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EQB Announcements

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.

MPCA Environmental Justice Advisory Group

MPCA seeks additional members for environmental justice advisory group. Apply by January 8, 2020.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is actively seeking members from greater Minnesota for its Environmental Justice Advisory Group, especially the southern part of the state. Members advise MPCA Commissioner Laura Bishop on integration of environmental justice principles into the agency's work.

More information about the advisory group, including the application, [is here](#). Application deadline is January 8, 2020

Ideal candidates for the advisory group include: residents of overburdened communities and individuals experienced in community engagement, public involvement, policy development, advocacy, or program implementation around environmental justice, health equity and low-income issues. This could include community members, community organizers and advocates, local government staff, representatives from non-profit organizations, academic institutions, and others.

Please consider applying and pass along this information to your networks. For more information please contact Ned Brooks at 651-757-2557 or ned.brooks@state.mn.us

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.

<http://survey.mn.gov/s.asp?k=156822169253>

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>)

Adoption of Minnesota Rules 4410 (AR4157)

The Notice of Adoption to Minnesota Rules 4410 was published in the State Register On December 16, 2019 ([SR44N25](#)). The rules become effective five working days after the State Register publishes the Notice of Adoption--**The rules become effective at 11:59pm 12/23/2019.**

The updated rules can be accessed via the Revisor: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/4410/>

EQB will be setting up informational meetings on the rule changes in early 2020 and will announce the meetings in the EQB Monitor and on the Rulemaking website ([EQB](#)).

Please note, below is a list of rule subpart changes (please review the [updated language](#) if you have a project within the following categories):

- Part 4410.0200, subpart 1b. Acute hazardous waste
- Part 4410.0200, subpart 5a. Auxiliary lane.
- Part 4410.0200, subpart 9b. Compost facility
- Part 4410.0200, subpart 36a. Hazardous material
- Part 4410.0200, subpart 40b. Institutional facility
- Part 4410.0200, subpart 43. Local governmental unit
- Part 4410.0200, subpart 52a. Mixed municipal solid waste land disposal facility
- Part 4410.0200, subpart 59a. Petroleum refinery
- Part 4410.0200, subpart 71a. Refuse-derived fuel.
- Part 4410.0200, subpart 82a. Silica sand.
- Part 4410.0200, subpart 82b. Silica sand project.
- Part 4410.0200, subpart 93. Wetland.

- Part 4410.0500, subpart. 4. RGU for EAW by order of EQB.
- Part 4410.0500, subpart 6. Exception RGU selection procedures

- Part 4410.4300, subpart 2. Nuclear fuels and nuclear waste.
- Part 4410.4300, subpart 4. Petroleum refineries Mandatory EAW Category
- Part 4410.4300, subpart 6. Transmission lines.
- Part 4410.4300, subpart 8. Transfer facilities.
- Part 4410.4300, subpart 10. Storage facilities.
- Part 4410.4300, subpart 12. Nonmetallic mineral mining.
- Part 4410.4300, subpart 14. Industrial, commercial, and institutional.
- Part 4410.4300, subpart 16. Hazardous waste.
- Part 4410.4300, subpart 18. Wastewater system.
- Part 4410.4300, subpart 20. Campgrounds and RV parks.
- Part 4410.4300, subpart 20a. Resorts, campgrounds, and RV parks in shorelands
- Part 4410.4300, subpart 21. Airport projects.
- Part 4410.4300, subpart 22. Highway Projects
- Part 4410.4300, subpart 25. Marinas.
- Part 4410.4300, subpart 26. Stream diversion.
- Part 4410.4300, subpart 27. Wetland Mandatory EAW Category
- Part 4410.4300, subpart 28. Forestry.
- Part 4410.4300, subpart 30. Natural areas.
- Part 4410.4300, subpart 31. Historical places.
- Part 4410.4300, subpart 36. Land use conversion, including golf courses.
- Part 4410.4300, subpart 36a. Land conversions in shoreland.
- Part 4410.4300, subpart 37. Recreational trails.

- Part 4410.4400, subpart 2. Nuclear fuels and nuclear waste.
- Part 4410.4400, subpart 3. Electric-generating facilities.
- Part 4410.4400, subpart 4. Petroleum refineries.
- Part 4410.4400, subpart 5. Fuel conversion facilities.
- Part 4410.4400, subpart 6. Transmission lines.
- Part 4410.4400, subpart 9. Nonmetallic mineral mining.
- Part 4410.4400, subpart 11. Industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities.
- Part 4410.4400, subpart 12. Hazardous waste.
- Part 4410.4400, subpart 13. Solid waste.
- Part 4410.4400, subpart 15. Airport runway projects.
- Part 4410.4400, subpart 16 Highway projects.
- Part 4410.4400 subpart. 19. Marinas.
- Part 4410.4400, subpart 20. Wetlands and public waters.
- Part 4410.4400, subpart 25. Incineration of wastes containing PCBs.

- Part 4410.4600, subpart 10. Industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities.
- Part 4410.4600, subpart 12. Residential development.
- Part 4410.4600, subpart 14. Highway projects.
- Part 4410.4600, subpart 18. Agriculture and forestry.
- Part 4410.5200, subpart 1. Required notices.
- Part 4410.7904, Licensing of Explorers
- Part 4410.7906, subpart 2. Content of an application for drilling permit.
- Part 4410.7926. Abandonment of Exploratory Borings.
- Part 4410.4300, subpart 3. Electric-generating facilities.
- Part 4410.4300, subpart 5. Fuel conversion facilities.

- Part 4410.4300, subpart 17. Solid waste.
 - Part 4410.4600, subpart 27. Recreational trails.
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Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: Azcon/DSPA-AGP/Northland Slip Sediment Remediation

Comment Deadline: February 5, 2020

Project Description: The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, in partnership with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Army Corps of Engineers, will hire a contractor to conduct environmental cleanup in the St. Louis River Area of Concern at both the Azcon/DSPA and AGP/Northland Slips. The contractor will dredge contaminated sediment from both slips and dispose of it at an offsite landfill. The contractor will cap remaining contaminated sediments in both slips with armored rock and clean dredge material excavated from the Duluth Harbor.

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>

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): 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 Pollution Control Agency, Kalmar Landfill Ash Disposal Cell Expansion, 12-20-19 (11-4-19)
RGU contact: Kim Grosenheider, 651-757-2170, kim.grosenheider@state.mn.us
Link to document: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/eaw>
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Links to environmental review documents were provided by the RGU. In the event that the link does not work, you may contact the RGU directly to request either a paper or electronic copy of the documents. If you are not able to connect with the RGU, please email EQB staff at Env.Review@state.mn.us, call 651.757.2873, or visit our [website](#).



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