

# EQB Monitor

**Weekly announcements and environmental review notices**

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## Announcements

### Environmental Quality Board meeting

**Wednesday, March 15, 1 – 4 p.m.**

Join us virtually for the March Environmental Quality Board meeting. At this meeting, the board will vote for the EQB vice-chairperson. The board will also hear a process update and participate in a discussion regarding the environmental review continuous improvement effort. More information about the meeting, including the meeting packet and Webex link, can be found on the board meeting [webpage](#).

### Draft Minnesota pollinator action framework open for public feedback

The first [draft of the Minnesota pollinator action framework](#) was released on December 1, 2022. We opened a second round of public engagement to gather feedback on the action framework. Visit our [online platform](#) to share your feedback and ideas to help pollinators. The platform will be open until Wednesday, March 15.



## **Catherine Neuschler named executive director of the Environmental Quality Board**

Catherine Neuschler will serve as the new executive director of the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board as of March 22. Neuschler has worked for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for more than 15 years, with the last 10 years spent in management and supervisory roles. She brings experience in both air and water quality issues, along with a strong background in program development and rulemaking. She holds a master's degree in Public Affairs from the O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University, and a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Environmental Studies from Macalester College.

## **Updated Commercial Solar Siting Guidance is available!**

The Department of Natural Resources Commercial Solar Siting Guidance provides a current and comprehensive guide to avoiding and minimizing natural resources impacts during solar development. This guidance is intended to aid developers of utility-scale solar, as well as community solar projects, regarding project siting, construction, and operations. You can find more information [here](#).

## 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](#).

#### **Kinseth Hotel Corp. Project**

**Location:** Duluth, St. Louis County

**Process:** Petition

**Step:** Responsible governmental unit assigned

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** City of Duluth, [Chris Lee](#), 218-730-5580

## **Reuter Walton 1136/1160 Project**

**Location:** City of Maplewood, Ramsey County

**Process:** Petition

**Step:** Responsible governmental unit re-noticed with additional information. A timeline for the decision on this petition begins with this notice.

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** City of Maplewood, [Melinda Coleman](#), 651-249-2055

## **Heartland Corn Products Protein Facility Expansion Project**

**Location:** Winthrop, Sibley County

**Process:** Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW)

**Step:** EAW available

**End of comment period:** April 13, 2023

**Project description:** Heartland Corn Products, Inc., an ethanol production facility at 53331 Highway 19 East, Winthrop, Minnesota, proposes to expand their current operations by constructing: 1) a new High Protein Production Unit and its associated equipment to increase production capacity, and 2) an additional rail siding to increase shipping capacity. HCP proposes to increase its currently permitted ethanol production capacity from 155 million gallons per year (MMgpy) to 25 MMgpy, for a total capacity of 180 MMgpy.

**Link to public documents:** [Heartland Corn Products Protein Facility Expansion Project EAW](#)

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

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, [Karen Kromar](#), 651-757-2508

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