

EQB Monitor

Weekly announcements and environmental review notices

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Announcements

Draft Minnesota pollinator action framework open for public feedback

The first [draft of the Minnesota pollinator action framework](#) was released on December 1, 2022. We opened a second round of public engagement to gather feedback on the action framework. Visit our [online platform](#) to share your feedback and ideas to help pollinators. The platform will be open until Wednesday, March 15.



Updated Commercial Solar Siting Guidance is available!

The Department of Natural Resources Commercial Solar Siting Guidance provides a current and comprehensive guide to avoiding and minimizing natural resources impacts during solar development. This guidance is intended to aid developers of utility-scale solar, as well as community solar projects, regarding project siting, construction, and operations. You can find more information [here](#).

REQUIRED PUBLIC 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](#).

Whetstone River Restoration Project

Location: Ortonville, Big Stone County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet

Step: Environmental impact statement (EIS) need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Responsible governmental unit decision date: February 13, 2023

Link to public documents: [Whetstone River Restoration Project EIS need decision](#)

Location of public documents: Upper Minnesota River Watershed District, 211 2nd Street SE, Ortonville, MN 56278

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Upper Minnesota River Watershed District, [Amber Doschadis](#), 320-839-3411

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 # 23-NO-08. Notification is for genetically modified CORN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in Application AUTH - 0000233243. The counties identified for release include the following: Freeborn-1 site with 20 acres. Project categories include Herbicide Resistance (HR), Insect Resistance (IR), and Other (OO).

Contact: [Denise Thiede](#), Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-402-3149,

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