

# EQB Monitor

Weekly announcements and environmental review notices

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## Announcements

### Apply now for EQB Communications & Engagement Coordinator position

This position exists to develop and implement communication strategies and public engagement approaches to support the work of the Environmental Quality Board. Application deadline is June 20. Find more information and apply on the State of Minnesota's [Careers website](#) (Job ID # 66124).

We are hiring!

## 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](#).

#### Former Macy's Site

**Location (city/township; county):** Edina; Hennepin

**Process:** EAW

**Step:** EAW available

**End of comment period:** July 6, 2023

**Project description:** Enclave is proposing the redevelopment of the former Macy's Furniture Store site into 300,000 square feet of office/mixed use space and 460 multi-family residential units. The site is located on approximately eight acres on the east side of France Avenue north of Gallagher Drive in Edina, MN.

**Link to public documents:** [https://www.bettertogetheredina.org/sketch-plan/news\\_feed/7235-france-ave](https://www.bettertogetheredina.org/sketch-plan/news_feed/7235-france-ave)

**Location of public documents:** City of Edina City Hall, 4801 W 50th Street, Edina, MN 55424

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** City of Edina, [Cary Teague](#), 952-826-0460

## [Hope Community Mixed-Use Development](#)

**Location (city/township; county):** Corcoran; Hennepin

**Process:** EAW

**Step:** EAW available

**End of comment period:** July 6, 2023

**Project description:** Hope Community Church proposes a mixed-use development spanning approximately 44.5 acres at the northwest corner of County Road 30 and County Road 116 in Corcoran, MN. The proposed plan reflects 738 housing units (primarily within multifamily buildings) and up to 110,300 square feet of commercial, retail, and medical office space.

**Link to public documents:**

[https://www.corcoranmn.gov/public\\_services/planning\\_and\\_zoning/project\\_updates/hope\\_community](https://www.corcoranmn.gov/public_services/planning_and_zoning/project_updates/hope_community)

**Location of public documents:** Corcoran City Hall, 8200 County Road 116, Corcoran, MN 55340

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** City of Corcoran, [Natalie Davis McKeown](#), 763-338-9288

## [Thomson Reservoir Sediment Remediation](#)

**Location (city/township; county):** Carlton; Carlton

**Process:** EAW

**Step:** EAW available

**End of comment period:** July 6, 2023

**Project description:** The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will conduct environmental cleanup in the Thomson Reservoir in the St. Louis River Area of Concern (SLRAOC). The objectives are to prevent contaminated sediment exposure to benthic organisms and other aquatic life, and to improve aquatic habitat. The project consists of applying a thin layer of powdered activated carbon (PAC) in a pelletized form over sediments in areas of the reservoir where sediment contaminants exceed the cleanup criteria.

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

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** MPCA, [Pamela Foster](#), 218-302-6619

## [Heartland Corn Products Natural Gas Pipeline Project](#)

**Location:** Winthrop, Sibley

**Process:** Alternative review

**Notice title:** Notice of Public Information Meetings and Comment Period

**Notice description:** PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) will hold in-person and remote access public meetings on the application of Heartland Corn Products (HCP or Applicant) for a Route Permit for their proposed Natural Gas Pipeline Project (Project). Before a pipeline can be constructed, the Commission must issue a route permit for the project. HCP's partial exemption application was accepted as complete by the Commission on May 19, 2023. The Commission's partial exemption permitting process takes about 90 days. The public information meeting is intended to inform the public about the permitting process, to compile information to assist the Commission in determining whether to grant or deny the partial exemption application. If the Commission grants a partial exemption, it will issue a pipeline route permit.

**Project description:** On April 4, 2023, Heartland Corn Products (HCP) filed an application for a route permit and partial exemption from certain pipeline routing permit procedures with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The proposed project will include construction of approximately 7.78-mile long, 6.625 inch outside diameter natural gas pipeline in Sibley County to transport natural gas from an interconnect with the existing Hutchinson Utilities Commission (HUC) natural gas pipeline. The purpose of the proposed pipeline is to provide a source of increased natural gas capacity to the HCP ethanol plant located in Winthrop, MN. The new pipeline will be constructed and tested for a maximum allowable operating pressure of 1440 psig and will operate at a pressure of 900-990 psig.

