

2009 Amendments to Environmental Review Rules Now in Effect. Amendments to the Environmental Review program rules (chapter 4410) went into effect as of November 23, 2009. (These amendments were sometimes referred to as the “Phase 2” amendments.) Major revisions include: new mandatory categories for certain types of projects within shoreland areas; new requirements relating to consideration of cumulative potential effects; and addition of new procedures within the Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) process. The amended rules are posted at the website of the Revisor of Statutes: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=4410>. The EQB staff is preparing a new edition of the guidance document *Guide to MN Environmental Review Rules* to reflect the recent rule amendments.

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