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## EQB Announcements

### Apply to serve on Governor Mark Dayton's Wild Rice Taskforce

On Wednesday, May 30, Governor Dayton [issued Executive Order 18-08](#) to establish the Governor's Wild Rice Task Force, to review the scientific literature concerning wild rice and sulfates, recommend a list of wild rice waters, and produce a report including recommendations for best practices. To read Governor Dayton's Executive Order, [CLICK HERE](#). To apply for the Task Force, visit the [open positions listings](#) at the Minnesota Secretary of State's website. **Apply by June 22** to make sure your application is considered.

### Join EQB's Staff Team

EQB is hiring an **Environmental Review (ER) professional** to provide technical assistance to local governments, state agencies, citizens and project proposers, manage ER data collection, and support the program improvement work of the Board. Visit the [State of Minnesota career website](#) and search for **job ID#24049**.

## Apply to be a member of the Environmental Quality Board

Applications are open for Board Members from the **3rd Congressional District**. You can find more details about being a board member and information on how to apply at the [Minnesota Secretary of State's website](#). To find out what Congressional District you are located in, view the Secretary of State's [Congressional Maps](#). EQB's mission is to enhance Minnesota's environmental quality for current and future generations by leading interagency work to advance meaningful public engagement and facilitate informed decision-making on critical environmental issues.

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## Environmental Assessment Worksheets

### Mahtomedi Ice Arena Project

**Comment Deadline:** July 5, 2018

**Project Description:** Rinc 2 is seeking to build an indoor ice arena in the City of Grant on a portion of the Mahtomedi Public School campus, between the Mahtomedi High School and Wildwood Elementary School. The location of the ice arena is currently vacant and undeveloped; however, it is the location of a former solid waste disposal site for municipal and industrial waste and demolition debris. An Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) has been prepared and is available for review at the Grant City Hall located at 111 Wildwood Road, Willernie, Minnesota.

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

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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, Rabbit Run - North, Middle, and South, 5-25-18 (4-9-18)
  - South St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District, Sargent Creek Channel and Floodplain Restoration Project, 5-24-18 (4-23-18)
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## Notices

### Minnesota Department of Agriculture--Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

**Project Description:** Pioneer Hi-Bred International filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-47. Notification is for genetically modified CORN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic corn, referenced as Application Number 18-103-104n.

The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-2 locations with up to 25 acres per location; Brown-1 location with 25 acres, Fillmore-1 location with 4.5 acres, and Swift-1 location with 15 acres. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance) and IR (Insect Resistance).

For additional information contact Denise Thiede, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531, [denise.thiede@state.mn.us](mailto:denise.thiede@state.mn.us).

**Project Description:** Pioneer Hi-Bred International filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-48. Notification is for genetically modified CORN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic corn, referenced as Application Number 18-114-107n.

The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-2 locations with up to 25 acres per location; Brown-1 location with 25 acres, Fillmore-1 location with 4.5 acres, and Swift-1 location with 15 acres. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance) and IR (Insect Resistance).

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**Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU):** Minnesota Department of Agriculture; Plant Protection Division

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