

EQB Monitor

EQB announcements and Environmental review notices

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EQB announcements

Climate Change and Environmental Review Speaker Series

Throughout the Climate Change and Environmental Review Pilot Program, EQB will host a [monthly Speaker Series open to anyone](#) that will feature presentations by technical experts about incorporating climate information into Environmental Assessment Worksheets.

Greenhouse Gas Assessment

February 24th, 2022

9:00 – 10:00 AM

Allison Serakos, Environmental Scientist; and Rachael Shetka, Senior Environmental Specialist of Barr Engineering, will walk through example Green House Gas (GHG) calculations and will discuss the use of guidance developed for the draft revised EAW form.

[Join Us Using Webex](#)

Meeting Materials:

- [Example Project from the Final Recommendations - Technical Assessment Memorandum \(pg. 4, section 2.2\)](#)
- [Revised Draft EAW](#)
- [Guidance Document](#)

Registration open for participation in Climate Change and Environmental Review Pilot Program

EQB is seeking local responsible governmental units (RGUs) and consultants interested in participating in a pilot program that will assess the efficiency and effectiveness of climate information by testing a draft revised Environmental Assessment Worksheet. Participants will benefit from shared learning as well as training provided by technical experts.

Registration is open to all RGUs and consultants, regardless of whether you are actively reviewing a project. This cohort-based program will begin in early 2022. [Register now!](#)

If you are not eligible to register, but would like to receive updates about the Pilot Program, please [sign-up here](#).

Environmental review notices



Environmental review project notices

EQB publishes environmental review notices provided by responsible governmental units. For more information on a project undergoing environmental review, click on the individual project links below. You can also find information about active projects in your community on the [Environmental Review Projects Interactive Map](#).

Marx Property Residential Development

Location: St. Michael, Wright County

Process: Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)

Step: EAW Available

End of Comment Period: March 3, 2022

Project Description: The Marx Property Residential Development is proposed on 183.20 acres of land in northeastern Wright County. The project will include up to 373 residential units, consisting of 306 single-family homes and 67 townhomes, parkland, trails, open space, stormwater basins, and wetlands. Site development will include installation of streets, trails, municipal sewer and water, and mass grading.

Link to Public Documents: [Marx Property Residential Development EAW](#)

Location of Public Documents: St. Michael City Hall, 11800 Town Center Drive NE, St. Michael, MN 55376

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) and Contact: City of St. Michael, [Marc Weigle](#), 763-416-7932

CSAH 13 (Valhalla Road) Improvement Project

Location: Currie, Minnesota/Lake Sarah and Mason Townships, Murray County

Process: EAW

Step: EAW Available

End of Comment Period: March 3, 2022

Project Description: The Murray County Highway Department is proposing the reconstruction and raising of CSAH 13 along Dikes 1, 2, and 3 and the installation of a shared-use path. The project is located along CSAH 13 from TH 59, across Dikes 1, 2, and 3, and to Keeley Island at Lake Shetek. Lake Shetek's water levels fluctuate seasonally and during times of highwater, floods portions of each dike causing transportation issues and potential hazards to the public. The road raise would allow the Dikes to remain accessible during similar events to what was experienced in 2018. The road will include two twelve-foot-wide lanes with four-foot shoulders meeting current State Aid Standards. The project also includes the installation of a shared-use path from the intersection of TH 59 to Keeley Island that will provide the public with safe access to recreational activities such as biking, walking, hiking, and shoreland fishing.

Link to Public Documents: [CSAH 13 \(Valhalla Road\) Improvement Project EAW](#)

Location of Public Documents: Murray County Highway Department, 3051 20th St, Slayton, MN 56172

RGU and Contact: Murray County, [Randy Groves](#), 507-836-1133

Main Stem Lagoon Dredging Project

Location: Golden Valley, Hennepin County

Process: EAW

Step: Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Need Decision

RGU Decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Record of Decision Date: January 19, 2022

Link to Public Documents: No link to documents provided. See RGU contact information below.

