

EQB Monitor

EQB announcements and environmental review notices

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EQB announcements

Climate Change and Environmental Review Speaker Series

Throughout the Climate Change and Environmental Review Pilot Program, EQB will host a monthly Speaker Series open to anyone that will feature presentations by technical experts about incorporating [climate information](#) into Environmental Assessment Worksheets.

Get to know the MnDOT MICE GHG Calculator

March 24th, 2022

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Join the Minnesota Department of Transportation for overview and demonstration of the Minnesota Infrastructure Carbon Estimator (MICE) tool used to provide calculations for both operations and construction emissions for transportation projects.

[Join us using Webex](#)

Registration open for participation in Climate Change and Environmental Review Pilot Program

EQB is seeking local responsible governmental units (RGUs) and consultants interested in participating in a pilot program that will assess the efficiency and effectiveness of climate information by testing a draft revised Environmental Assessment Worksheet. Participants will benefit from shared learning as well as training provided by technical experts. Registration is open to all RGUs and consultants, regardless of whether you are actively reviewing a project. This cohort-based program will begin in early 2022. [Register now!](#)

If you are not eligible to register, but would like to receive updates about the Pilot Program, please [sign-up here](#).

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](#).

Proposed W. Lorentz Construction Sioux Quartzite Quarry Project

Location: Amboy Township, Cottonwood County

Process: Citizen Petition

Step: Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) Assigned

RGU and Contact: Pollution Control Agency, [Charles Peterson](#), 651-757-2856

Heartland Colony Section 3

Location: Fountain Prairie Township, Pipestone County

Process: Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)

Step: EAW Available

End of Comment Period: April 21, 2022

Project Description: Heartland Hutterian Brethren, Inc. proposes to construct and operate a new 9,600 head (2,880 AU) feedlot consisting of two total confinement swine finishing barns in Section 3, Fountain Prairie Township, Pipestone County. The fully constructed facility will consist of two below ground concrete liquid manure storage pits, one stormwater infiltration basin, and an attached office and load out area.

Link to Public Documents: [Heartland Colony Section 3 EAW](#)

Location of Public Documents: Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, MN 55155

RGU and Contact: Pollution Control Agency, [Kirsten Barta](#), 651-757-2827

Shorewood Excelsior Lift Station L20

Location: Shorewood and Excelsior, Hennepin County

Process: EAW

Step: Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Need Decision

RGU Decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Record of Decision Date: March 9, 2022

Link to Public Documents: [Shorewood Excelsior Lift Station L20 EIS Need Decision](#)

Location of Public Documents: Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, MN 55155

RGU and Contact: Pollution Control Agency, [Kim Grosenheider](#), 651-757-2170

Frontier Project

Location: Cohasset, Itasca County

Process: EAW

Step: EIS Need Decision

RGU Decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Record of Decision Date: March 9, 2022

Link to Public Documents: No link to documents provided. See RGU contact information below.

Location of Public Documents: Cohasset City Hall, 305 Northwest 1st Avenue, Cohasset MN 55721

RGU and Contact: City of Cohasset, [Max Peters](#), 218-328-6225

Cates Industrial Park

Location: Medina, Hennepin County

Process: EAW

Step: EIS Need Decision

RGU Decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Record of Decision Date: March 1, 2022

Link to Public Documents: [Cates Industrial Park EIS Need Decision](#)

Location of Public Documents: Medina City Hall, 2052 County Road 24, Medina, MN 55340

RGU and Contact: City of Medina, [Dusty Finke](#), 763-473-8846

Starbuck Marina Project

Location: Starbuck, Pope County

Process: EAW

Step: EIS Need Decision

RGU Decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Record of Decision Date: March 14, 2022

Link to Public Documents: No link to documents provided. See RGU contact information below.

Location of Public Documents: Starbuck City Hall, 307 East 5th Street, Starbuck, MN 56381

RGU and Contact: City of Starbuck, [Joan Kerkvliet](#), 320-239-2525

City of Elko New Market

Location: Elko New Market, Scott County

Process: Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR)

Step: AUAR Update Adoption

RGU Decision: Adequate

Record of Decision Date: March 10, 2022

Link to Public Documents: No link to documents provided. See RGU contact information below.

Location of Public Documents: Hennepin County Library - Minneapolis Central Government Documents - 2nd Floor, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 54401-1992

RGU and Contact: City of Elko New Market, [Tom Terry](#), 952-461-2782

Hayward Solar Project

Location: Hayward Township, Freeborn County

Process: Alternative Review

End of Comment Period: April 15, 2022

Notice Title: Notice of Environmental Assessment Availability, Public Hearings and Comment Period

Notice Description: Please take notice that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission will hold a remote-access public hearing and an in-person public hearing and on the applications of Hayward Solar LLC, for a certificate of need and a site permit for an up-to 150 megawatt, solar energy generating facility in Hayward Township in Freeborn County. Written comments will be received through Friday, April 15, 2022, at 4:30 PM. Please focus your comments on information that will help answer the following questions: Is the proposed project needed and in the public interest? What are the potential human and environmental impacts of the project, and how can these impacts be addressed in the site permit? Should the Commission issue a certificate of need for

the proposed solar energy system? Should the Commission grant a site permit for the proposed solar energy system? If granted, what additional conditions or requirements should be included?

Project Description: The Hayward Solar Project would generate up-to 150 megawatts of solar energy within an approximately 1,970-acre project area located east of the city of Hayward and south of Interstate 90. Solar equipment and supporting infrastructure are expected to occupy about 1,270 acres within this area. The proposed project would use photovoltaic solar panels, mounted on linear tracking systems. Underground collection lines would route the electric power to a proposed switching station on the existing Hayward-Murphy Creek 161-kilovolt HVTL. The switching station would be constructed, owned, and operated by the Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency. Hayward Solar, LLC anticipates the proposed project become operational in 2023.

Link to Public Documents: [Hayward Solar Project Alternative Review](#)

Location of Public Documents: Albert Lea Public Library, 211 East Clark Street, Albert Lea, MN 56007

First Public Meeting Date, Time, Location: March 28, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Virtual (online)

First Public Meeting Virtual Link: <https://minnesota.webex.com>

First Public Meeting Additional Details: See Hearing Notice at:

<https://mn.gov/eera/web/project-file/12181>. The virtual public hearing can be accessed by Telephone: 1-855-282-6330, or by web at <https://minnesota.webex.com/>. The event password, if needed is XXkEb2jpd53, and the event number and access code are 2499 498 5952.

Second Public Meeting Date, Time, Location: March 29, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Wedgewood Cove Golf Club, 2200 West 9th Street, Albert Lea, MN 56007

Second Public Meeting Additional Details: See Hearing Notice at:

<https://mn.gov/eera/web/project-file/12181>. Link to Google Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/JGf3j2Nvi9yVzdQg7>

RGU and Contact: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, [Michael Kaluzniak](#), 651-201-2257

Submit an environmental review notice to the *Monitor*

The *EQB Monitor* is published every Tuesday at 12:00 pm. Submissions to the [EQB Monitor](#) are due by 4:00 pm on the Tuesday one week prior to the intended publication date. Please see the [EQB Monitor schedule](#) for more details.

To submit a notice for publication:

[Use the EQB Monitor submission form](#)

Questions? Contact EQB by phone at 651-757-2873 or email us at EQB.Monitor@state.mn.us.

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