

# EQB Monitor

Weekly announcements and environmental review notices

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## Announcements

### Environmental Quality Board meeting

**Wednesday, May 17, 1 – 4 p.m.**

Join us in person or virtually for the May, 2023 Environmental Quality Board meeting. At this meeting, the board will hear a Genetically Engineered Organism update. The board will also hear a process update regarding the environmental review continuous improvement effort. More information about the meeting, including the meeting packet and virtual meeting information, can be found on the board meeting [webpage](#).

### Changes coming for *EQB Monitor* submissions starting May 17

The Environmental Quality Board will launch a new *EQB Monitor* submission service in May. The new service replaces the existing submission process and implements a more efficient, automated way for governmental units and their consultants to submit required environmental review and general notices for publication. Please check the *EQB Monitor* [webpage](#) for additional updates and guidance for accessing the updated service. EQB will provide resources and assistance to assist in transitioning to the new service.



## 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:** Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW) need decision

**Responsible governmental unit decision:** Negative (no EAW ordered). The RGU originally noticed a positive decision on the need for an EAW on April 25<sup>th</sup>. As indicated by the City of Duluth, the decision was reversed by way of a City of Duluth administrative appeal.

**Responsible governmental unit decision date:** May 11, 2023

**Link to public documents:** No link to documents provided. See responsible governmental unit contact information below.

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** City of Duluth, [Adam Fulton](#), 218-730-5325

## Mineral Springs Development

**Location:** Owatonna, Steele County

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

**Step:** EAW available

**End of comment period:** June 15, 2023

**Project description:** HAS Capital Advisors, LLC is proposing to construct a residential development on 82.7 acres in Owatonna, MN. The Project includes 324 residential units: 162 single-family detached, 24 single-family attached, 66 townhouses and 72 multi-family. Construction will also include internal roadways, stormwater infrastructure, and utilities.

**Link to public documents:** [Mineral Springs Development EAW](#)

**Location of public documents:** Owatonna Public Library, 105 N Elm Ave, Owatonna, MN 55060

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** City of Owatonna, [Greg Kruschke](#), 507-774-7317

## Ferndale Bluff Residential

**Location:** Wayzata, 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:** April 18, 2023

**Link to public documents:** [Ferndale Bluff EIS need decision](#)

**Location of public documents:** City of Wayzata, 600 Rice Street, Wayzata, MN 55371

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** City of Wayzata, [Emily Goellner](#), 952-404-5312

## Hwy 252/I-94 Project

\*This project notice was previously published in the March 21, 2023 *EQB Monitor* with the end of comment period listed as May 19. The comment period has been extended per the below.

**Location:** Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center, Minneapolis, Hennepin County

**Process:** Environmental impact statement (EIS)

**Step:** EIS scoping environmental assessment worksheet (EAW) and draft scoping decision

**End of comment period:** May 26, 2023

**Joint federal and state review:** Yes

**Project description:** MnDOT, in coordination with FHWA, is providing notice of the Scoping Document and Draft Scoping Decision Document (SD/DSDD) for the Hwy 252/I-94 Project (SP 2748-65). The purpose of the Hwy 252/I-94 Project is to improve the safe and reliable movement of people and goods across multiple modes on and across Hwy 252 and I-94 between Hwy 610 in Brooklyn Park and North 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Minneapolis. The SD/DSDD summarizes public engagement activities completed to-date; describes alternatives studied in scoping; identifies a set of proposed alternatives that will be further evaluated in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); and identifies social, economic, and environmental issues that will be evaluated in the EIS.

Public comments on the Hwy 252/I-94 SD/DSDD can be submitted via:

Email: [Hwy252and94.DOT@state.mn.us](mailto:Hwy252and94.DOT@state.mn.us);

Voicemail: 612-441-1928;

Online: <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy252study/contacts.html>; or

Mail: Andrew Lutaya, Project Manager, Minnesota Department of Transportation, 1500 West County Road B2, Roseville, MN 55113

**Link to public documents:** [Hwy 252/I-94 Project EIS scoping EAW and draft scoping decision](#)

**Location of public documents:** MnDOT Metro District, 1500 West County Road B2, Roseville, MN 55113

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** Minnesota Department of Transportation, [Andrew Lutaya](#), 651-775-0855

## Hermantown Business Park

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

**Process:** Alternative urban areawide review (AUAR)

**Step:** Draft order for review

**End of comment period:** June 15, 2023

**Project description:** The proposed maximum development scenario would construct a business park consisting of buildings with a combined area of up to 942,000 square feet. Project components include construction of commercial, warehouse/office buildings, parking areas, access roads, sanitary sewer and potable water services, and stormwater management ponds. Portions of the AUAR Study Area are currently used for light industrial, storage, and open space.

**Link to public documents:** [Hermantown Business Park project scoping](#)

**Location of public documents:** Hermantown City Hall, 5105 Maple Grove Road, Hermantown, MN 55811

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** City of Hermantown, [Eric Johnson](#), 218-729-3618

## Highland Bridge AUAR Update

**Location:** Saint Paul, Ramsey County

**Process:** Alternative urban areawide review (AUAR) update

**Step:** AUAR update available

**End of comment period:** May 31, 2023

**Project description:** The City of Saint Paul has determined that an Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) Update is required for Highland Bridge (formally referred to as the Ford Site). The AUAR study area encompasses four parcels totaling approximately 139 acres in Saint Paul, Minnesota. The University of Saint Thomas, in cooperation with Ryan Companies US, Inc., is proposing to develop a portion of the study area south of Montreal Avenue into new ballfield facilities.

**Link to public documents:** [Highland Bridge AUAR update](#)

**Location of public documents:** Saint Paul City Hall, City Hall Annex 25, West 4th Street, Suite 1300, Saint Paul, MN 55102

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** City of Saint Paul, [Spencer Miller-Johnson](#), 651-266-6093

## 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-21. Notification is for genetically modified SOYBEAN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in Application AUTH-0000237712. The counties identified for release include the following: Freeborn – 1 site with 5 acres; Swift – 1 site with 10 acres. Project categories include HR (Herbicide Resistance), IR (Insect Resistance), OO (Other), and MG (Marker Gene).

**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:** University of Minnesota filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 23-NO-22. Notification is for genetically modified Soybean, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in Application AUTH-0000239995. The county identified for release is Ramsey – 1 site with 0.4 acres. Project categories include MG (Marker Gene), AP (Agronomic Performance), PQ (Product Quality), OO (Other).

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

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