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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](#).

Chisago County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 17 (Athens Trail) Easterly Extension Project

Location: Lent Township, Chisago 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 21, 2023

Link to public documents: [Chisago County State Aid Highway \(CSAH\) 17 \(Athens Trail\) Easterly Extension Project EIS need decision](#)

Location of public documents: Chisago County Public Works – Highway Department, 31325 Oasis Road, Center City, MN 55012

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Chisago County, [Joe Triplett](#), 651-213-8700

Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Organics Recycling Facility

*This project notice was published in the April 25 *EQB Monitor*, however the location of public documents was incorrect. The correct location is listed below.

Location: Prior Lake, Scott 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: [Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Organics Recycling Facility EIS need decision](#)

Location of public documents: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, MN 55155

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, [Karen Kromar](#), 651-757-2508

Montrose AUAR Update

Location: Montrose, Wright County

Process: Alternative urban areawide review (AUAR) update

Step: AUAR update available

End of comment period: May 16, 2023

Project description: The Montrose AUAR study area consists of approximately 5,300 developable acres surrounding the City of Montrose. It is proposed to include low, medium, and high-density residential, industrial, and commercial development. The project includes construction of roads, homes, businesses, trails, parks, ponds, and utilities such as storm water, wastewater, and water supply piping. This AUAR also analyzes the impacts of approximately 1,700 acres of development that exists or is in a various stage of approval and 100 acres of railroad right-of-way, for a total analysis area of approximately 7,100 acres. Pursuant to Minnesota Rules, part 4410.3610, subpart 7, regardless of any significant changes an AUAR and plan for mitigation must be revised every five years until all development in the study area has received final approval. This report serves as an update to the previous AUAR Update, which was published in 2018.

Link to public documents: [Montrose AUAR update](#)

Location of public documents: City of Montrose City Hall, 311 Buffalo Avenue South, Montrose, MN 55363

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Montrose, [Jessica Bonniwell](#), 763-575-7425

Lake Wilson Solar Energy Center

Location: Leeds and Chanarambie Townships, Murray County

Process: Alternative review

End of comment period: May 25, 2023

Notice title: Lake Wilson Solar Energy Center-Notice of Public Meetings

Notice description: The Public Utilities Commission and Department of Commerce are holding public information and environmental assessment scoping meetings on the certificate of need and site permit applications for the proposed Lake Wilson Solar Energy Center project. Both meetings start at 6 PM: the in-person meeting on May 10th at the Murray County Government Center Courts Building and the virtual meeting on May 11th via Webex (see below). Commerce is seeking comments for scoping considerations in the Environmental Assessment through May 25, 2023.

Project description: Lake Wilson Solar submitted applications to the Public Utilities Commission for a certificate of need and a site permit to construct an up to 150-megawatt solar farm with associated battery storage in Chanarambie and Leeds Townships, Murray County, Minnesota. The Public Utilities Commission and Department of Commerce are holding public information and environmental assessment scoping meetings for the proposed project.

Link to public documents: [Lake Wilson Solar Energy Center documents](#)

Location of public documents: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101

First public meeting date, time, location: May 10, 2023, 6 p.m., Murray County Government Center Courts Building, 2848 Broadway Avenue, Slayton, MN 56172

First public meeting additional details:

Link to Google Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/bHT3DCU3aMW4KZti6>

To find out if a meeting is canceled due to bad weather or other call 1-855-731-6208 or 651-201-2213 or visit mn.gov/puc

Second public meeting date, time, location: May 11, 2023, 6 p.m., virtual meeting

Second public meeting virtual link: [Join online meeting](#)

Second public meeting additional details: Webinar Number: 2492 058 5171 Webinar Password: 8wCvA3yXZX3 (89282399 from phones) Join by Phone: 1-855-282-6330 Toll Free Access Code: 2492 058 5171. If you are joining the meeting by WebEx and would like to ask a question or make a comment during the designated portion of the meeting, use the chat function to send a message to the meeting moderator. If you are joining the meeting by phone, press *3 on your phone. When it is your turn to speak your line will be unmuted and you will be able to ask questions and provide comments. Additional

information and instructions are available at:

<https://mn.gov/puc/activities/meetings/webex/>

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Minnesota Department of Commerce,
[Jenna Ness](#), 651-539-1693

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