k=151335922389>

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Citizen's Guide to Commenting on Environmental Review Projects

Citizens can participate in the environmental review process in a number of ways, including commenting on the environmental impacts of projects. To better understand the role of comments in the Environmental Review Process, and how to effectively comment on a process, check out our [Citizen's Guide: Commenting on Environmental Review Projects](#).

EQB staff provide a number of written guidance documents and informational videos all available on the EQB website, <https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/>, under Environmental Review. EQB staff are also available to answer questions about Environmental Review at Env.Review@state.mn.us or 651-757-2873.

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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 Department of Transportation, Trunk Highway 36/Hadley Avenue (CSAH 35) Intersection Improvement Project, 4-17-18 (1-8-18)

Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: Catalpa, LLC

Comment Deadline: May 30, 2018

Project Description: Catalpa, LLC proposes to construct and operate a new 1,992 animal unit swine farrowing facility (4,980 sows) in Sections 7 and 18, Newburg Township, Fillmore County consisting of two barns, an animal mortality composting building, one stormwater basin, and a livestock watering well.

A copy of the Notice of Availability and the EAW can be found on the MPCA website at the following address: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/eaw>. Comment deadline is May 30, 2018 4410.4300, subp. 29A

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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Project Title: Crow River Heights West Future Additions

Comment Deadline: May 30, 2018

Project Description: The development of 159 single family detached homes on 72 acres in the City of Hanover. The project will be developed as a Planned Unit Development (PUD) allowing an average lot size of 11,968 square feet. The proposed lots are part of a revived development started in 1999.

Comments will be accepted during the 30 day public comment period, which begins on April 30, 2018, and ends on May 30, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. The EAW can be viewed on the City of Hanover's website at www.hanovermn.org.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Hanover

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Project Title: I-694/I-494/I-94 Interchange Improvements

Comment Deadline: May 30, 2018

Project Description: MnDOT proposes an unbonded concrete overlay on I-694 from 10th Street to I-94, I494 from Tamarack Road to I-94, replacement of I-94 bridges, addition of auxiliary lane, and reconstruction of all the loops in the interchange. The roadway needs to be reconstructed to improve mobility and capacity, pavement condition and road safety.

The document is available on-line at the following project web-page URL:

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i94-494-694/documents.html> Hard copies of the document are also available for viewing at the following public libraries:

- Minneapolis Central Library 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401
- MnDOT Library, Minnesota Dept of Transportation M.S. 155, Rm 175 Transportation Bldg 395 John Ireland Boulevard Saint Paul, MN 55155 R.H.
- Stafford Public Library, 8595 Central Park Place Woodbury, MN 55125
Phone: 651-731-1320
- Oakdale Public Library 1010 Heron Avenue North Oakdale, MN 55128
Phone: 651-730-0504
- Sun Ray Public Library (Saint Paul Public Library) 2105 Wilson Avenue St. Paul, MN 55119 Phone: 651-501-6300.

The comment period will begin April 30, 2018, and will end on May 30, 2018.

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Project Title: Normandale Lake Water Quality Improvement Project

Comment Deadline: May 30, 2018

Project Description: Nine Mile Creek Watershed District (NMCWD), in coordination with the City of Bloomington, is planning a water-quality improvement project on Normandale Lake to address concerns associated with a prevalence of curly-leaf pondweed in the lake and release of phosphorus from lake-bottom sediments (internal loading). Improvement approaches include lake-level drawdown, herbicide treatment, alum treatment, possible aquatic plant harvesting, and possible in-lake oxygenation.

