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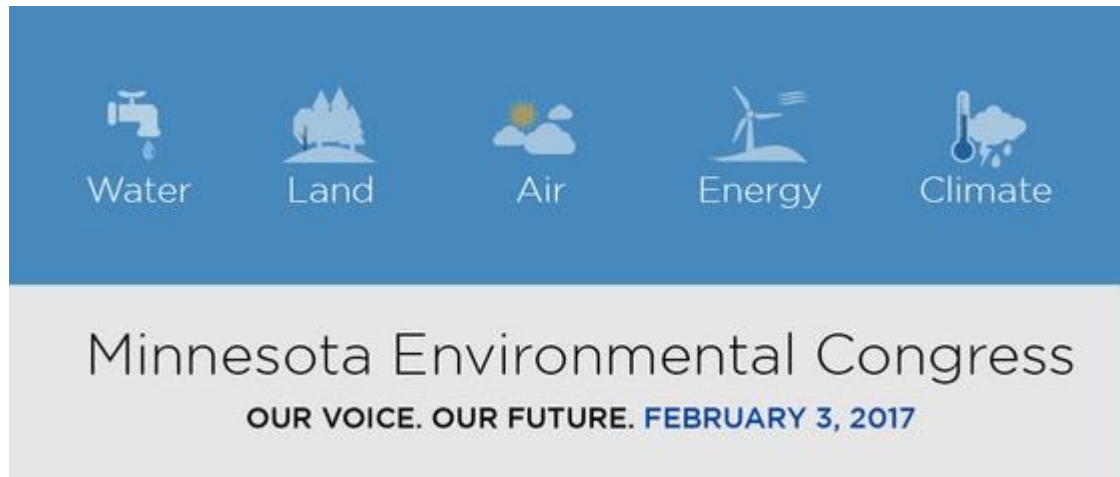


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EQB Announcements



2017 Minnesota Environmental Congress

The 2017 Minnesota Environmental Congress will be held on February 3, 2017, at the University of Minnesota Continuing Education and Conference Center in St. Paul. The Environmental Congress is a unique opportunity to evaluate the state of our environment, revisit our environmental goals and expectations as Minnesotans, and set a course for the future. Visit the [Environmental Congress website](#) for more information. We hope to see you there!

Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: Holden Farms Inc.

Comment Deadline: February 1, 2017

Project Description: Holden Farms Inc. (Proposer) is proposing to expand two existing swine feedlots at two sites Site 1 and Site 2 (Project): Site 1 - The Proposer currently operates a swine feedlot in Section 5, St. Charles Township, Winona County. Site 1 has three total confinement, power ventilated barns, each with a 8-foot (ft) concrete liquid storage manure area (LMSA) below each barn, and one well for livestock watering. The three barns house up to 3,200 swine (960 animal units, or AUs) between 55 and 300 pounds (lbs). The Proposer is proposing to construct a new farrowing barn with a 2-ft deep concrete LMSA. The Proposer will also construct a mortality compost building and an additional livestock watering well. After completion of construction of the new barn, Site 1 will have the capacity to house up to 3,580 swine (1,432 AUs) over 300 lbs, 150 swine between 55 and 300 lbs (45 AUs), and 420 swine (21 AUs) under 55 lbs. Site 2 - The Proposer also operates a swine feedlot in Section 14, St. Charles Township, Winona County. Site 2 has one total confinement, power ventilated barn that houses up to 632 swine (252.8 AUs) over 300 lbs, and 900 swine (45 AUs) under 55 lbs, and a livestock watering well. The Proposer is proposing to construct a new total confinement, power ventilated farrowing gestation barn with a 10-ft deep concrete LMSA under the barn. The Proposer will also construct a mortality compost building and an additional livestock watering well. After completion of construction of the new barn, Site 2 will have the capacity house up to 3570 swine (1428 AUs) over 300 lbs, 150 swine (45 AUs) between 55 and 300 lbs, and 420 swine (21 AUs) under 55 lbs.

