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## EQB Announcements

### July EQB Meeting Cancelled

There will be no July Environmental Quality Board Meeting due to the Board Retreat on July 17, 2019.

### Citizen Board Member Opening - 4th Congressional District

Applications are now open for EQB Citizen Board Member in the 4th Congressional District. The first review of applications will be August 5, 2019. The position is open until filled. For details and to apply: <https://commissionsandappointments.sos.state.mn.us/agency/details/107>

### Comment Period for EQB Mandatory Categories

The Environmental Quality Board is proposing amendments to rules relating to environmental review. This rulemaking will amend rules governing mandatory categories for environmental assessment worksheets (EAW) and environmental impact statements (EIS), definitions to support those categories, responsible governmental unit (RGU) determinations, and categories of exemptions from environmental review. (Revisor's ID Number R-04157)

#### CURRENT COMMENT PERIODS:

- June 27, 2019—July 16, 2019 4:30pm (Post Hearing Comment Period) - [eComment](#)
- July 17, 2019—July 23, 2019 4:30pm (Post Hearing Rebuttal Period)

#### How to submit written comments:

1. Email: [Denise.wilson@state.mn.us](mailto:Denise.wilson@state.mn.us) and/or [Erik.Dahl@state.mn.us](mailto:Erik.Dahl@state.mn.us) with the subject line: "Mandatory Category Rulemaking: Comment"
2. OAH's eComment portal: [eComments](#) -- *comments on the rule or requests for a hearing can be made at this website.*  
<https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com/discussions/35532-environmental-quality-board-posthearing-comment-period>
3. Mail to: Environmental Quality Board  
Attn: Mandatory Category Rulemaking  
520 Lafayette Road North  
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Additional rule timeline updates are available at the EQB rulemaking webpage:  
<https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/eqb-mandatory-categories-rulemaking>

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## Petition

The following petition has been filed with the EQB requesting preparation of an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW). The EQB has assigned the indicated unit of government to review the petition and decide on the need for an EAW.

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Anderson Family Farm Partnership Proposed Hog Confinement Operation
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## Environmental Assessment Worksheet Need Decision

The noted responsible governmental unit has made a decision regarding the need for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet in response to a citizen's petition.

- Wright County, Valley Paving Asphalt Plant (Denied)
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## Environmental Assessment Worksheets

### Project Title: Costco MN Depot

**Comment Deadline:** August 14, 2019

**Project Description:** The Costco MN Depot ("Project") is a warehouse/storage depot located on 154.6 acres in Owatonna Township. The Project will include office space, wet and dry depot space, parking areas for employee vehicles and tractor trailers, truck loading areas and a stormwater detention pond.

Copies of the EAW are available at City Hall located at 540 West Hills Circle, Owatonna, MN 55060. A public hearing to receive verbal comments on the EAW will be held on July 23, 2019 at 5:30pm at the City of Owatonna Planning Commission Meeting. The meeting will be located in Council Chambers at the City Administration Building.

City Council is tentatively scheduled to make the decision on the need for an EIS based on the EAW, comments received and responses to the comments on August 20, 2019.

**Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU):** City of Owatonna

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## Alternative Urban Areawide Review Draft Order and Scoping for Large Projects

### Project Title: Project 100

**Comment Deadline:** August 14, 2019

**Project Description:** Project 100 is a mixed-use development located in northern Maple Grove at the southeast corner of I-94 and Hwy 610 consisting of commercial, office, institutional medical, medical office, plus multi-family and senior living residential. The project will be multi-phased with the first phase including institutional medical, office and senior living.

**Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU):** City of Maple Grove

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