

# 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](#).



## 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:** Akeley, Cass County

**Process:** Petition

**Step:** EAW need decision

**Responsible governmental unit decision:** EAW Required

**Responsible governmental unit decision date:** July 10, 2023

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

## **Cambridge 2 Fuel Conversion**

**Location (city/township; county):** Cambridge; Isanti

**Process:** EAW

**Step:** EAW available

**End of comment period:** August 17, 2023

**Project description:** The project would replace existing natural gas burners with dual-fuel burners and install associated facilities to allow ULSD fuel oil combustion during periods of natural gas curtailment. The project is expected to protect GRE customers from extremely high energy prices. The project is located within GRE's existing Cambridge Station at 2438 349th Avenue NE; Cambridge, MN.

**Link to public documents:** [Cambridge 2 Fuel Conversion EAW](#)

**Location of public documents:** East Central Regional Library, 111 Dellwood St. N, Cambridge, MN 55008

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, [Craig Janezich](#), 651-201-2203

## **Mineral Springs Development**

**Location (city/township; county):** Owatonna; Steele

**Process:** EAW

**Step:** EIS need decision

**Responsible governmental unit decision:** Negative (EIS not ordered)

**Responsible governmental unit record of decision date:** July 11, 2023

**Project description:** HAS Capital Advisors, LLC is proposing to construct a residential development on 82.7 acres in Owatonna, MN. The Project includes 324 residential units: 162 single-family detached, 24 single-family attached, 66 townhouses and 72 multi-family. Construction will also include internal roadways, stormwater infrastructure, and utilities.

**Location of public documents:** City of Owatonna, 540 West Hills Circle, Owatonna, MN 55060

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** City of Owatonna, [Greg Kruschke](#), 507-774-7317

## **Beaumont Bluffs Residential Development**

**Location (city/township; county):** Jordan; Scott

**Process:** EAW

**Step:** EIS need decision

**Responsible governmental unit decision:** Negative (EIS not ordered)

**Responsible governmental unit record of decision date:** July 11, 2023

**Project description:** The City of Jordan invites the public to review and comment on the Supplemental EAW regarding the Beaumont Bluffs development project. The project is proposed on 232.3 acres on the southwest side of the City of Jordan and consists of a mix of twin homes, villas, single-family residences, and open space. About 123.6 acres will remain undeveloped, including approximately 80 acres owned by the city. On January 18, 2022, the City Council voted to approve the declaration that no EIS was needed for the Beaumont Bluffs preliminary plat application. However, Dba JMH Beaumont Bluffs LLC is requesting to amend the EAW to allow for the removal and export of 100,000-125,000 cubic yards of soil, described as medium-to-fine-grained sand, for foundation and roadway construction projects. The proposal to remove soil off-site was not included in the original EAW and therefore a Supplemental EAW is needed for additional environmental review.

**Location of public documents:** Jordan City Hall, 210 E 1st Street, Jordan, MN 55352

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** City of Jordan, [Barrett Voigt](mailto:Barrett.Voigt@cityofjordan.com), 952-492-7929

## **Rosemount Industrial**

**Location (city/township; county):** Rosemount; Dakota

**Process:** Large AUAR

**Step:** Draft AUAR

**End of comment period:** August 17, 2023

**Project description:** The AUAR study area encompasses an area totaling approximately 235 acres on 12 parcels in the City of Rosemount, Dakota County, Minnesota. Scannell Properties, LLC is proposing to redevelop the study area from existing agriculture to business park uses. One scenario is proposed for evaluation in the AUAR and includes multiple buildings for a total of 1.92 million square feet of proposed industrial development. The proposed development within the AUAR study area is anticipated to start Fall 2023.

**Link to public documents:** [Rosemount Industrial draft AUAR](#)

**Location of public documents:** City of Rosemount, 2875 145th St W, Rosemount, MN 55068

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** City of Rosemount, [Anthony Nemcek](#), 651-322-2090

### [Xcel Energy/City of Northfield AUAR](#)

**Location (city/township; county):** Northfield; Dakota

**Process:** Large AUAR

**Step:** Draft AUAR

**End of comment period:** August 17, 2023

**Project description:** Xcel Energy and the City of Northfield are partnering to conduct an Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) for an approximately 787-acre area in the northwestern portion of the City of Northfield. Portions of the AUAR area include land within Greenvale Township. Two development scenarios will be evaluated as part of the AUAR which primarily consist of technology center and industrial park uses.

**Link to public documents:** [Xcel Energy/City of Northfield draft AUAR](#)

**Location of public documents:** Northfield City Hall, 801 Washington St, Northfield, MN 55057

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** City of Northfield, [Mikayla Schmidt](#), 507-645-3059

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