Location of Public Documents: Golden Valley City Hall, 7800 Golden Valley Rd, Golden Valley, MN 55427

RGU and Contact: City of Golden Valley, [Marc Nevinski](#), 763-593-8008

Munger Landing Sediment Remediation Project

Location: Duluth, St. Louis County

Process: EAW

Step: EIS Need Decision

RGU Decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Record of Decision Date: January 21, 2022

Link to Public Documents: [Munger Landing Sediment Remediation Project EIS Need Decision](#)

Location of Public Documents: Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155

RGU and Contact: Pollution Control Agency, [Patrice Jensen](#), 651-757-2465

Xcel Energy's Proposed Change in Spent Fuel Storage Technology at Prairie Island

Location: Welch, Goodhue County

Process: Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)

Step: Draft SEIS

End of Comment Period: March 3, 2022

Project Description: Xcel Energy proposes to use a different spent fuel storage technology at the Prairie Island nuclear generating plant. Xcel Energy proposes to use any fuel storage cask approved by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), rather than being limited to the TN-40HT casks approved by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in 2009. Xcel Energy would select from NRC-approved cask designs based on considerations including price and compatibility with future offsite storage

facilities.

Link to Public Documents: <https://mn.gov/eera/web/project/315>

Location of Public Documents: Red Wing Public Library, 225 East Ave. Red Wing, MN 55066

First Public Meeting Date, Time, Location: February 16, 2022, 6:00 pm, Red Wing City Hall Annex, 419 Bush St., Red Wing MN 55066

First Public Meeting Additional Details: Mask are required in the Red Wing City Hall Annex.

Second Public Meeting Date, Time, Location: February 17, 2022, 6:00 pm, remotely

Second Public Meeting Virtual Link: <https://tinyurl.com/595vrhy5>

RGU and Contact: Department of Commerce, [Ray Kirsch](#), 651-539-1841

Cyphers Logistic Park

Location: Lake Elmo, Washington County

Process: Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR)

Step: Draft AUAR

End of Comment Period: March 3, 2022

Project Description: The City of Lake Elmo has prepared a Draft Alternative Urban Areawide Review, AUAR, and Mitigation Plan to understand the environmental implications of a future redevelopment of a 190-acre area consisting of three parcels located east of I-694, bordered on the west by Ideal Avenue N and Stillwater Boulevard N to the south. Four development scenarios are proposed for evaluation in the AUAR.

Link to Public Documents: [Cyphers Logistic Park Draft AUAR](#)

Location of Public Documents: Lake Elmo City Hall, 3880 Laverne Avenue N, Suite 100, Lake Elmo, MN 55042

RGU and Contact: City of Lake Elmo, [Molly Just](#), 651-747-3912

General Notices

Notices published in this section may be required under Minnesota Statute or Rule.

Minnesota Department of Agriculture - Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

Notice Description: Bayer Crop Science filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification

22-NO-01. Notification is for genetically modified SUGARBEET, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in Application AUTH - 0000204856. The counties identified for release include the following: Benton-3 sites with 20 acres/site; Freeborn-1 site with 20 acres. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance). For additional information contact Denise Thiede.

Contact: [Denise Thiede](#), Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531

Minnesota Department of Agriculture - Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

Notice Description: BASF Corporation filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 22-NO-02. Notification is for genetically modified SOYBEAN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in Application AUTH - 0000199888. The counties identified for release include the following: Becker-1 site with 25 acres; Clay-1 site with 25 acres; and Freeborn-1 site with 25 acres. Project categories include FR (Fungal Resistance, HT (Herbicide Tolerance), and IR (Insect Resistance). For additional information contact Denise Thiede.

Contact: [Denise Thiede](#), Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531

Minnesota Department of Agriculture - Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

Notice Description: KWS Seeds, LLC filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 22-NO-03. Notification is for genetically modified SUGARBEET, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in Application AUTH - 0000204920. The counties identified for release include the following: Kandiyohi-2 sites with 10 acres/site; Norman-1 site with 160 acres. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance). For additional information contact Denise Thiede.

Contact: [Denise Thiede](#), Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531

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Questions? Contact EQB by phone at 651-757-2873 or email us at EQB.Monitor@state.mn.us.

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