

# EQB Monitor

Weekly announcements and environmental review notices

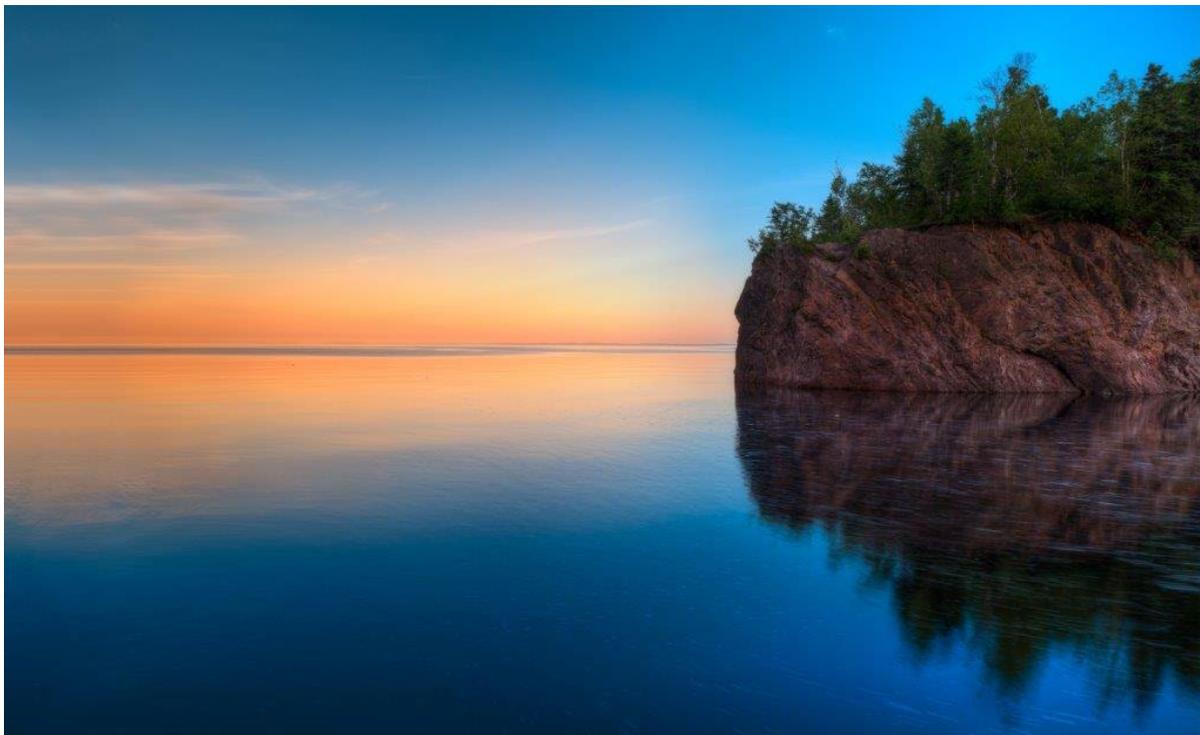
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## Announcements

### **2023 continuous improvement process for the environmental review program approved**

At the June meeting, Environmental Quality Board members voted unanimously to support the chair in approving the 2023 continuous improvement process. The resolution can be found at 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](#).

### [Maranda Mine EAW](#)

**Location (city/township; county):** Belle Plaine; Scott

**Process:** EAW

**Step:** EAW available

**End of comment period:** July 27, 2023

**Project description:** Pentagon Materials seeks to expand the existing sand and gravel mine (Maranda Mine). Pentagon proposed to expand the existing mine limits by 62 acres, for a total mine area of 100 acres. The Maranda Mine is located on two parcels of property located in both Belle Plaine and St. Lawrence Township, Scott County

**Link to public documents:** [Maranda Mine EAW](#)

**Location of public documents:** Scott County Government Center, 200 Fourth Ave W, Shakopee, MN 55379

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** Scott County, [Kate Sedlacek](#), 952-496-8351

### [State Office Building Renovation & Addition](#)

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

**Process:** EAW

**Step:** EAW available

**End of comment period:** July 27, 2023

**Project description:** The proposed project is a comprehensive renovation and addition to the State Office Building. The scope includes but is not limited to addressing accessibility, infrastructure, function, building envelope, and building systems including health, life safety, and security systems to meet current local and State building codes, standards, workplace needs, and public access and accommodation needs.