The MPCA is holding a public information meeting to provide a brief overview on the project along with environmental and permitting review and comment procedures. The MPCA's public information meeting will be on January 12, 2017 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the St. Charles Community Center, 830 Whitewater

Avenue, St. Charles, Minnesota 55972.

A copy of the Notice of Availability and the EAW can be found on the MPCA website at the following address: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/topics/environmental-review/environmental-assessment-worksheets-and-environmental-impact-statements.html>

Mandatory Category Rule Citation: Minn. R. 4410.4300, Subp. 29 (A), Animal feedlots

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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Project Title: McNamara Bulk Storage Facility

Comment Deadline: February 1, 2017

Project Description: McNamara Contracting, Inc. (McNamara) is proposing to construct a new bulk storage facility (Project) in Empire Township, Dakota County, Minnesota. The Project includes the installation of eight aboveground storage tanks in total, and associated equipment to load, store, and unload asphalt cement. McNamara will develop the Project in multiple phases according to market demands. Ultimate buildout of all Project phases will have the potential to store up to 25,000 tons (5,875,000 gallons) of asphalt cement, and approximately 2,470 tons (580,450 gallons) of polymer modified asphalt cement for a total storage capacity of 27,470 tons or 6,455,000 gallons. Additionally, McNamara will construct a rail spur and transloading system, and a polymer modified asphalt cement blending system.

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Mandatory Category Rule Citation: Minn. R. 4410.4300, Subp. 10 (B), Storage facilities

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Notices

Notice for Solicitation of Members to the Environmental Quality Board's Environmental Review Advisory Panel

The [Environmental Quality Board](#) (EQB or Board) is convening an [Environmental Review Advisory Panel](#) (Minn. Stat. 116D.03, subd. 2) charged with modernizing and improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the ER program.

More specifically, the Environmental Review (ER) Advisory Panel (Panel) is to review and provide the Board with recommendations on any number of the following topics:

- Human health analysis in ER
- Proposed exclusions from ER
- Climate change analysis in ER
- Alternative forms of ER
- Environmental justice consideration in ER
- ER process streamlining
- Other issues as identified by the Panel

For additional background on the above mentioned policy topics visit:

<https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/environmental-review-advisory-panel>

The EQB is convening a Panel of 12 – 15 people representing the wide range of stakeholders affected by the ER Program. The Panel members should represent citizens, industry/project proposers, and ER practitioners (state agency and local government staff). The Board will make an effort to have balanced representation from the different geographic regions of the state.

The Panel is expected to begin meeting in February or March 2017 and continue meeting on a monthly basis for one year. Panel members are expected to attend all meetings. Some panelists may need to meet outside of the regularly scheduled monthly meetings on subgroups as assigned. The majority of the meetings will likely be at the EQB offices in St. Paul with some meetings out-state. Meetings will be open to the general public.

If you are interested in participating in the Environmental Review Advisory Panel, please send an [email](#) or US mail to Courtney Ahlers-Nelson, Planning Director for the Environmental Review Program at the EQB, expressing your interest by 4:30pm on January 16, 2017.

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Your expression of interest must include the following in **500 words or less**:

- "Environmental Review Advisory Panel" in the email subject line or cover page
- Contact information (Note: information provided is public information)
- The geographic area you may represent
- Applicable background information
- Description of your interaction with environmental review
- Description of the unique perspectives you will bring to the Panel

Metropolitan Airports Commission/Assessment of Environmental Effects of the 2016-2022 Capital Improvement Program for MSP and Reliever Airports

On December 19, 2016, the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) recommended that no further environmental review of the 2017-2023 Capital Improvement Program was warranted based on the Assessment of Environmental Effects (AOEE) for Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. This

determination was made following a public hearing held on November 7, 2016 and close of the 30-day written public comment period on November 9, 2016. During the public comment period one oral comment and ten written comments were received.

You may find the Hearing Officers' Report regarding the AOEE at the following link:

http://metroairports.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=1&clip_id=1590&meta_id=21887