

## The *EQB Monitor*

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### Public Hearings and 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)

## 2nd HEARING ADDED:

June 26, 2019 5:30 pm-8:30 pm hearing at the [Great River Regional Library, 1300 W. St. Germain St., St. Cloud, MN 56301](#)

## COMMENT PERIOD ADDED:

May 20, 2019 - June 21, 2019 (4:30 pm CST)

### 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.*
3. Mail to:

Environmental Quality Board  
Attn: Mandatory Category Rulemaking  
520 Lafayette Road North  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Additional rule timeline updates are available at the EQB rulemaking webpage:  
<https://www.egb.state.mn.us/content/egb-mandatory-categories-rulemaking>

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## EQB Board Meeting - June 13, 2019

We invite you to join the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) at their next Board meeting on June 13 from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm at the MPCA in St. Paul. The June 13 meeting will address two informational items:

1. Environmental Quality Board's Water Authorities and 2020 State Water Plan
2. Updates and discussion on the request for a Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) on nitrate contamination in the karst region of Minnesota

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

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## Environmental Assessment Worksheets

### Project Title: BIL 8

**Comment Deadline:** July 10, 2019

**Project Description:** BIL, LLC proposes to expand an existing, total confinement, 720 Animal Unit (AU) swine facility to 1,440 AU in Section 31, Minneota Township, Jackson County. The proposed project will add one power-ventilated barn with an eight-foot deep, concrete liquid manure storage area below the barn and a driveway. 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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## Alternative Urban Areawide Review Draft Order and Scoping for Large Projects

### Project Title: Ford Site Draft AUAR Order and Scoping EAW

**Comment Deadline:** July 10, 2019

**Project Description:** As the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU), the City of St. Paul is ordering an Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) for the Ford Site and adjacent parcels. The AUAR study area includes approximately 139 acres along the Mississippi River in the Highland Park Neighborhood of St. Paul. The project is located south of Ford Parkway and east of Mississippi River Boulevard. Two development scenarios are proposed for study in the AUAR, both of which are consistent with the Ford Site Public Realm Master Plan as amended by the City Council on April 10, 2019. The Ryan Companies Development Scenario includes 3,800 residential units, 150,000 square feet of retail and service, 265,000 square feet of office and employment, and 50,000 square feet of civic and institutional. The Ford Site Master Plan Maximum Development Scenario includes 4,000 residential units, 300,000 square feet of retail and service, 450,000 square feet of office and employment, and 150,000 square feet of civic and institutional.

The City of St. Paul has also prepared a Scoping EAW that summarizes existing conditions and defines the level of analysis proposed to be completed for the AUAR. The Draft AUAR Order and Scoping EAW are available at [www.stpaul.gov/Ford-auar](http://www.stpaul.gov/Ford-auar). The public is invited to comment on the proposed development boundary, scenarios, and scoping document for the AUAR prior to issuance of a Final AUAR Order. The 30-day comment period will begin on June 10, 2019. Comments will be accepted through July 10, 2019 at 4:00 pm and should be addressed to: Menaka Mohan Ford Site Planner City of St. Paul 25 W 4th Street, Suite 1400 St. Paul, MN 55102 [FordSitePlanning@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:FordSitePlanning@ci.stpaul.mn.us) Comments can also be submitted through an online comment form found at [www.stpaul.gov/Ford-auar](http://www.stpaul.gov/Ford-auar).

**Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU):** City of St. Paul

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