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EQB Announcements

Become a part of the EQB Team

The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) is seeking a highly-motivated candidate for an **Environmental Review program Planner position**. The position provides technical assistance and outreach in support of the state Environmental Review program. The successful

candidate works well independently in a fast paced environment, has experience understanding regulatory requirements and the ability to communicate complex topics to a wide variety of audiences. The EQB is made up of the heads of nine state agencies and eight citizen members that have responsibility for oversight of the State's Environmental Review Program.

To learn more about this opportunity and to apply, visit: <https://mn.gov/mmb/careers/search-for-jobs/> (enter **Job ID 34953**)

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 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=151335922389>

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EQB Board Meeting – September 18, 2019

We invite you to join the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) at their next Board meeting on September 18 from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at the MPCA in St. Paul! The September 18, 2019 EQB meeting will address four decision items and one informational item:

1. Decision: Environmental Quality Board's FY 2020-21 Work Plan
2. Decision: Rulemaking to adopt amendments of environmental review rules
3. Decision: Authorize State Environmental Review Program Subcommittee
4. Decision: Responsible Government Unit re-designation for the Fillmore Solar Project
5. Update on the Environmental Quality Board's 2020 State Water Plan

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

EQB Rulemaking R-04157: Administrative Law Judge Report

In the Matter of the Rule Amendments (R-04157 OAH 80-9008-35532) to the Environmental Quality Board's proposed amendments to Minnesota Rules Governing Environmental Review, the Administrative Law Judge issued a report on August 27, 2019. The Report can be found here:

[August 27, 2019: ALJ Report \(pdf\)](#)

or here:

<https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/eqb-mandatory-categories-rulemaking>

Environmental Assessment Worksheet Need Decision

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

- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Tim Nolte and R.D. Offutt Potato Field Expansion. (Tim Nolte Project, Approved) (RD Offutt Project, Denied)
(To review the Record of Decision documents, click on this link:
<https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/rdoffutt/rod-2019.pdf>)
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Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: Red Wing Solid Waste Management Campus Modification Project

Comment Deadline: October 9, 2019

Project Description: The City of Red Wing proposes to modify its existing Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus (SWMC) by installing a material recovery facility (MRF) and refuse derived fuel (RDF) system capable of producing a combined 250 tons per day of RDF and mass burn fuel (MBF) (Project). The City plans to install a MRF and RDF system within the existing reconstructed and rehabilitated MRF & RDF processing building.
<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/eaw>

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Pollution Control Agency

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Project Title: Southern Hills Expansion

Comment Deadline: October 9, 2019

Project Description: The proposed project consists of 300 manufactured home sites, playgrounds/open space areas, storm water treatment ponds, and a community storm shelter. The land is currently used for row crop agriculture, and is adjacent to single family residential neighborhoods and existing manufactured home communities.

Copies of the EAW are available at the Stewartville Public Library and at Stewartville City Hall. A link to the EAW is also provided through the City of Stewartville's website (<http://stewartvillemn.com/government/public-notices/all-public-notices/>). Comments can be submitted from September 9 through October 9, 2019.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Stewartville

RGU Contact Person:

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Project Title: West Vadnais Lake Outlet Project

Comment Deadline: October 9, 2019

Project Description: Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District (RWMWD) is proposing to lower the existing outlet of West Vadnais Lake from 881.8 feet (ft) to 881.0 ft. In order to help alleviate flooding in the surrounding area and provide additional in-lake water storage volume. The responsible government unit is the Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization (VLAWMO). Comments on EAW comment should be addressed to VLAWMO, office@vlawmo.org, 800 County Road E East, Vadnais Heights, MN 55127, before the deadline of Oct. 9, 2019.

Copies of the environmental review document may be found on the VLAWMO website: www.vlawmo.org or at the address above.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization

RGU Contact Person:

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Alternative Urban Areawide Review Update Adoptions

Project Title: TCAAP AUAR Update

Project Description: The Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant (TCAAP) Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) study area is 429 acres located within the broader TCAAP site in Arden Hills. The AUAR study area is bounded by County Road 96 on the south, by Trunk Highway (TH) 10 and Interstate 35W (I-35W) on the west,

by State of Minnesota property on the north, and by the National Guard's Arden Hills Army Training Site (AHATS) property on the east.

As the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU), the City of Arden Hills adopted the TCAAP Final AUAR and Mitigation Plan on July 28, 2014. Since the study area has not been fully developed, the City prepared an AUAR Update, which was adopted by City Council on August 26, 2019. The AUAR Update is available on the City's website at <https://www.cityofardenhills.org/373/Master-Plan>.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Arden Hills

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