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EQB Announcements

EQB is Hiring an Executive Director

The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) is seeking a highly-motivated candidate to serve as Executive Director. The position provides executive leadership to the Board, including members, staff, and agency partners, in administering initiatives, setting organizational direction, and building relationships across Minnesota. To learn more about this opportunity and to apply, visit: <https://mn.gov/mmb/careers/search-for-jobs/> (enter Job ID 38668)

Environmental Review Program Updates for Local Government

Are you a local government unit responsible for preparing environmental documents and performing technical assessments that are required by the State Environmental Review Program? The Environmental Quality Board and the Department of Administration are hosting an educational meeting to talk about recent Environmental Review Program Updates

The meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 21, 2020 at 1pm at the EQB/Minnesota Pollution Control Agency St. Paul Office; 520 Lafayette Road N., St Paul, MN. To register to attend this event, **please RSVP at [EventBrite](#)**.

The first hour will focus on the [Master Contract for Environmental Review and Technical Services](#) followed by a presentation on changes to [Minnesota Rules Chapter 4410](#). The session will be live-streamed and uploaded to the [EQB's website](#) for future review. RSVPs will receive the WebEx link prior to the meeting.

Agenda

- 1:00 – 1:30 pm: Master Contract Presentation
- 1:30 – 2:00 pm: Questions and Answers (online participants can submit questions via WebEx)
- 2:00 – 2:30 pm: Environmental Review Rule Changes
- 2:30 – 3:00 pm: Questions and Answers (online participants can submit questions via WebEx)

If you have any questions, please contact the [EQB Environmental Review](#) staff at 651-757-2873.

Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: Supplement to the Daley Farms of Lewiston, LLP – 2018 Dairy Expansion (comment period extended)

Comment Deadline: March 6, 2020

Project Description: Daley Farms of Lewiston, LLP (Daley) currently owns and operates three dairy sites (LLP, LLP1, and LLP7) in Utica Township, Winona County. Daley intends to expand its existing dairy at the LLP site, close the LLP1 site, and install open-lot runoff controls at the LLP7 site (Project). The expansion at the LLP site will include a total confinement barn with 3,000 dairy cows, a rotary milking parlor, a manure storage basin, a feed storage pad, and stormwater runoff controls. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) placed an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the Daley Farms of Lewiston, LLP – 2018 Dairy Expansion (2018 EAW) for public notice and comment in the October 1, 2018 EQB Monitor. MPCA is placing this supplement to the 2018 EAW to provide new information on greenhouse gas emissions.

Comments will be accepted only on new information contained in this supplement. Comments previously submitted on the 2018 EAW will remain part of the official record.

RGU DISCRETIONAL EAW: This a supplement to the original September 20, 2018 EAW. This supplement provides new information on greenhouse gas emissions.

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

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Project Title: Otter Wings LLP

Comment Deadline: March 11, 2020

Project Description: Otter Wings, LLP proposes to expand and operate a previously permitted, but not yet fully constructed, swine farrowing facility in Section 12, Blowers Township, Otter Tail County. The fully constructed facility will consist of 2595.6 animal units, five barns with below-ground concrete liquid manure storage areas, one animal mortality compost building, one stormwater infiltration basin, and a livestock water supply well.

MANDATORY CATEGORY RULE CITATION: 29A Animal Feedlots

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

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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.

- City of Duluth, Essentia Health Vision Northland Project, 3-29-19 (2-11-19)
RGU contact: Steven Robertson, 218-730-5295, srobertson@duluthmn.gov
Link to document: <https://duluthmn.gov/planning-development/planning-development-news/duluths-medical-district/>
 - City of Corcoran, Wessel Residential Development, 1-23-20 (12-2-19)
RGU contact: Kendra Lindahl, 612-638-0225, klindahl@landform.net
Link to document: https://www.ci.corcoran.mn.us/index.asp?SEC=4D468DE3-E1A6-40A8-82B1-0DD4A185BBE0&Type=B_BASIC
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Alternative Urban Areawide Review Adoptions

Project Title: French Lake Industrial Center

Project Description: The French Lake Industrial Center Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) examines 170.9 acres of land in Dayton, MN to analyze the impacts and mitigation measures necessary to accommodate a proposed industrial development. Since the adoption of the French Lake Industrial Center AUAR in 2015, some development within the study area has occurred but the nature of the project and the project boundaries have not changed. The French Lake Industrial Center AUAR has been updated and includes information on development to date and an update to the environmental analysis where necessary as there has been minor changes to the study area since the 2015 AUAR.

Link to Document: No link provided. Contact the RGU for a copy of the document.

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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-01**. 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 **20-006-101n**. The counties identified for release include the following: **Blue Earth-1 location with 195 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)**.

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-02**. 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 **20-006-102n**. The counties identified for release include the following: **Blue Earth-1 location with 195 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)**.

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-03**. 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 **20-006-103n**. The counties identified for release include the following: **Blue Earth-1 location with 195 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)**.

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-04**. 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 **19-364-101n**. 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), HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), and OO (Other)**.

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Grants for community strategies to adapt to climate change

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is soliciting grant applications for approximately \$250,000 to research, develop, and implement strategies for communities to adapt to the impacts of climate change and improve community resilience while achieving positive environmental outcomes. These efforts will prevent or reduce the environmental impacts caused by warming temperatures and extreme precipitation while protecting public health and well-being. Refer to the posted request for proposals for complete details. Application deadline is 2:00 pm on March 11, 2020.

Link to document: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/about-mpca/grants-community-strategies-adapt-climate-change>

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