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EQB Announcement

Environmental Quality Board Meeting: November 18th, 2020

We invite you to join the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) at their next [Board meeting on November 18 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm](#).

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the EQB will convene its November Board meeting virtually through the WebEx platform. Instructions for connecting to WebEx are included on page five of the Board packet.

[Access Link to the November 18, 2020 EQB Meeting](#)

The meeting will address two decision and one informational objectives:

- Review and approve the final report: *Feasibility of Solar Development on State-Managed Closed Landfills: A Report to the Legislature*
- Review and approve the final 2020 Minnesota State Agency Pollinator Report
- Discuss the Civic Engagement Framework for Pollinator Protection

Accessibility: This material can be provided in different forms, like large print, braille, or on a recording. Please contact EQB staff at least one week prior to the event at info.EQB@state.mn.us to arrange an accommodation.

Citizen Petition

The following petition has 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.

Petition Title: W. Lorentz Construction Sioux Quartzite Quarry Project
Responsible Governmental Unit: Cottonwood County

Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Red Rock Quarry Expansion

Comment Deadline: December 16, 2020

Project Description: Red Rock Quarry purposes to expand quarry operations south of its current location (approximate 90-acre site in NE 1/4 of Section 12, Amboy Township (T107N, R36W), Cottonwood County, Minnesota). The expansion will require extraction of quartz aggregate from 30 feet to 100 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 E1/2 SW1/4 EX TR; SE1/4 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: <https://www.co.cottonwood.mn.us/red%20rock%20quarry%20EAW%20Form%20101920%202.pdf>

RGU: Cottonwood County

RGU Contact: Alex Schultz, 507-832-8287, Alex.schultz@co.cottonwood.mn.us

Owatonna High School

Comment Deadline: December 16, 2020

Project Description: Owatonna School District No. 761 is proposing the construction of a new high school and related facilities. The project will convert approximately 90 acres of land from agricultural or institutional use. This new facility will include a 300,000 square foot high school building for 1,600 students, a driveway and parking lots for approximately 740 students and staff during the day and an additional 100 spaces for after school activities, football and track stadium, soccer fields, baseball and softball fields, and associated facilities (utilities, stormwater management, etc.). The document will be available for review at the Owatonna City Hall as well as online (see below). A public hearing for the project will occur at 5:30 pm on December 8, 2020 at the Owatonna City Hall Council Chambers.

Public Meeting Date and Time: December 8, 2020 at 5:30pm

Public Meeting Location: Owatonna City Hall Council Chambers, 540 West Hills Circle, Owatonna, MN 55060

Link to Document: <http://ci.owatonna.mn.us/632/Community-Development>

RGU: City of Owatonna

RGU Contact: Greg Kruschke, 507-774-7317, greg.kruschke@ci.owatonna.mn.us

Voyageur Country ATV System

Comment Deadline: December 16, 2020

Project Description: The Voyageur Country All-Terrain Vehicle Club is proposing approximately 386.51 miles of roadway and natural surface trail to be included in the Voyageur Country ATV System, connecting communities in northern St. Louis County. The proposed system would include 383.97 miles of existing trails and 2.58 miles of newly proposed routes. Written comments on the EA must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 16.

Link to Document: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/voyageur-country-atv/index.html>

RGU: Department of Natural Resources

RGU Contact: Cynthia Novak-Krebs, 608-259-5115, cynthia.novak-krebs@state.mn.us

General Notice

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AVAILABILITY

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATIONS OF REGAL SOLAR, LLC, FOR A
CERTIFICATE OF NEED AND SITE PERMIT FOR THE UP TO 100 MW REGAL SOLAR PROJECT IN
BENTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

PUC Docket No. IP7003/CN-19-223; IP7003/GS-19/95

OAH Docket No. 71-2500-36480

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Energy Environmental Review and Analysis staff issued the environmental assessment ("EA") for the proposed Regal Solar Project in Benton County, Minnesota.

The EA is a written document that describes the human and environmental impacts of the proposed project and methods to mitigate potential impacts.

Electronic versions of the EA and other relevant documents, including the revised certificate of need and site permit applications, can be found on eDockets: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> by searching "19" for year either "223" (certificate of need) or "395" (site permit) for number. Information is also available on the commerce webpage: <https://mn.gov/eera/web/project/13656/>.

A print version of the EA will be available at the following location:

Great River Regional Library
12 North Birch Street
Royalton, MN 56373

A virtual public hearing for the proposed project will be held in early December. 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:
Andrew Levi, Environmental Review Manager
651-539-1840, andrew.levi@state.mn.us

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