**Link to public documents:** [State Office Building Renovation & Addition EAW](#)

**Location of public documents:** Administration Building, 50 Sherburne Ave, St Paul, MN 55155

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** Department of Administration, [Eric Radel](#), 651-201-2380

## [University of St. Thomas Multipurpose Arena](#)

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

**Process:** EAW

**Step:** EAW available

**End of comment period:** July 27, 2023

**Project description:** The proposed University of St. Thomas Multipurpose Arena will be a redevelopment of an approximately 6-acre site located on the University of St. Thomas South Campus in Saint Paul, Minnesota. The proposed project will include a multi-purpose competition venue for the University's hockey and basketball programs with capacity for approximately 4,000 to 5,500 spectators. The project is also expected to include practice facilities, coaching offices, locker rooms, and student athlete support services and will host other university events such as commencement ceremonies, academic convocations, speakers, career fairs, and other events for the university. The new facility will be designed to meet a LEED Silver rating. There are three existing campus buildings with adjacent surface parking lots on site that will be demolished.

**Link to public documents:** [University of St. Thomas Multipurpose Arena EAW](#)

**Location of public documents:** Saint Paul City Hall, 15 W Kellogg Blvd, Saint Paul, MN 55102

**Public meeting date, time, location:** July 12, 2023, 12:00 a.m., McNeely Hall, Room 100, S Cleveland Ave, Saint Paul, MN, 55105

**Public meeting additional details:** Please submit any comments via email to: [StThomasArena\\_EAW@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:StThomasArena_EAW@ci.stpaul.mn.us)

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** City of Saint Paul, [Josh Williams](#), 651-266-6659

## [Montrose AUAR Update](#)

**Location (city/township; county):** Montrose; Wright

**Process:** AUAR update

**Step:** AUAR update adoption

**End of comment period:** May 12, 2023

**Responsible governmental unit decision:** Adequate

**Responsible governmental unit record of decision date:** June 12, 2023

**Project description:** The Montrose AUAR study area consists of approximately 5,300 developable acres surrounding the City of Montrose. It is proposed to include low, medium, and high-density residential, industrial, and commercial development. The project includes construction of roads, homes, businesses, trails, parks, ponds, and

utilities such as storm water, wastewater, and water supply piping. This AUAR also analyzes the impacts of approximately 1,700 acres of development that exists or is in a various stage of approval and 100 acres of railroad right-of-way, for a total analysis area of approximately 7,100 acres. Pursuant to Minnesota Rules, part 4410.3610, subpart 7, regardless of any significant changes an AUAR and plan for mitigation must be revised every five years until all development in the study area has received final approval. This report serves as an update to the previous AUAR Update, which was published in 2018.

**Link to public documents:** [Montrose AUAR Update](#)

**Location of public documents:** City of Montrose City Hall, 311 Buffalo Avenue South, Montrose, MN 55363

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** City of Montrose, [Jessica Bonniwell](#), 763-575-7425

## General notices

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

### **MnDOT US 52 PEL Study (SP 2506-86) - Opportunity for public to comment on Purpose & Need**

**Notice description:** The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) initiated a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study for US Highway 52 (US 52). US 52 connects the Twin Cities Metropolitan region to Rochester, Minnesota. This PEL study will focus on the segment of US 52 from Hader to Zumbrota; an eight-mile length of roadway. The purpose of this PEL study is to provide a review of alternatives for consideration in a future environmental review process. The Purpose and Need of the study drive the development of alternatives, which could include access modifications. Alternatives will be analyzed with specific evaluation criteria established as part of the study's documentation. The Purpose and Need and Evaluation Criteria Technical Memorandum is available for public comment. See link to additional information to access the document. A hard copy of the document will be available at the Zumbrota Public Library and the Van Horn Public Library.

**Contact:** MnDOT District 6, [Jana Guseynova](#), 763-251-4041

**Link to additional information:** <https://talk.dot.state.mn.us/hwy-52-hader-zumbrota-study>

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