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Changes are coming to the EQB Monitor!

- The EQB Monitor will be transitioning to a weekly publication in 2016 starting with the January 4, 2016 publication. In 2016, submissions to the Monitor will be due by 4:00 pm on the Monday one week prior to the intended publication date. Please see the 2016 EQB Monitor schedule for additional details.
- The EQB Monitor submission process is moving towards an entirely electronic format. The <u>EQB Monitor submission form</u> has been updated to standardize the submission process while also capturing more information regarding environmental review. We strongly encourage the use of the online submission form to submit notices to the EQB Monitor.

Survey of Responsible Governmental Units

- At the end of the year, the Environmental Quality Board will be conducting a survey of all responsible governmental units (RGU) that published notices in the EQB Monitor in calendar year 2015. Survey responses will be used to assess our customer service, identify opportunities to improve the EQB Environmental Review Program, and gather comments on the proposed rulemaking on mandatory environmental review categories.
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Environmental Assessment Worksheets

The following EAWs have a comment deadline of January 20, 2016

Project Title: Lennar Lahn Site - Otsego, Minnesota

Project Description: The proposed project is a low density residential development consisting of approximately 344 homes and associated streets and utilities. The area of the proposed development is currently zoned A-1 Agricultural - Rural Service Area and is guided for Low Density Residential in the City's Comprehensive Plan. Shoreland areas and floodways along the Crow River and on-site wetlands will be preserved.

The new development will include site grading, installation of utilities (phone, electric, cable, natural gas, storm sewer, sanitary sewer and water main extensions), and streets, all typical of a residential development. Site grading will consist of excavation for stormwater management and treatment, house foundations, and onsite roadways. Typical earth moving equipment will be utilized. The installation of utility piping for natural gas, stormwater, water and sewer will generally consist of trench excavation and backfill. Disturbed areas will be managed to minimize erosion under a construction stormwater management plan.

The project will be constructed in approximately 10 phases of approximately 30 to 35 homes per phase. Grading work is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2016 with utility work beginning in the summer of 2016. Home construction will begin in the fall of 2016, with an additional phase completed in each following year. During development, areas not involved in construction will remain as cultivated land, forest or dormant agricultural land. Disturbed areas will be stabilized to prevent erosion during development.

RGU: City of Otsego

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Project Title: Wayzata Yacht Club (Site 1)

Project Description: The Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD) has received a new multiple dock license application from Wayzata Yacht Club (Site 1). The proposal is to reconfigure and reconstruct: 1) the B Dock in 2016 (10 slips), 2) the C Dock in 2017 (28 slips), and 3) the A Dock in 2018 (36 slips). Wayzata Yacht Club (Site 1) is located on Wayzata Bay at 1100 Eastman Lane, Wayzata, MN 55391.

RGU: Lake Minnetonka Conservation District

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Project Title: Camden State Park Instructor's Cabin Removal

Project Description: The MDNR is planning the demolition of a former swimming Instructor's Cabin at Camden State Park. The Instructor's Cabin is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing building to the Camden State Park CCC/WPA/Rustic Style Historic District. The building has been vacant since 1997, and sustained damage in two separate storm events in 2009 and 2011.

A 30-day public review and comment period will begin on December 21, 2015 with the publication of the notice of availability of this EAW in the EQB Monitor. The DNR invites public comments on the EAW during the public review period from December 21, 2015 to January 20, 2016 at 4:30 pm. A copy of the EAW is available for public review at:

- DNR Library, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul 55155-4025
- DNR Southern Region, 21371 State Highway 15 South, New Ulm, MN 56073
- Camden State Park, 1897 Camden Park Road, Lynd, MN 56157
- Central Library, Gov. Documents, 2nd Floor, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401
- Marshall-Lyon County Library, 201 C Street, Marshall MN 56258

The EAW is also posted on the MDNR's website. The URL will be http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/camden/index.html.

Written comments should be submitted to Ronald Wieland, EAW Project Manager, Environmental Policy and Review Unit, Division of Ecological and Water Resources, Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN, 55155-4025.

Electronic or e-mail comments may be sent to Environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us with "Camden EAW" in the subject line. If submitting comments electronically, include name and mailing address. Written comments may also be sent by fax to (651) 296-1811. Additional copies may be requested by calling (651) 259-5157.

RGU: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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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 EIS. The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the EAW notice was published in the EQB Monitor.

- Minnesota Department of Transportation, Interstate 35E MnPASS Extension Project, 12-4-15 (9-14-15)
- Hennepin County, West Broadway Avenue Reconstruction, 12-10-15 (9-28-15)

Notices

Transgenic Herbicide Tolerant Corn - Commercial Use Exemption Application

Syngenta Seeds, Inc. has requested an exemption from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Genetically Engineered Organism Release Permit for a corn event designated as MZHG0JG which has been genetically modified to be tolerant to the herbicide active ingredients glyphosate and glufosinate-ammonium. A determination of non-regulated status has been issued by USDA and the FDA consultation process is in progress. For additional information contact Clifford Watrin, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531, Clifford.Watrin@state.mn.us.