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Notice

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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Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: Minnesota Slip Sediment Remediation

Comment Deadline: March 7, 2018

Project Description: The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, in partnership with the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Great Lakes National Program Office, will hire a contractor to dredge sand, and use aggregate material and the sand (suitable for aquatic beneficial use) to cap contaminated sediment in the Minnesota Slip. 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> Minnesota Rule: part 4410.4300, subpart 27, item A.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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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, TH 10 Auxiliary Lane Addition, 1-26-18 (10-23-17)
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Alternative Urban Areawide Review Update

Project Title: O'Donnell-LaBeaux AUAR Update

Comment Deadline: February 20, 2018

Project Description: The City of St. Michael is issuing this Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) Update for the addition of a Development Scenario that would increase the development in the O'Donnell-LaBeaux AUAR project from 130 to 139 single family lots. State agencies have 10 business days from the date of receipt of this document or publication in the EQB Monitor to file an objection to this document with the City of St. Michael. If the City of St.

Michael receives no objections to this document in that timeframe, the St. Michael City Council will consider adoption of this AUAR Update at its City Council meeting on February 27, 2018.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of St. Michael

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Notices

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

MDA Notification: 18-NO-01 Applicant: USDA ARS Wheat, Sorghum, and Forage Research Unit Crop: Wheat Project Category: AP-Agronomic Properties County(s): Dakota – 1 location < 1 acre USDA ARS Wheat, Sorghum, and Forage Research Unit filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-01. 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 17-311-103rm. 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.

MDA Notification: 18-NO-02 Applicant: University of Minnesota; Plant Pathology Crop: Wheat Project Category: FR-Disease Resistance County(s): Dakota – 1 location < 1 acre University of Minnesota filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-02. 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 17-326-102r. 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.

MDA Notification: 18-NO-03 Applicant: University of Minnesota; Plant Pathology Crop: Barley Project Category: FR-Disease Resistance County(s): Dakota – 1 location < 1 acre University of Minnesota filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-03. 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 17-332-102r. 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.

MDA Notification: 18-NO-04 Applicant: University of Minnesota; Agronomy and Plant Genetics Crop: Wheat Project Category: FR-Disease Resistance County(s): Dakota – 1 location, 1 acre University of Minnesota filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-04. 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 17-363-103r. 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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Notice of Public Information Meeting and Comment Period for the Blazing Star Wind Farm 2 Project in Lincoln County

Public Utilities Commission - Notice of Public Information Meeting and Comment Period on the Site Permit Amendment Application for the Blazing Star Wind Farm 2 Project in Lincoln County, Commission Docket No. IP-6985/WS-17-700. The Commission is providing notice that it will hold a Public Meeting and Comment Period on the proposed Blazing Star 2 Project at 6PM on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at the Hendricks Public School Gymnasium, 200 Lincoln Street, Hendricks, MN 56136. Blazing Star Wind Farm 2 is proposing to construct a Large Wind Energy Conversion System (Wind Project). The Wind Project is proposed to have between 57 to 100 wind turbines, ranging in size between 2 to 3.5 megawatts (MW), for a total of up to 200 MW. Comments will be received until March 7, 2018 via various methods, as noticed. Documents can be obtained for the project at the Commission's website at mn.gov/puc, select Search eDockets, enter the year (17) and the docket number (700), select Search.

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