A copy of the EAW is available at ninemilecreek.org/normandale-eaw and at the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District Office (12800 Gerard Dr, Eden Prairie, MN). Comments on the EAW will be received through May 30, 2018 and should be sent to: Steve Kloiber – Board President 12800 Gerard Dr. Eden Prairie, MN 55346 steve.kloiber@comcast.net

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Nine Mile Creek Watershed District

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Project Title: Scott Lynch Buffalo Lake North and South Sites

Comment Deadline: May 30, 2018

Project Description: Scott Lynch proposes to construct and operate two new 1,440 animal unit (AU) swine finishing facilities (2,880 AUs total, 9,600 hogs), with one site in Section 17 (North site) and one site in Section 28 (South site), Alton Township, Waseca County (Project). The Project consists of installing four barns (two at each site), with liquid manure storage areas (LMSAs) below the barns, one stormwater infiltration area at each site, one mortality structure at each site, and one livestock watering well at each site. Comment Deadline: May 30, 2018.

A copy of the Notice of Availability and the EAW can be found on the MPCA website at the following address: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/eaw> (4410.4300, subp. 29A Feedlots)

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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Swenoda 115 kV Substation/Transmission Line Project

Great River Energy, wholesale electric supplier to Agralite Electric Cooperative, proposes to construct a new overhead 115-kilovolt (kV) transmission line that would deliver electric power to a new Agralite Electric Cooperative substation to be constructed in Swenoda Township. This project will improve the reliability of the electric transmission and distribution systems in the area, and meet future electric demand and growth for Agralite Electric Cooperative members in this area. The proposed project is located in Section 13 of Swenoda Township, and in Sections 7 and 18 of Cashel Township, Swift County, Minnesota. The transmission line route would originate in the northeast corner of the intersection of 20th Ave. SW and 80th St. SW (School Road), where it would connect to Great River Energy's existing AG-BK 115-kV transmission line. From the point of connection, the transmission line would extend southerly one mile along 20th Ave. SW to Swift County Road 6. The transmission line would then continue westerly for one mile along County Road 6 (90th St. SW) to Agralite Electric Cooperative's proposed Swenoda Substation, which will be located in the northeast corner of 30th Ave. SW and County Road 6.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Swift County Environmental Services

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

Project Description: University of Minnesota filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-41. 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 18-100-101n.

The counties identified for release include the following: Ramsey-1 location with 1 acre. Project categories include: AP (Agronomic properties), MG (Marker Gene), and PQ (Product Quality). For additional information contact Denise Thiede, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531, denise.thiede@state.mn.us.

Project Description: Bayer CropScience LP filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-42. Notification is for genetically modified Bacillus spp, pending EPA approval for the environmental release of transgenic Bacillus spp., referenced as Application Number BCS-BN-2018-01.

The counties identified for release include the following: Clay-3 locations with less than 1 acre/location. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Properties) of target crop soybean. For additional information contact Denise Thiede, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531, denise.thiede@state.mn.us.

Project Description: Bayer CropScience LP filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-43. Notification is for genetically modified Bacillus spp, pending EPA approval for the environmental release of transgenic Bacillus spp., referenced as Application Number BCS-BN-2018-02.

The counties identified for release include the following: Clay-1 location with less than 1 acre. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Properties) of target crop soybean. For additional information contact Denise Thiede, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531, denise.thiede@state.mn.us.

Project Description: Bayer CropScience LP filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-44. Notification is for genetically modified Bacillus spp, pending EPA approval for the environmental release of transgenic Bacillus spp., referenced as Application Number BCS-BN-2018-03.

The counties identified for release include the following: Clay-1 locations with less than 1 acre. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Properties) of target crop soybean. For additional information contact Denise Thiede, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531, denise.thiede@state.mn.us.

Project Description: Bayer CropScience LP filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-45. Notification is for genetically modified Bacillus spp, pending EPA approval for the environmental release of transgenic Bacillus spp., referenced as Application Number BCS-BN-2018-04.

The counties identified for release include the following: Clay-1 locations with less than 1 acre; Project categories include AP (Agronomic Properties) of target crop soybean. For additional information contact Denise Thiede, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531, denise.thiede@state.mn.us.

Project Description: Pioneer Hi-Bred International filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-46. 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 18-101-104n. The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-1 location with 80 acres. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance) and IR (Insect Resistance). For additional information contact Denise Thiede, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531, denise.thiede@state.mn.us.

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