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EQB Board Meeting - March 25, 2019

Environmental Quality Board March 25 Meeting: Nitrates in the Karst Region

Please note that seating for the meeting is limited. **Seating is available on a first come, first served basis.** [Please RSVP](#) to assist us in anticipating turnout for the meeting. You can [view our full agenda on the EQB website](#).

March 25 Meeting Agenda

The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) will hold a public meeting on March 25, 2019 at the St. James Hotel Summit Room, 406 Main St., Red Wing, MN to gain public input on a proposal to study nitrate-contaminated water in the karst region of southeast Minnesota.

The Board will use input from the March 25 meeting to help decide whether to order a Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) on nitrate-contaminated water in the karst region of southeast Minnesota. The EQB plans to make the decision on whether to order the GEIS at a future EQB meeting.

Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. and the formal program begins at 5:30 p.m.

For those unable to attend the meeting, an online comment form is available here:

<http://survey.mn.gov/s.asp?k=155259309698>

Public Hearings for EQB Mandatory Categories

The Environmental Quality Board (EQB or 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)

May 31, 2019 1:30 pm: Public rulemaking hearing at MPCA, St Paul, Room 100. The hearing (via a two-way-video-conference connection—anyone wishing to give testimony to the Judge can do so via the two-way-video-conference connection) will also be available at:

1. Brainerd MPCA Office, [7678 College Road, Suite 105, Baxter, MN 56425](#)
2. Detroit Lakes MPCA Office, [714 Lake Ave., Suite 220, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501](#)
3. Duluth MPCA Office, [525 Lake Ave. S., Suite 400, Duluth, MN 55802](#)
4. Marshall MPCA Office, [504 Fairgrounds Rd., Suite 200, Marshall, MN 56258](#)
5. Rochester MPCA Office, [18 Wood Lake Drive SE, Rochester, MN 55904](#)

Additional rule timeline updates are available at the EQB rulemaking webpage:

<https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/eqb-mandatory-categories-rulemaking>

Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: Fiddlestix RV & Golf Resort

Comment Deadline: April 17, 2019

Project Description: Fiddlestix RV & Golf Resort is a proposed project involving the conversion of a portion of a golf course to a seasonal RV community. The site consists of approximately 286 acres located in the southeast quarter of section 13 and the northeast quarter of section 24 of Isle Harbor Township, Mille Lacs County, Minnesota. The project will be carried out in 5 phases over a 3-year period. The project involves the construction of roads, parking lots, storm water retention basins, 200 RV pads, recreation area, bar, swimming pool, and associated support infrastructure.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Mille Lacs County

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Project Title: Albertville Wastewater Treatment Facility - Discharge Relocation

Comment Deadline: April 17, 2019

Project Description: The city of Albertville (City) is proposing to construct a new lift station and 5.5-mile discharge pipe to convey treated wastewater from its wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) to the Mississippi River. This will eliminate its current treated wastewater discharge to Hunters Lake (also known as Mud Lake). The City will also modify the WWTF to add biosolids storage and replace the existing ultraviolet (UV) disinfection system with a new UV disinfection system. The City's WWTF design average wet weather flow (AWWF) will remain at 929,700 gallons per day. 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> Minn. R. 4410.4300, subp. 18. B. Wastewater Systems.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Pollution Control Agency

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Alternative Urban Areawide Review Update Adoptions

Project Title: AUAR Update for Ramsey COR

Project Description: The COR (formerly Ramsey Town Center) study area is a 369.50-acre project in the City of Ramsey. The area is bounded by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad on the south, Armstrong Boulevard on the west and Ramsey Boulevard (Highway 56) on the east. Of the 369.50 acre, 146.55 have been developed or are approved for development. The original AUAR was published on June 24, 2003. This is the second 5-year update for the study area. The City of Ramsey adopted the COR AUAR Update on February 26, 2019.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Ramsey

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Notices

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

Monsanto Company filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, **MDA notification number 19-NO-14**. 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 19-046-101n. The counties identified for release include the following: Goodhue County-1 location with 15 acres; Redwood County-1 location with 15 acres; and Rice County-1 location with 15 acres. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance) and OO (Other).

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, **MDA notification number 19-NO-15**. 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 19-028-114rm. The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-2 locations with 10 and 25 acres. Project categories include FR (Fungal Resistance), HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), and OO (Other).

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, **MDA notification number 19-NO-16**. 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 19-029-105rm. The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-2 locations with 10 and 25 acres. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), and OO (Other).

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, **MDA notification number 19-NO-17**. 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 19-028-106rm. The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-2 locations with 10 and 25 acres. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Performance), HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), OO (Other) and PQ (Product Quality).

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, **MDA notification number 19-NO-18**. 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 19-029-106rm. The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-2 locations with 10 and 25 acres. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), and OO (Other).

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, **MDA notification number 19-NO-19**. 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 19-028-107rm. The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-2 locations with 10 and 25 acres. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Performance), FR (Fungal Resistance), HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), OO (Other) and PQ (Product Quality).

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, **MDA notification number 19-NO-20**. 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 19-028-110rm. The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-2 locations with 10 and 25 acres. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Performance), FR (Fungal Resistance), HT (Herbicide Tolerance), MG (Marker Gene), OO (Other) and PQ (Product Quality).

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, **MDA notification number 19-NO-21**. 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 19-028-112rm. The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-2 locations with 10 and 25 acres. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Performance), HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), OO (Other) and PQ (Product Quality).

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, **MDA notification number 19-NO-22**. 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 19-029-104rm. The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-2 locations with 10 and 25 acres. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), and OO (Other).

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, **MDA notification number 19-NO-23**. 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 19-029-106rm. The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-2 locations with 10 and 25 acres. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), and OO (Other).

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, **MDA notification number 19-NO-24**. 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 19-030-101rm. The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-2 locations with 10 and 25 acres. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Performance), HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), and OO (Other).

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, **MDA notification number 19-NO-25**. 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 19-027-101rm. The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-1 location with 200 acres. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Performance), FR (Fungal Resistance), HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), OO (Other) and PQ (Product Quality).

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, **MDA notification number 19-NO-26**. 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 19-028-115m. The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-2 locations with 10 and 25 acres. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Performance), HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), and OO (Other).

Monsanto Company filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, **MDA notification number 19-NO-27**. 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 19-046-104n. The counties identified for release include the following: Lincoln-1 location with 3 acres; Meeker-1 location with 3 acres; and Swift County-1 location with 3 acres. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), and OO (Other).

University of Minnesota filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, **MDA notification number 19-NO-28**. 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 19-065-104n. The counties identified for release include the following: Ramsey County-1 location with less than 1 acre. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance) and OO (Other).

University of Minnesota filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, **MDA notification number 19-NO-29**. 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 19-065-103n. The counties identified for release include the following: Ramsey County-1 location with less than 1 acre. Project categories include MG (Marker Gene).

Betaseed, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, **MDA notification number 19-NO-30**. 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 19-051-101n. The counties identified for release include the following: Dakota-2 locations at 10 and 25 acres. Project categories include AP (Agronomic properties) and FR (Fungal resistance).

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