**Link to public documents:** <https://apps.commerce.state.mn.us/web/project/14997>

**Location of public documents:** Winthrop City Library, 305 Main St. N Winthrop, MN 55396

**First public meeting date, time, location:** June 14, 2023, p.m., Winthrop City Hall, 305 Main Street N, Winthrop, MN, 55396

**First public meeting additional details:** Public meetings start on time. For in-person meetings, arrive a few minutes early so you have time to pick up materials and find a seat. Citizens will have the opportunity to offer oral and written comments into the record. Staff from the Commission, the Department of Commerce, and Heartland Corn Products will be available to answer questions about the project and the review process. The same information will be presented at the in-person and remote-access meetings. In-person and remote-access meetings will last until everyone at the meeting has had an opportunity to speak. Comments received at the meeting and during the comment period will be used by the Commission to make a final decision in this case. 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).

**Second public meeting date, time, location:** June 15, 2023, p.m., Online meeting

**Second public meeting virtual link:**

<https://minnesota.webex.com/webappng/sites/minnesota/dashboard?siteurl=minnesota>

**Second public meeting additional details:** WebEx (Meeting) Number: 2499 737 9647;  
WebEx Password: MNPUC Join by Phone: 1-855-282-6330 United States Toll Free; Access Code: 2499 737 9647

If you are joining the meeting by WebEx and would like to ask a question or make a comment during the designated portion of the meeting, use the chat function to send a message to the meeting moderator. If you are joining the meeting by phone, press \*3 on your phone. When it is your turn to speak, your line will be unmuted, and you will be able to ask questions and provide comments. Additional information and instructions are available at: <https://mn.gov/puc/activities/meetings/webex/>

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, [Cezar Panait](#),  
651-201-2207

## General notices

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

### **MN Department of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** University of Minnesota filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 23-NO-23. Notification is for genetically modified wheat, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in Application AUTH - 0000243449. The county identified for release is Dakota - 1 site with 2 acres. Project categories include FR (Fungicide Resistance) and MG (Marker Gene). For additional information contact Michael Merriman, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531, [michael.merriman@state.mn.us](mailto:michael.merriman@state.mn.us)

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](#), 612-508-8270

## **MN Department of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** University of Minnesota filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 23-NO-24. Notification is for genetically modified barley, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in Application AUTH - 0000241797. The county identified for release is Dakota - 1 site with 0.2 acres. Project categories include FR (Fungicide Resistance) and MG (Marker Gene). For additional information contact Michael Merriman, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531, [michael.merriman@state.mn.us](mailto:michael.merriman@state.mn.us)

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](mailto:Michael.Merriman@state.mn.us), 612-508-8270

## **MN Department of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** University of Minnesota filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 23-NO-25. Notification is for genetically modified barley, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in Application AUTH - 0000241783. The county identified for release is Dakota - 1 site with 0.2 acres. Project categories include FR (Fungicide Resistance) and MG (Marker Gene). For additional information contact Michael Merriman, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531, [michael.merriman@state.mn.us](mailto:michael.merriman@state.mn.us)

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](mailto:Michael.Merriman@state.mn.us), 612-508-8270

## **MN Department of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** University of Minnesota filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 23-NO-26. Notification is for genetically modified wheat, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in Application AUTH - 0000249283. The county identified for release is Dakota - 1 site with 0.15 acres. Project categories include FR (Fungicide Resistance) and MG (Marker Gene). For additional

information contact Michael Merriman, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531, [michael.merriman@state.mn.us](mailto:michael.merriman@state.mn.us)

**Contact:** Minnesota Department of Agriculture, [Michael Merriman](mailto:Michael Merriman), 612-508-8270

## **MN Department of Agriculture: Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** University of Minnesota filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 23-NO-27. Notification is for genetically modified alfalfa, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in Application AUTH - 0000250849. The county identified for release is Dakota - 1 site with 0.2 acres. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Properties). For additional information contact Michael Merriman, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531, [michael.merriman@state.mn.us](mailto:michael.merriman@state.mn.us)

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

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