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EQB announcement

EQB wants to hear from you!

2021 Mandatory Category Report

Every three years, EQB staff evaluate the mandatory categories to ensure they effectively identify the project types and conditions that require mandatory review.

We are asking for your feedback on whether the mandatory categories should be modified (e.g. threshold increased or decreased, criteria changes) or eliminated based on your previous experience with the review of a proposed project. Fill out this [short survey](#) below to provide your feedback.

If you would like to participate and provide feedback on Environmental Review Mandatory Categories, **please fill out this short survey**. For more information, visit the [2021 Mandatory Category Report website](#).

Questions? Contact Erik Cedarleaf Dahl, erik.dahl@state.mn.us, 651-757-2364

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](#).

Lexington Waters Residential Development

Location: Blaine, Anoka County

Process: Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)

Step: Completed EAW Available

End of Comment Period: July 29, 2021

Project Description: Lexington Waters Residential Development will include up to 176 single-family homes, 120 detached townhomes, municipal streets, stormwater basins, wetland preservation, and parkland on 115.45 acres in eastern Anoka County. Site development will involve mass grading, connections to municipal sewer and water, and excavation of stormwater basins.

Link to Public Documents: [Lexington Waters Residential Development EAW](#)

Location of Public Documents: Blaine City Hall, 10801 Town Square Drive NE, Blaine, MN 55449

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) and Contact: City of Blaine, Erik Thorvig, 763-785-6147, ethorvig@blainemn.gov

JD 14 - Lilac Ridge Water Management Project

Location: Viking, Minnesota/Viking and New Solum Townships, Marshall County

Process: EAW

Step: Completed EAW Available

End of Comment Period: July 29, 2021

Project Description: The Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District in an effort to improve flood protection within the Judicial Ditch (JD) 14 sub-watershed proposes the construction of the Lilac Ridge Water Management Project which consists of an off-channel impoundment located primarily in the north ½ of Section 1 in Viking Strip Township along with grade stabilization of approximately 3 miles of JD 14 Main Branch within the Lilac Ridge area. The Lilac Ridge Road structure is proposed to increase from a single line of 60-inch pipe to 3-lines of 72-inch, and the inverts lowered approximately 5-feet to the proposed ditch grade. A earthen inlet weir will direct high flows into the impoundment site approximately one mile west of Lilac Ridge Road. Low flow would continue down JD 14 through a 60-inch piped crossing just downstream of the earthen inlet weir. The impoundment site would also include an outlet riser structure to release flows back into the JD 14 system once downstream conditions subside.

Link to Public Documents: [JD 14 - Lilac Ridge Water Management Project EAW](#)

Location of Public Documents: Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District Office, 453 North McKinley St., Warren, MN 56762

RGU and Contact: Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District, Morteza Maher, 218-745-4741, morteza.maher@mstrwd.org

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

Location: Ramsey County

Notice Description: USDA ARS filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 21-NO-32. Notification is for genetically modified ALFALFA, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in Application AUTH - 0000135635. The counties identified for release include the following: Ramsey-1 location with 0.25 acres. Project categories include OO (Other).

Contact: Denise Thiede, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-402-3149, denise.thiede@state.mn.us

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

Location: Ramsey County

Notice Description: University of Minnesota filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 21-NO-33. Notification is for genetically modified CORN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in Application 21-091-102r. The counties identified for release include the following: Ramsey-1 location with 0.5 acres. Project categories include HT(Herbicide Tolerance) and MG(Marker Gene).

Contact: Denise Thiede, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-402-3149, denise.thiede@state.mn.us

Submit an environmental review notice to the *Monitor*

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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.

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