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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 4th, 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 [EQB Monitor submission form](#) 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

- In December, 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 6th, 2016

### Project Title: Faribault Foods Relocation and Expansion

**Project Description:** The Faribault Foods Relocation and Expansion project includes the conversion of 57.03 acres of fallow agricultural/vacant industrial land use to warehouse/manufacturing use. The project location is between Park Avenue NW (County Road 76) and the Canadian Pacific Railway in Sections 13 and 24 of the City of Faribault, Rice County, Minnesota. Development of the proposed project will total 589,600 square feet for manufacturing, storage, and offices. Construction is anticipated to take place from 2016-2020. One additional future expansion after 2020, totaling 23,041 square feet, is planned for processing and storage.

The EAW may be viewed at City Hall in the Community and Economic Development Department or the Faribault Public Library. It also may be available on the City's website or the City Planner can email a PDF of the EAW to interested parties. The City Planning Commission will review the EAW at its January 4, 2016 meeting.

**RGU:** City of Faribault

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## **Project Title: Meadowbrook Golf Course and Minnehaha Creek Improvements**

**Project Description:** The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, in partnership with the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, is proposing to make improvements to the Meadowbrook Golf Course, including re-meandering of Minnehaha Creek on golf course property. The project will address flooding issues on the property by maintaining the current volume of floodplain storage and increasing the effective length of Minnehaha Creek within the site, while increasing the amount of natural vegetation and habitat.

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB), comprised of nine elected commissioners, serves as an independently elected, semi-autonomous body responsible for governing, maintaining, and developing the Minneapolis Park System. MPRB, in partnership with the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, is proposing to make improvements to the Meadowbrook Golf Course, located in Cities of Hopkins, St. Louis Park, and Edina, Hennepin County, Minnesota. Proposed improvements include golf course modifications and re-meandering of Minnehaha Creek on golf course property. Due to project activities associated with Minnehaha Creek, a mandatory Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) is required per Minnesota Rules 4410.4300. The MPRB will accept written comments on the EAW during the public review and comment period, which concludes Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. The EAW is posted on the MPRB's website at [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org).

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## **Project Title: Traxler Construction Inc. Gravel Mine Expansion**

**Project Description:** The project is an expansion of an existing sand and gravel mine in Le Sueur County. The expansion parcel is located across Minnesota Trunk Highway (MTH) 112 from the existing mine and processing plant. The total acreage of parcels with existing and proposed mining and processing activities is 152.92 acres. The expansion site will encompass 78 acres, of which no more than 49.3 acres will be mined. Mining involves the removal of overburden, excavation, crushing and screening and conveying the material. Mining will remove overburden to expose gravel, then the gravel will be conveyed under the highway for

additional processing, stockpiling and sales at the existing processing plant. Reclamation will be concurrent with mining.

The public is invited to comment on the draft EAW. The comment period for the Draft EAW will begin on December 7, 2015. Draft EAW documentation can be found at the Le Center Public Library, 10 W Tyrone Street, Le Center, MN 56057; the Le Sueur Public Library, 118 Ferry Street, Le Sueur, MN 56058; Hennepin County Public Library (300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401-1992), Blue Earth County Library (100 E. Main Street, Mankato, MN 56002) or at Le Sueur County Planning and Zoning (physical address: 515 South Maple Avenue, Le Center, MN 56057). Notice will also be published in the Le Center Leader newspaper.

**RGU:** Le Sueur County

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## **Project Title: Kraus-Anderson Block Redevelopment**

**Project Description:** The proposed mixed-use project would result in the redevelopment of an approximate two and one-half acre site along Portland Avenue in Downtown Minneapolis, between South 8th and 9th Streets known as the KA Block. The project is anticipated to be developed in one phase and would provide at completion up to 306 dwelling units, a 148-unit hotel and associated restaurant/bar, 107,000 square feet of office, a 12,000 square-foot brewery, a 13,000 square foot event center, and up to 530 off-street parking spaces.

Copies of the EAW will be available for review at the downtown Minneapolis Central Library located at 300 Nicollet Mall, and in the office of the City's CPED, Land Use, Design and Preservation Section at 250 S. 4th Street, Room 300 Public Service Center. Notice will be published in the EQB Monitor on Monday, December 7th, 2015. Public comments on the EAW must be made within the 30-day comment period, which ends at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 6th, 2016. It is anticipated that the Zoning and Planning Committee at its regular meeting on February 4, 2016, or at a subsequent meeting, will receive a report and recommendation from City staff, hear comment from all parties and consider the adequacy of this EAW and the need for an Environmental Impact Statement for this proposal. The City Council will act on the recommendation of this Committee at a subsequent meeting on February 12, 2016.

This EAW and supporting information will also be available for review on the City of Minneapolis web site: [http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/planning/cped\\_eaw](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/planning/cped_eaw). Copies of this EAW can also be provided to individuals by email. For further information or to submit comments on the EAW, contact Hilary Dvorak, Principal Planner, at 612.673.2639 or via email [hilary.dvorak@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:hilary.dvorak@minneapolismn.gov).

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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 Pollution Control Agency, Reichmann Land & Cattle LLP - Blair West Site, 11-24-15 (8-31-15)
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## **Petitions**

The following petition has been filed with the EQB requesting preparation of an EAW. The EQB has assigned the indicated unit of government to review the petition and decide on the need for an EAW.

- Department of Natural Resources, RDO Expansion in Pineland Sands Aquifer
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## **Notices**

### **Transgenic Herbicide Tolerant Soybean - Commercial Use Exemption Application**

Syngenta Seeds, Inc. and Bayer CropScience AG have requested an exemption from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Genetically Engineered Organism Release Permit for a soybean event designated as SYHT0H2 which has been genetically modified to be tolerant to the herbicide active ingredients mesotrione, isoxaflutole and glufosinate. A determination of non-regulated status has been issued by USDA and the FDA consultation process has been completed. For additional information contact Dr. Kathy Kromroy, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6343, [kathryn.kromroy@state.mn.us](mailto:kathryn.kromroy@state.mn.us)

### **Transgenic Corn Rootworm Resistant and Glyphosate Tolerant Corn - Commercial Use Exemption Application**

Monsanto has requested an exemption from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Genetically Engineered Organism Release Permit for a corn event designated as MON 87411 which has been genetically modified to be resistant to corn rootworm and tolerant to the herbicide glyphosate. A determination of non-regulated status has been issued by USDA, it has been registered with USEPA as a Plant Incorporated Pesticide (PIP), and the FDA consultation process has been completed. For additional information contact Dr. Kathy Kromroy, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6343, [kathryn.kromroy@state.mn.us](mailto:kathryn.kromroy@state.mn.us)