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EQB Announcements

Climate and Environmental Review

A survey consisting of eight questions about proposed changes to integrate climate change into the Environmental Review Program was available from March 23 through April 9, 2021. A [summary memo and survey data](#) are now posted. Summaries of feedback from the open comment period, interviews and listening sessions will be also be posted soon on the project [webpage](#).



To receive notices when feedback summaries are posted, [Sign up](#) for the Climate Change and Environmental Review email list.



Apply now to be an Environmental Quality Board member

The application is open for a Public Board Member position representing Minnesota's Congressional District 6. This district spans parts of Benton, Carver, Sherburne, Stearns, Wright, Anoka and Washington counties, including cities such as Saint Cloud, Big Lake, Hugo, and Waconia.

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Environmental Assessment Worksheet

Drayton Dam Fish Passage Mitigation Project: Pembina County, North Dakota, and Kittson County, Minnesota

Comment Deadline: June 3, 2021

Project Description: The Flood Diversion Board of Authority proposes to replace the existing Drayton Dam in Pembina County, ND and Kittson County, MN, with a rock ramp dam that would provide biotic connectivity as a mitigation measure for impacts resulting from the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area Flood Risk Management Project. The proposed Drayton Dam Fish Passage Mitigation Project would extend the impact area 300 feet upstream from the existing dam, providing an incremental slope with a deeper flow down the middle to allow for fish passage while maintaining upstream water elevations.

Link to Document: No link provided. See RGU contact information below.

RGU: Moorhead-Clay County Joint Power Authority

RGU Contact: Stephen Larson, 218-299-5002, steve.larson@co.clay.mn.us

Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental units have determined the following projects do not require preparation of Environmental Impact Statements (EISs).

Seven Acres Development

Decision: Negative, April 19, 2021

Link to Document: No link provided. See RGU contact information below.

RGU: City of Prior Lake

RGU Contact: Nick Monserud, 952-447-9896, nmonserud@priorlakemn.gov

Lakeshore Park Residential Development

Decision: Negative, April 13, 2021

Link to Document: No link provided. See RGU contact information below.

RGU: City of St. Michael

RGU Contact: Marc Weigle, 763-416-7932, mweigle@ci.st-michael.mn.us

General Notices

Notifications 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-27**. Notification is for genetically modified **SUGARBEET**, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in Application **AUTH - 0000114331**. The counties identified for release include the following: **Scott-1 location with 10 acres**. Project categories include **HR (Herbicide Resistance) and PQ (Product Quality)**.

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # **21-NO-28**. Notification is for genetically modified **CORN**, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in Application **21-071-102rm**. The counties identified for release include the following: **Freeborn-1 location with 15 acres**. Project categories include **AP(Agronomic Performance), HT(Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG(Marker Gene), and OO(Other)**.

University of Minnesota filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # **21-NO-29**. Notification is for genetically modified **CORN**, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in Application **21-091-103n**. The counties identified for release include the following: **Ramsey-1 location with 0.5 acres**. Project categories include **HT(Herbicide Tolerance), MG(Marker Gene), and OO(Other)**.

University of Minnesota filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # **21-NO-30**. Notification is for genetically modified **WHEAT**, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in Application **21-073-101r**. The counties identified for release include the following: **Dakota-1 location with less than 1.5 acres**. Project categories include **FR(Fungal Resistance)**.

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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