

## 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)

**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](#)

--> the two-way video conferencing will **only** be available at: Brainerd, Detroit Lakes, Duluth, Marshall and Rochester MPCA offices.

## 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.eqb.state.mn.us/content/eqb-mandatory-categories-rulemaking>

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## Petitions

The following petitions have 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.

- Scott County, YMCA Camp and Zane Avenue Upgrades
- Wright County, Valley Paving Asphalt Plant

## 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.

- Mille Lacs County, Fiddlestix RV & Golf Resort, 5-7-19 (3-18-19)
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## Notices

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

**Project Description:** University of Minnesota filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, **MDA notification number 19-NO-40**. Notification is for genetically modified **SOYBEAN**, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic soybean, referenced as Application Number 19-121-101n. The counties identified for release include the following: Ramsey County-1 location at less than 1 acre, Redwood County-1 location at 2.4 acres, Waseca County-1 location at less than 1 acre. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Performance), PQ (Product Quality), and MG (Marker Gene).

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