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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](#).

Luke and Melissa Stevens Swine Facility

Location: Hazel Run, Yellow Medicine County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW)

Step: EAW available

End of comment period: April 27, 2023

Project description: Luke and Melissa Stevens are proposing a swine facility to house 4,800 heads of grow-finish or wean-to-finish swine in Yellow Medicine County. The swine will be housed in one total confinement barn with an eight-foot-deep reinforced concrete pit under the slatted barn floor to store liquid manure. Three stormwater

basins will be constructed, and a new water supply well will be drilled northeast of the proposed barn to provide water to the facility.

Link to public documents: [Luke and Melissa Stevens Swine Facility 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, [Megen Kabele](#), 651-757-2044

Windsong Farm Golf Club North Course

Location: Independence, Hennepin County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet

Step: Environmental impact statement (EIS) need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Responsible governmental unit decision date: March 7, 2023

Link to public documents: [Windsong Farm Golf Club North Course EIS need decision](#)

Location of public documents: Independence City Hall, 1920 County Road 90, Independence, MN 55359

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Independence, [Mark Kaltsas](#), 612-567-8786

Xcel Energy / City of Becker Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR)

Location: Becker, Sherburne County

Process: Alternative urban areawide review (AUAR)

Step: AUAR adoption

Responsible governmental unit decision: Adequate

Responsible governmental unit decision date: March 7, 2023

Link to public documents: [Xcel Energy / City of Becker Alternative Urban Areawide Review AUAR adoption](#)

Location of public documents: City of Becker City Hall, 12060 Sherburne Ave SE, Becker, MN 55308

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Becker, [Jacob Sanders](#), 763-200-4242

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

Notice Description: Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 23-NO-09. Notification is for genetically modified CORN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in Application AUTH – 0000234082. The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-2 sites with a total of 63 acres, Faribault-2 sites with a total of 30 acres, Fillmore-5 sites with a total of 110 acres, Goodhue-1 site with 15 acres, Sibley-1 site with 25 acres, Waseca-2 sites with a total of 65 acres. Project categories include FR (Fungal Resistance), HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), OO (Other), and PQ (Product Quality).

Contact: [Denise Thiede](#), Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-402-3149

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

Notice Description: Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 23-NO-10. Notification is for genetically modified CORN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in Application AUTH – 0000234095. The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-2 sites with a total of 63 acres, Faribault-2 sites with a total of 30 acres, Fillmore-5 sites with a total of 110 acres, Goodhue-1 site with 15 acres, Sibley-1 site with 25 acres, Waseca-2 sites with a total of 65 acres. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Performance), BR (Bacterial Resistance), FR (Fungal Resistance), HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), OO (Other), PQ (Product Quality), and VR (Viral Resistance).

Contact: [Denise Thiede](#), Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-402-3149

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

Notice Description: KWS Seeds LLC filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 23-NO-11. Notification is for genetically modified CORN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in the following permit identified as AUTH - 0000236244. The counties identified for release include the following: Dakota-2 sites with 10 and 20 acres, respectively, Goodhue- 2 sites with 10 acres per site. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Performance, FR (Fungal Resistance), HR (Herbicide Resistance), and IR (Insect Resistance).

Contact: [Denise Thiede](#), Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-402-3149

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

Notice Description: KWS Seeds LLC filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 23-NO-12. Notification is for genetically modified WHEAT, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in the following permit identified as AUTH - 0000236420. The counties identified for release include the following: Clay -1 site with 10 acres, Dakota-1 site with 10 acres. Project categories include FR (Fungal Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), and OO (Other).

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

Notice Description: BioGemma USA Corp filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 23-NO-13. Notification is for genetically modified WHEAT, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in the following permit identified as AUTH - 0000239902. The counties identified for release include the following: Benton-1 site with 2 acres, Swift-2 sites with a total of 4 acres. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Performance), FR (Fungal Resistance), HR (Herbicide Resistance), and VR (Viral Resistance).

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

Notice Description: Bayer Crop Science filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 23-NO-14. Notification is for genetically modified CANOLA, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in Application AUTH - 0000234101. The counties identified for release include the following: Benton-3 sites with 20 acres per site, Freeborn-1 site with 20 acres. Project categories include Herbicide Resistance (HR).

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