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EQB Announcements

Environmental Quality Board Meeting: August 12, 2020

We invite you to join the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) at their next Board meeting on August 12 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Environmental Quality Board (EQB or Board) meeting will convene its August Board meeting virtually through the WebEx platform. Instructions for connecting to WebEx are included on page six of the Board packet.

[Access Link to the August 12, 2020 EQB Meeting](#)

The meeting will address two informational objectives:

- Discuss introduction, goals, strategies, and actions of the 2020 State Water Plan
- Receive an update on the 404 assumption study

You can also view our full agenda on the [EQB Website](#).

Accessibility: This material can be provided in different forms, like large print, braille, or on a recording. Please contact EQB staff at least one week prior to the event at info.EQB@state.mn.us to arrange an accommodation.

Applications are currently open for Environmental Quality Board Member Positions in Congressional Districts 4 and 5

Applications are currently open for two Public Board Member positions: one each representing the public from Minnesota's Congressional Districts 4 and 5 (CD4 and CD5). [CD4](#) includes part of Washington County and most of Ramsey County, including Saint Paul; and [CD5](#) includes parts of Anoka and Hennepin Counties including Minneapolis. The positions are for a four-year term and are open until filled.

Serving on the [Environmental Quality Board](#) is a unique opportunity to shape environmental issues in Minnesota. Public members of the Board help bring the voices of Minnesotans from around the state into decision making, prompting our government to think in new ways about environmental challenges and solutions.

To apply, visit the [Minnesota Secretary of State's website](#).

Questions? Contact us:

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Environmental Impact Statement Need Decision

Forsman Farms - Litchfield Farm

Project Description: Forsman Farms, Inc. proposes to construct and operate a new 4,950 animal unit poultry feedlot (1,650,000 head) in Section 15 of Harvey Township, Meeker County. The construction will include five power ventilated total confinement poultry barns, a manure storage building, a pelletizing building, an egg packing plant, permanent stormwater basins, and 10 water supply wells.

Date of Determination: July 22, 2020

Determination: Negative (no EIS required)

Link to Document: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/projects-under-mpca-review>

RGU: Pollution Control Agency

RGU Contact: Jenna Ness, 651-757-2276, jenna.ness@state.mn.us

Notice

Otter Tail Power Norcross 115-kV Project EA

Comment Deadline: September 2, 2020

Project Description: Grant County is the local government unit responsible for approval and permitting of the proposed Otter Tail Power Norcross 115-kV Project in Elbow Lake, Delaware, and Groton Townships. The proposed project includes construction of a new 115-kV substation northeast of Norcross, as well as constructing approximately eight (8) miles of 115-kV transmission line from the new Norcross Substation to the Grant County Switching Station one mile southwest of the city of Elbow Lake. The existing Grant County Switching Station will be expanded by the owner, Missouri River Energy Services, to accommodate the additional 115-kV lines. The proposed transmission line would have single wood pole structures and would mainly follow a proposed route adjacent to roads and highway right-of-ways. The comment deadline is September 2, 2020.

RGU: Grant County

RGU Contact: Brian Ross, 218-316-3628, brian.ross@widseth.com

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