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EQB Announcement

Webinar – Solar on MN Closed Landfills Feasibility Study: What Did We Learn?

The Environmental Quality Board and Barr Engineering Co. will present the results of a feasibility study directed by the Minnesota Legislature in 2019. Join the webinar on Wed, December 9 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. to learn about the potential for solar development on state-managed closed landfills, barriers to development, and policy recommendations to facilitate solar development. [Register today!](#)

Environmental Assessment Worksheet

Hoot Lake Solar Project

Comment Deadline: December 30, 2020

Project Description: Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) is proposing to develop a 49.9-megawatt alternating current (MW-AC) solar photovoltaic (PV) project (Project) near OTP's Hoot Lake Plant. The Project would be located on a site partially within the city of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, on approximately 450 acres of OTP-acquired lands that were previously primarily in agriculture. OTP is in the process of petitioning the City to annex the portion of the Project currently outside the City. Upon completion of the annexation process, the solar facility will be completely within city limits. The Project would include approximately 150,000 PV solar modules laid out in rows in a north-south orientation.

Link to Document: www.ci.fergus-falls.mn.us/

RGU: City of Fergus Falls

RGU Contact: Brian Yavarow, 218-332-5413, Brian.Yavarow@ci.fergus-falls.mn.us

Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental units have determined the following projects do not require preparation of Environmental Impact Statements (EISs).

Waukon Dairy

Decision: Negative (no EIS ordered), November 18, 2020

Link to Document: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/projects-under-mpca-review>

RGU: Pollution Control Agency

RGU Contact: Charles Peterson, 651-757-2856, charles.peterson@state.mn.us

Duffey 2.0 Project

Decision: Negative (no EIS ordered), November 13, 2020

Link to Document: <http://www2.minneapolismn.gov/cped/planning/WCMSP-225824>

RGU: City of Minneapolis

RGU Contact: Hilary Dvorak, 612-673-2639, hilary.dvorak@minneapolismn.gov

Alternative Urban Areawide Review Update Adoption

Cottage Grove 2020 East Ravine AUAR and Mitigation Plan Update

Project Description: On November 18th, 2020 the Cottage Grove City Council adopted Resolution 2020-149 approving the Cottage Grove 2020 East Ravine AUAR and Mitigation Plan Update.

Decision Date: November 18, 2020

Link to Document: <https://www.cottagegrovemn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/973/CG-Resolution-2020-149-East-Ravine-AUAR-Update-Final-Approval>

RGU: City of Cottage Grove

RGU Contact: John Burbank, 651-458-2825, jburbank@cottagegrovemn.gov

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