

EQB Monitor

EQB announcements and environmental review notices

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EQB announcements

Climate Action Framework

community
conversation

Join online:
Wednesday, March 16
1-3 p.m.

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A joint meeting of the Climate Change Subcabinet and Environmental Quality Board

Join EQB at the Climate Action Framework Community Conversation

Wednesday, March 16 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. | [Join the meeting](#)

You're invited to join Minnesota's [Climate Change Subcabinet](#) and Environmental Quality Board for a discussion on our climate future. This two-hour virtual event will highlight the basics of Minnesota's draft [Climate Action Framework](#) with time for discussion and feedback from participants.

Have questions for our panelists? Follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), or [LinkedIn](#) and send us a message with a question you'd like to discuss.

[View the event program](#)

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 Gun Lake Family Campground

Location: Fleming Township, Aitkin County

Process: Citizen Petition

Step: Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) Need Decision

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) Decision: Negative (no EAW ordered)

Record of Decision Date: March 1, 2022

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

RGU and Contact: Aitkin County, [Andrew Carlstrom](#), 218-927-7342

Hengel Gravel Pit (Holmberg Pit - May Township)

Location: May Township, Cass County

Process: EAW

Step: EAW Available

End of Comment Period: April 7, 2022

Project Description: Hengel Ready Mix and Construction, Inc. is proposing to expand their May Township Gravel Pit located 12 miles northwest of their primary facility between Baxter and Pillager, MN. The expansion includes 80 acres directly south of the existing pit and will be used for aggregate production (excavation and crushing activities only).

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

Location of Public Documents: Cass County Court House - ESD Department, 303 Minnesota Avenue, Walker MN 56484

RGU and Contact: Cass County, [Jeff Woodford](#), 218-547-7428

CSAH 35 Improvements

Location: Sverdrup Township, Otter Tail County

Process: EAW

Step: EAW Available

End of Comment Period: April 7, 2022

Project Description: Otter Tail County proposes to reconstruct approximately 3.14 miles of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 35 between CSAH 18 and CSAH 1. The roadway will be reconstructed from two 11-foot lanes and 1.5-foot gravel shoulders to 12-foot lanes, 4-foot paved shoulders, and 1.5-foot gravel shoulders. Road inslopes will also be corrected along the length of the project. Near the south end of the project, the road will be raised approximately 2.0-feet to alleviate flooding issues. Right-turn lanes will also be added at CSAH 18 and CSAH 1.

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

Location of Public Documents: Otter Tail County South Court Building, 505 S Court St, Fergus Falls, MN 56537

RGU and Contact: Otter Tail County, [Charles Grotte](#), 218-998-8470

Knife River Honer Aggregate Mine

Location: Saint Augusta, Stearns County

Process: EAW

Step: EAW Available

End of Comment Period: April 7, 2022

Project Description: Knife River is proposing to construct a 66.5-acre nonmetallic mineral mine, producing construction sand and gravel, located in the City of Saint Augusta, Stearns County. This project will take place on three parcels totaling 161 acres, with mining limited to the 66.5-acre area. The proposed Mining Area currently is tilled agricultural fields and some wooded area. Access to the Mining Area will be off of 28th Avenue, south of where it intersects with CR-7. This project will provide aggregate materials for use in local construction projects both public and private. No permanent structures are proposed.

Link to Public Documents: [Knife River Honer Aggregate Mine EAW](#)

Location of Public Documents: Saint Augusta City Hall, 1914 250th Street, Saint Augusta, MN 56301

RGU and Contact: City of Saint Augusta, [Bill McCabe](#), 320-654-0387

324 and 332 Broadway Avenue Building Demolition

Location: Albert Lea, Freeborn County

Process: EAW

Step: EAW Available

End of Comment Period: April 7, 2022

Project Description: The City of Albert Lea is proposing the demolition of two buildings, located downtown at 324 and 332 Broadway Avenue. These buildings are owned by the City, and are currently vacant, but are located within the National Register of Historic Places listed Albert Lea Commercial Historic District. The structures are structurally deficient, unsafe, and uninhabitable.

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

Location of Public Documents: Albert Lea City Hall, 221 East Clark Street, Albert Lea, MN 56007

RGU and Contact: City of Albert Lea, [Ian Rigg](#), 507-377-4330

General Notice

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: KWS Seeds, LLC filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 22-NO-05. Notification is for genetically modified SUGARBEET, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in Application AUTH - 0000205384. The counties identified for release include the following: Carver-3 sites with 10 acres/site, Clay-4 sites with 10 acres/site, Dakota-2 sites with 10 acres/site, Goodhue-2 sites with 10 acres/site and Scott-1 site with 10 acres. Project categories include PQ (Product Quality) and MG (Marker Genes). For additional information contact Denise Thiede.

Contact: [Denise Thiede](#), Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531

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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