

# EQB Monitor

**Weekly announcements and environmental review notices**

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## Announcements

### **Environmental Review Implementation Subcommittee meeting**

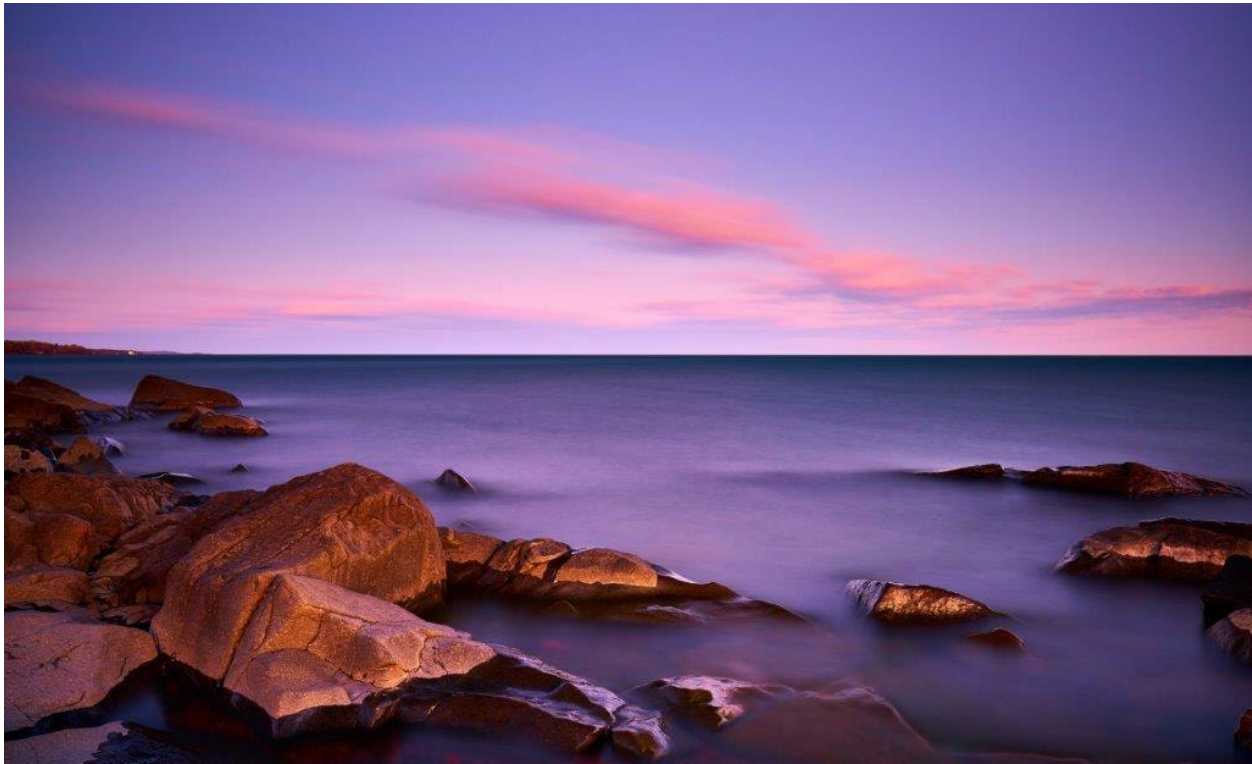
**Wednesday, July 19, 1 – 4 p.m.**

Join us in person or virtually for the July, 2023 Environmental Review Implementation Subcommittee (ERIS) meeting. At this meeting, the subcommittee will hear an overview of the environmental review program's workplan for state fiscal year 2024, including a conversation on planning for projects identified by the new continuous improvement process. The subcommittee will also hear an overview of the new Environmental Review Projects Database. More information about the meeting, including the meeting packet and virtual meeting information, can be found on the board meeting [webpage](#).

### **Apply now for EQB environmental review director position**

We are looking for a talented individual to lead our statewide environmental review program and related policy and planning efforts. If you have expertise in environmental review and skills in project management, planning, and communicating technical topics to a wide range of audiences, please apply. Application deadline is July 31. Find more information and apply on the State of Minnesota's [Career's website](#) (Job ID # 67346)

**We are hiring!**



## 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](#).

### Howard Lake RV Project

**Location:** Cass County

**Process:** Petition

**Step:** RGU assignment

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** Cass County, [Scott Wold](#), 218-547-7256

## **Paradise Valley Trust and Lorentz Construction Aggregate Mine Project**

**Location:** Blue Earth County

**Process:** Petition

**Step:** RGU assignment

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** Blue Earth County, [Scott Salsbury](#), 507-304-4251

## **Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant Solids Management Improvements Project**

**Location (city/township; county):** Saint Paul; Ramsey

**Process:** EAW

**Step:** EAW available

**End of comment period:** August 25, 2023

**Project description:** Metropolitan Council Environmental Services proposes to increase solids processing capacity at the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant at 2400 Childs Road, Saint Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota, by adding a fourth fluidized bed incinerator, associated equipment, and facilities.

