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EQB Announcements



EQB is hiring a State Pollinator Coordinator

The EQB is looking for an experienced project manager and skilled communicator to play a lead role in coordinating interagency pollinator activities, reporting, and public engagement. This position will provide the Environmental Quality Board with planning, coordination, and expertise on interagency pollinator work, including implementation of [Executive Order 19-28](#).

To learn more about the position, and to apply, click [here](#) (Job ID 36292).}



Registration is now open for the 2019 Minnesota Environmental Congress!

December 3, 2019. Minnesota State University – Mankato. 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Join us at the [Environmental Congress](#) to learn about innovative climate work happening across the state and explore ways to apply solutions in your community. This free, daylong conference will include sessions on community preparedness, innovative practices in agriculture, transitioning to a low-carbon transportation system, protecting our water resources, and more. Space is limited and preregistration is required. To reserve your spot (<https://2019eqbcongress.brownpapertickets.com/>).

Governor's Committee to Advise the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is seeking Minnesotans to serve on the Governor's Committee to Advise the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. This citizens group has previously provided the MPCA with valuable counsel on its permitting, rules and environmental review decisions. Governor Walz has recently renewed this committee's charter and the MPCA is seeking eight Minnesotans with vast, diverse experiences to serve on the committee.

Appointments to the committee are facilitated through the Minnesota Secretary of State's Office. Individuals can apply here <https://commissionsandappointments.sos.state.mn.us/Agency/Details/183>

Citizen Board Member Opening - 4th Congressional District

Applications are now open for an EQB Citizen Board Member in the 4th Congressional District. The 4th Congressional District includes St. Paul and surrounding suburbs such as Woodbury, Maplewood, Roseville, New Brighton, White Bear Lake, and Stillwater.

The position is for a four-year term starting January 1, 2020. The position is open until filled. For details and to apply: <https://commissionsandappointments.sos.state.mn.us/agency/details/107>

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 during this calendar year 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=156822169253>

EQB Board Meeting – November 20, 2019

We invite you to join the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) at their next Board meeting on November 20 from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at the MPCA in St. Paul! The November 20, 2019 EQB meeting will address two decision items:

1. Decision: Approval and support of 2019 Emerald Ash Borer in Minnesota Report
2. Decision: Approval and support of 2019 Minnesota State Agency Pollinator Report

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

Environmental Assessment Worksheet Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental unit has made a decision regarding the need for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet in response to a citizen's petition.

- Stevens County, Stevens CD 18 Improvement, (Denied)
RGU Contact: Jeanne Ennen, 320-246-3316, jeanneennen@co.stevens.mn.us
Link to document: No link available. Contact the RGU for a copy of the document.
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Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: Red Rock Quarry Expansion

Comment Deadline: December 11, 2019

Project Description: Red Rock Quarry proposes to expand quarry operations south of its current location (approximate 90-acre site in NE ¼ of Section 12, Amboy Township (T107N, R36W), Cottonwood County, Minnesota). The expansion will require extraction of quartz aggregate from 30 feet to 120 feet below grade. It will utilize open-pit quarrying of quartzite which includes blasting, crushing, dewatering, size classification, and reclamation activities of approximately total acres in part of the E½ SW¼ EX TR; SE¼ EX TR Section 12, T107N, R36W (Amboy Township), Cottonwood County, Minnesota. Current land use in the expansion area includes row-crop agriculture and natural areas.

Link to document: No link available. Contact the RGU for a copy of the document.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Cottonwood County

RGU Contact Person:

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Project Title: Cedar Hills Residential Development

Comment Deadline: December 11, 2019

Project Description: The Cedar Hills residential development is proposed on approximately 159.5 acres of primarily agricultural land in the southeastern portion of Lakeville. The project proposes 82 twin homes, 155 villa homes, and 136 single-family homes. Approximately 43.5 acres of open space is also planned, which will include parks, buffers, woodlands, wetlands, and stormwater basins.

Link to document: <http://la-img.ci.lakeville.mn.us/WebLink/DocView.aspx?dbid=0&id=1606058&page=1&cr=1>

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Lakeville

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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 Department of Natural Resources, Cuyuna Connection and Cuyuna Hills Trail Project
10-30-19 (8-19-19)
RGU Contact: Cynthia Novak-Krebs
Link to document: <https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/cuyuna-crew/rod.pdf>
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Alternative Urban Areawide Review Adoption

Project Title: Ford Site

Project Description: As the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU), the City of Saint Paul prepared an Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) and Mitigation Plan for the Ford Site and adjacent parcels. The City of Saint Paul adopted the Ford Site AUAR and Mitigation Plan on November 4, 2019.

Link to document: www.stpaul.gov/Ford-auar

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Saint Paul

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