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EQB Announcements

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 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=151335922389>

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EQB Guidance

Do you have questions about Environmental Review that are not covered by current EQB guidance? Let us know! In 2018 EQB is creating new guidance and updating existing documents, and we are welcoming input through the year. To submit suggestions, email Env.Review@state.mn.us. We hope to hear from you!

Environmental Assessment Worksheets**Project Title: Fieldstone Passage**

Comment Deadline: June 20, 2018

Project Description: Fieldstone Passage is proposed on 86.40 acres of land in northeastern Wright County. The project will consist of up to 230 detached single-family lots, including up to 62 detached townhome units. Site development will include installation of municipal sewer and water, mass grading, and stormwater features. Public comments on this EAW will be accepted by the City of St. Michael until 4:30 pm on June 20, 2018.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of St. Michael

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Project Title: Mankato Solid Waste Transfer Station

Comment Deadline: June 20, 2018

Project Description: Minnesota Waste Processing Company, LLC is proposing to increase the processing capacity of their Mankato Solid Waste Transfer Station by increasing its hours of operation. Increases will be to the municipal solid waste transfer operations, solid waste recycling operations, and the refuse derived fuel processing. The increases will not result in any physical changes to the existing solid waste transfer station. 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. 17. E.

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Environmental Impact Statement Supplement Preparation Notice

Project Title: Fargo Moorhead Flood Risk Management Project SEIS

Comment Deadline: June 11, 2018

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Fargo-Moorhead Flood Risk Management Project. The project proposer suggests project revisions which will be evaluated as a new alternative. Project changes are as follows:

- Relocate the dam/southern embankment and associated change in locations of the Red River and Wild Rice River control structures.
- Relocate the East and West tie-back levees. These relocations change approximately 10 miles of embankment construction footprint area. Under the revised project, Wolverton Creek would now enter the Red River downstream of the dam. Based on this relocation of the eastern tie-back, the City of Comstock ring levee has been removed from the project.
- Change in operations from 17,000 cfs to over 22,300 cfs.
- The project will be evaluated using a 100-year flood event that is calculated with the full period of record.

The SEIS Preparation Notice describes the Environmental Impact Statement being supplemented, the situation necessitating SEIS preparation, the scope of the SEIS, and the proposed time schedule for SEIS completion. The DNR will accept comments on the scope of the SEIS during a 20-day period, beginning May 22 and ending June 11, 2018. A copy of the SEIS is available for public review at:

- DNR Library, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155
- DNR Northwest Region, 2220 Bemidji Ave. Bemidji, MN 56601
- Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401, Government Documents, 2nd Floor
- Moorhead Public Library, 118 5th St S, Moorhead, MN 56560
- Fergus Falls Public Library, 205 E. Hampden, Fergus Falls, MN 56537
- Fargo Public Library Downtown, 102 3rd Street North, Fargo, ND 58102

The SEIS Preparation Notice is also posted on the DNR's website at:

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/fm_flood_risk/index.html

(Click on "Public Input", then select "Fargo-Moorhead Flood Risk Management Project" from the scroll-down list under "Environmental Review").

Written comments on the scope of the SEIS must be received by Monday June 11, 2018 at 4:30 PM. Comments may be mailed, e-mailed, or faxed as follows:

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environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us with "Fargo-Moorhead SEIS" in the subject line. If using the email address, please include your name and mailing address so that you can be added to the mailing list.

Comments may be faxed to my attention at 651-297-1500.

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Alternative Urban Areawide Review Revisions

Project Title: 3M Foundation Project AUAR

Comment Deadline: June 4, 2018

Project Description: The City of Oakdale is conducting an Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) as a result of a small area plan for the largest undeveloped parcel remaining in the City in the northeast quadrant of I 694 and CR 14, formerly part of the 3M campus. The eastern boundary of the area abuts the City of Lake Elmo. The process is in the Final (Revised) AUAR stage with a 10-day objection period.

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Alternative Urban Areawide Review Updates

Project Title: Fox Hollow

Comment Deadline: June 5, 2018

Project Description: The City of St. Michael is issuing this Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) Update for the addition of a Development Scenario that would increase the development in the Fox Hollow AUAR area from 141 to 145 single-family lots. State agencies have 10 business days to comment on this AUAR Update. Comments will be accepted by the City of St. Michael until 4:30 p on June 5, 2018. If the City of St. Michael receives no objections to this document, the City of St. Michael will consider adoption of this AUAR Update at its City Council meeting on June 12, 2018.

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Notices

Governor's Committee on Pollinator Protection rescheduled to Monday, June 4, 2018

The Governor's Committee on Pollinator Protection will meet at Lake Elmo Park Reserve, 1515 Keats Ave N, Lake Elmo, MN 55042 on Monday, June 4, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. For more information on this meeting, please see the meeting packet on the EQB website (<https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/governors-committee-pollinator-protection-0>). This meeting has been called to make up for the cancellation of the May 10, 2018 meeting.

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**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AVAILABILITY
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF FREEBORN WIND
ENERGY LLC FOR A
ROUTE PERMIT FOR THE FREEBORN WIND 161 KV
TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT
IN FREEBORN COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

PUC Docket No. IP-6946 / TL-17-322 OAH Docket No. 5-2500-35036

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) unit issued the environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed Freeborn Wind Transmission Line Project in Freeborn County, Minnesota.

The EA is a written document that describes the human and environmental impacts of the proposed project and selected alternative routes and route segments, and methods to mitigate such impacts.

Electronic versions of the EA and other relevant documents are available on the EERA website: <https://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=34748>, and on the State of Minnesota eDockets system: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the year "17" and the number "322").

Printed versions of the EA will be available at the following locations:

- Albert Lea Public Library — 211 East Clark Street, Albert Lea, MN 56007

A public hearing for the proposed project will be held at Riverland Community College in Albert Lea, Minnesota. Notice of this hearing will be issued separately and available on the websites noted above.

If you have questions about the EA or would like more information, please contact:

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This document can be made available in alternative formats, that is, large print or audio, by calling 651-539-1530.

There is no formal comment period for the Environmental Assessment (EA) above (Minnesota Rule 7850); however, persons may comment on the EA during the public hearing for the project. Public hearing dates, times, and comment periods are noted on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's calendar: www.mn.gov/puc