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## EQB Announcements

### EQB Board Meeting, October 18, 2017

The EQB will hold its monthly meeting on October 18, 2017. The meeting will discuss the Request to terminate the Minnesota Sands, LLC and/or Minnesota Proppant, LLC Multi Site Environmental Impact Statement for the silica sand mines. The proposed meeting agenda and additional information, including details for the live webcast, can be found on the [EQB website](#).

## Environmental Assessment Worksheets

### Project Title: Highway 23 North Gap:2-lane to 4-lane Conversion Project from Paynesville to Richmond

**Comment Deadline:** November 15, 2017

**Project Description:** The project will convert TH 23 from the City of Paynesville to the City of Richmond from its current configuration as a two-lane highway section, to a four-lane divided highway section. The project length is approximately 8.7 miles and is located within Stearns County.

**Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU):** Minnesota Department of Transportation

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### Project Title: Chester Creek Trout Unlimited Restoration Project

**Comment Deadline:** November 15, 2017

**Project Description:** The project will restore the current 1,900 feet of stream to 2,500 feet in Chester Creek, a designated trout stream that runs through Duluth, MN. Natural Channel Design methodology will be used to re-align and daylight the creek, which is currently channelized (1,100 feet) and buried (700 feet). A fish passage barrier will also be removed. The project will be divided into Phase 1 – upstream County-owned section and Phase 2 – downstream privately-owned section.

**Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU):** South St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District

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### Project Title: Northland Office Center, Virginia, MN – Building Deconstruction

**Comment Deadline:** November 15, 2017

**Project Description:** The Northland Office Center (NOC) in Virginia, Minnesota was constructed in 1923 as a Recreation Building and used in 1947 as a shirt factory. St. Louis County has owned and occupied the NOC for County Departments since 2003. The NOC is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as the Virginia Recreation Building. St. Louis County is planning for the deconstruction of the NOC in Virginia, Minnesota. CR-Building Performance Specialists, Inc. led a team of consultants for the completion of a Facility Condition Assessment Report for St. Louis County and determined that rehabilitation of the NOC building to meet the new Virginia Government Service Center project goals would not be feasible. By the Order of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners, a Notice of Sale for the purchase of the NOC was issued on August 25, 2015 with a closing date of October 4th, 2016. There was no serious interest in the purchase of the building. A new building to serve as the Virginia Government Service Center will be constructed on the property located across 1st Street South which currently serves as a parking lot. Completion of the new Government Service Center is planned for 2019. Following relocation of the county employees to the new service center, the NOC will be deconstructed to make room for a new civic plaza and public parking in the downtown area. Copies of the EAW can be found on the City of Virginia website. Comments may be directed to: Pamela LaBine City Clerk City of Virginia 327 South 1st Street Virginia, MN 55792 (218) 748-7500 [plabine@virginiamn.us](mailto:plabine@virginiamn.us)

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## Environmental Impact Statement Need Decision

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.

- AMENDED Anoka County, Anoka County State Aid Highway 54 (W. Freeway Drive) Realignment Project, 9-29-17 (6-26-17)