**Link to public documents:** [Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant Solids Management Improvements Project EAW](#)

**Location of public documents:** Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road North, Saint Paul, MN 55155

**Public meeting date, time, location:** August 14, 2023, 5:30 p.m., Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center, 800 Conway Street, Saint Paul, MN, 55106

**Public meeting additional details:** The meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. with a 30 minute open house to allow for one-to-one conversations with MPCA staff on the environmental and public health topics of interest to the community related to the facility. At 6:30 p.m., there will be a short presentation by MPCA about the EAW and draft air permit amendment/air permit reissuance/SIP revision followed by a question and answer session.

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, [Katrina Hapka](#), 651-757-2418

## General notices

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

### Notice of Application Acceptance and Public Info & Environmental Analysis Scoping Meetings

**Notice description:** The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and the Department of Commerce will hold public information and comparative environmental analysis (CEA) scoping meetings on the application of Magellan Pipeline Company L.P. for a proposed pipeline routing permit to relocate approximately 0.74-mile of existing 8-inch petroleum product pipeline from federal lands managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service within the Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, and the Pipestone National Monument. The purpose of the meetings is to provide information about the proposed project and state's pipeline route permit process; to respond to questions from the public; and to provide members of the public an opportunity to participate in developing the scope of the CEA for the project. This includes commenting on methods to minimize, mitigate, and avoid potential impacts; and proposing alternative routes and route segments for consideration.

**Public meeting date, time, location:** July 11, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Pipestone County Courthouse Community Room, 416 South Hiawatha Avenue, Pipestone, MN, 56164

**Public meeting virtual link:**

<https://minnesota.webex.com/minnesota/j.php?MTID=m1929cee001223e90b9ef2e1650a475e7>

**Public meeting additional details:** An online meeting will also be held via the Webex platform on July 12, 2023 from 6:00-9:00 pm or until business is concluded. The meeting number is: 2490 458 0918. The call-in number is 1-855-282-6330. If prompted, provide the Access Code: 24904580918 or the Password: JdCcgSwp473. To find out if a meeting is canceled due to bad weather or other call 1-855-731-6208 or 651-201-2213 or visit [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc). Written comments will be accepted through September 6, 2023 at 4:30 pm. Please include the docket number (23-109) in all communications. Comments received after the close of the comment period may or may not be considered by the Commission. Please focus your comments on the following topics: • What potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project should be studied in the CEA for this project? • Are there any specific methods to address (avoid, minimize, mitigate) these impacts that should be included in the CEA? • Are there any alternative routes or route segments that should be considered to address project related impact? If proposing an alternative route or route segment, consider what impact the alternative addresses; and how the alternative mitigates the impacts when compared to the applicant's proposed route. The alternative must include an analysis of human and environmental impacts, unless it is mostly the same information Magellan provided in its application. Minn. R. 7852.1400, subp. 3 requires that you identify

any route or route segment alternative on a map or aerial photo. Department of Commerce Energy Environmental Review and Analysis staff will respond to any incomplete proposals and provide ten days to submit any missing information. Comments may be submitted online at <https://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/#comment>, via email: [larry.hartman@state.mn.us](mailto:larry.hartman@state.mn.us) or via U.S. Mail: MN Department of Commerce, Attn. Larry Hartman, 85 7th Place East, Suite 280, Saint Paul, MN 55101.

**Contact:** Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, [Michael Kaluzniak](mailto:Michael.Kaluzniak@mn.gov), 651-201-2257

**Link to additional information:** <https://apps.commerce.state.mn.us/web/project/15017>

## **Aerial Application of Herbicides for Reforestation Purposes on State Forest Lands**

**Notice description:** The MN Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry is planning to aurally apply herbicides on state forest lands. Herbicide applications will occur using a helicopter on 25 regenerating sites comprising 964 acres in Cook, Crow Wing, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake of the Woods, Pine, Roseau, and St Louis counties in the Backus, Hibbing, Littlefork, Sandstone, Tower, Two Harbors, and Warroad administrative areas. These applications will be used to prepare sites for tree planting and for the release of planted trees from competing vegetation. The following herbicides and surfactants will be used within project sites: Roundup Pro Concentrate, Roundup Custom, Garlon XRT, Chopper, Velpar DF, Oust, Liberate, and Penetron. Aerial application will begin as early as 08/01/2023 and finish by 9/15/2023.

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, [Mike Reinikainen](mailto:Mike.Reinikainen@dnr.state.mn.us), 651-259-5270

## **Submit a notice to the *EQB Monitor***

The *EQB Monitor* is a weekly publication announcing environmental review documents, public comment periods and other actions of the Environmental Quality Board. The *EQB Monitor* is published every Tuesday at noon. Submissions to the [EQB Monitor](#) are due by 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday one week prior to the intended publication date. Please see the [EQB Monitor schedule](#) for more details.

To submit a notice for publication:

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Questions? Contact EQB by phone at 651-757-2873 or email us at [EQB.Monitor@state.mn.us](mailto:EQB.Monitor@state.mn.us).

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