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EQB Announcements

EQB is seeking your input on draft recommendations

Please select the method that works best for the type of feedback you would like to provide.

Submit written feedback: Deadline extended! Comments will be accepted through April 9. Written feedback creates the opportunity for you to express any thoughts you have on the proposed changes; without constraints.

- Email to: Env.Review@state.mn.us
- Mail to: EQB, 520 Lafayette Road N, St. Paul, MN 55155

Surveys Available Now!

Please complete by April 9. The survey provides an opportunity to share your reflections on the proposed changes more quickly. The survey is available using this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ERIS>. This survey should take fewer than 10 minutes.

For information about the proposed [changes](#), please visit [Climate Change and Environmental Review](#).



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Environmental Assessment Worksheet

Grace Dairy, Chippewa County

Comment Deadline: April 29, 2021

Project Description: Riverview, LLP proposes to build a 10,500 head Jersey dairy feedlot in Section 23, Grace Township, Chippewa County. Cows will be housed in a cross-ventilated, total confinement, free-stall barn. Clay-lined basins with impermeable covers will collect and store manure and wastewater. Liquid manure will be transferred to area farmers for use as fertilizer on cropland.

Link to Document: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/projects-under-mpca-review>

RGU: Pollution Control Agency

RGU Contact: Jenna Ness, jenna.ness@state.mn.us, 651-757-2276

Environmental Impact Statement Need Decision

The noted responsible governmental unit has determined the following project does not require preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement.

Voyageur Country ATV System

Decision: Negative, March 18, 2021

Link to Document: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/voyageur-country-atv/index.html>

RGU: Department of Natural Resources

RGU Contact: Cynthia Novak-Krebs, cynthia.novak-krebs@state.mn.us, 651-259-5115

General Notice

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

KWS Seeds, LLC filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # **21-NO-16**. Notification is for genetically modified **CORN**, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in Application **AUTH - 0000113510**. The counties identified for release include the following: **Dakota-3 locations with 10, 10, and 20 acres, respectively; and Goodhue-2 locations with 10 acres/location**. Project categories include **AP (Agronomic Performance)** and **FR (Fungal Resistance)**.

Bayer Research and Development Services LLC filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # **21-NO-17**. Notification is for genetically modified **OSR-CANOLA**, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in Application **20-336-102rm**. The counties identified for release include the following: **Freeborn-1 location with 20 acres**. Project categories include **HT (Herbicide Tolerance)**.

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

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