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EQB Announcements

Please be advised, the ERIS meeting is on January 22, 2020; not January 20, 2020 as previously posted in the Monitor

EQB Environmental Review Implementation Subcommittee Meeting – January 22, 2020

We invite you to join the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) at their next Environmental Review Implementation Subcommittee (ERIS) meeting on January 22nd from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at the MPCA in St. Paul. The January 22, 2020 ERIS meeting agenda will address climate-related information in relation to Minnesota's Environmental Review Program:

1. Draft Strategies for Integrating Climate Considerations into the Environmental Review Program
2. Open Discussion on Draft Strategies
3. Conclusions and Recommendations to the ER Climate Technical Team

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

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.

Updated EQB Monitor Schedule Available

An updated [EQB Monitor schedule](#) is now available.

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 during this calendar year 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.

<https://survey.mn.gov/s.asp?k=157841924739>

2020 State Water Plan: Survey

The 2020 State Water Plan is a project of Minnesota State Government to present a clear vision for water action in the coming decade in the face of climate change. The purpose of this survey is to gather input from you, the residents of Minnesota, about how to address the impacts of climate change on waters in your community and across the State. Take the Survey and provide your input by clicking here: (<http://survey.mn.gov/s.asp?k=157315792614>)

Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: Anderson Brothers Gravel Pit (Cates Pit-May Township)

Comment Deadline: February 20, 2020

Project Description: Anderson Brothers proposes to convert an agricultural field and old abandoned farmstead into a gravel extraction and production area. This new gravel pit will involve excavation, aggregate production (crushing), aggregate washing, and asphalt production on 120 acres. Of this 120 acres, 88 acres will be used for excavation with the remainder comprised of berms or the processing area. They will establish and maintain a 50 ft vegetated buffer zone along the property lines as well as a 10-15 foot high vegetated, earthen berm just inside the 50 ft buffer zone, for a total buffer 80 ft. Aggregate stockpiles will also be placed in the central processing area, which will provide additional screening to neighboring properties during the initial phases.

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

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Supplement to an Environmental Assessment Worksheet

Project Title: Daley Farms of Lewiston, LLP – 2018 Dairy Expansion

Comment Deadline: February 20, 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.

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 Lakeville, Cedar Hills EAW, 1-6-20 (11-11-19)
RGU contact: Kris Jenson, 952-985-4424, kjenson@lakevillemn.gov
Link to document: No link provided. Contact the RGU for a copy of the document.
 - Wright County, CSAH 39 Improvement Project, 12-17-19 (9-16-19)
RGU contact: Chad Hausmann, 763-682-7383, chad.hausmann@co.wright.mn.us
Link to Document: No link provided. Contact the RGU for a copy of the document.
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Environmental Assessments/Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: TH 200 Cass County

Comment Period: February 21, 2020

Project Description: The Project includes shoulder widening, turn and bypass lanes, pavement reclamation, addresses bridge conditions on two bridges, culvert replacement/repairs, and will increase road easement widths within portions of the Chippewa National Forest and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation. Site specific tree thinning of conifers will occur along the corridor to reduce winter icing on the roadway. The total length of the project is approximately 15 miles between TH 371 and TH 84.

Link to document: www.mndot.gov/d2/projects/2021/hwy200-walker/resources.html.

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