

EQB Monitor

Weekly announcements and environmental review notices

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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](#).

Minnesota Paving and Materials Project

Location: Comfrey, Cottonwood County

Process: Petition

Step: EAW need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: EAW Required

Responsible governmental unit decision date: November 21, 2023

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Cottonwood County, [Alex Schultz](#), 507-832-8287

[Blue Earth County Public Works Facility](#)

Location (city/township; county): Mankato; Blue Earth

Process: EAW

Step: EAW available

End of comment period: December 28, 2023

Project description: Blue Earth County Public Works is proposing to build a new 90,780 square foot facility with a planned 6,100 square foot mezzanine and 43,340 square feet of ancillary buildings in Mankato Township, Blue Earth County. The new facility would replace the current deteriorated and undersized facility which is used for highway engineering and maintenance administration, operations, and storage of maintenance equipment.

Location of public documents: Blue Earth County Public Library, 100 E Main St, Mankato, MN 56001

Public meeting date, time, location: December 21, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Mankato Township Hall, 788 South Victory Drive, Mankato, MN 56001

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Mankato Township, [Dan Fogal](#), 507-317-4955

Wealthwood RV Resort - Front Nine Phase Two

Location (city/township; county): Wealthwood; Aitkin

Process: EAW

Step: EIS need decision

Joint federal and state review: Yes

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (EIS not ordered)

Responsible governmental unit record of decision date: November 17, 2023

Project description: Dougherty Properties LLC is seeking approval for the installation of an additional 88 full hookup RV sites on a portion of the Wealthwood RV Resort property that was previously the front nine holes of the Wealthwood Estate Golf Course. Wealthwood RV Resort will manage and operate the additional RV lots.

Location of public documents: Aitkin County Planning & Zoning Department, 307 2nd St NW, Aitkin, MN 56431

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Aitkin County Environmental Services, [Andrew Carlstrom](#), 218-927-7342

General notices

Notices published in this section may be required under Minnesota Statute or Rule.

MN Public Utilities Commission - Power Plant Siting Act Annual Hearing 2023

Notice description: Under Minnesota Statute § 216E.07, the Commission is required to hold an annual public hearing to afford interested persons an opportunity to be heard regarding any matters relating to the siting of large electric generating power plants and routing of high-voltage transmission lines. The hearing will also cover and discuss the siting and routing of wind and pipeline projects under Minn. Stat. §§ 216F and 216G, respectively. The Notice for this hearing can be accessed at the MN PUC eDockets website at mn.gov/puc/edockets, then select Go to eDockets Project Database, enter the year (23) and the docket number (18), and select Search. The Notice will provide all information on attending or submitting comments. The hearing will be in person in the PUC Small Hearing Room and virtually through WebEx. Comments can be provided at the meeting or in writing using the Commissions eFiling system.

Public meeting date, time, location: December 20, 2023, 10:00 a.m., Minnesota Public Utilities Commission - Small Hearing Room, 121 7th Place East, Saint Paul, MN 55101

Public meeting virtual link:

<https://minnesota.webex.com/minnesota/j.php?MTID=mb98eacfb545560cbf31175d5768f6d91>

Link to additional information: [MN Public Utilities Commission - Power Plant Siting Act Annual Hearing 2023 additional information](#)

Contact: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, [Sam Lobby](#), 651-201-2205

Notice of Public Information and Environmental Assessment Scoping Meetings

Notice description: In the Matter of the Application for a Certificate of Need for the Big Stone South-Alexandria-Big Oaks Transmission Project and In the Matter of the Application for a Route Permit for the Alexandria to Big Oaks 345-kV Transmission Project in Central Minnesota; PUC Docket Numbers: CN-22-538 (Certificate of Need) and TL-23-159 (Route Permit). The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and Minnesota Department of Commerce will hold public information and environmental assessment scoping meetings on the applications of Xcel Energy, Great River Energy, Minnesota Power, Otter Tail Power Company, and Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (Applicants) for a certificate of need for the proposed Big Stone South-Alexandria-Big Oaks 345 kilovolt (kV) Transmission Project and a route permit for the Alexandria to Big Oaks 345 kV Transmission Project, the eastern segment of the Big Stone South-Alexandria-Big Oaks 345 kV Transmission Project.

First public meeting date, time, location: December 12, 2023, 10:00 a.m. (pre-meeting hour), 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (formal meeting); Broadway Ballroom, 115 30th Avenue E, Alexandria, MN 56308

Second public meeting date, time, location: December 12, 2023, 5:00 p.m. (pre-meeting hour), 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (formal meeting); Monticello Community Center, Mississippi Room, 505 Walnut Street, Monticello, MN 55362

Third public meeting date, time, location: December 13, 2023, 10:00 a.m. (pre-meeting hour), 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (formal meeting); Ortonville Community Center, 200 Monroe Avenue, Ortonville, MN 56278

Fourth public meeting date, time, location: December 13, 2023, 5:00 p.m. (pre-meeting hour), 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (formal meeting); Benson Northside Elementary, 1800 Nevada Avenue, Benson, MN 56215

Fifth public meeting date, time, location: December 14, 2023, 10:00 a.m. (pre-meeting hour), 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (formal meeting); College of St. Benedict, Gorecki Hall, Room 204, 37 College Avenue S, St. Joseph, MN 56374

Sixth public meeting date, time, location: December 14, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Online (Webex) Meeting

Sixth Public meeting virtual link: [Join online meeting](#)

Webinar Number: 2497 915 2538; Webinar Password: JkXxdtU2a43 (55993882 from phones); Join by Phone: 1-855-282-6330 Toll Free; Access Code: 249 791 52538

Link to additional information: [Notice of Public Information and Environmental Assessment Scoping Meetings additional information](#)

Contact: Public Utilities Commission, [Scott Ek](#), 651-539-1070

Fish kill reports

Minnesota Duty Officer reports pertaining to fish kills are summarized in the following table, in accordance with 103G.216, REPORTING FISH KILLS IN PUBLIC WATERS, Subd. 2 Reporting Requirement. These reports were received via the Minnesota Duty Officer prior to the submission deadline for this edition of the EQB Monitor. They represent the raw data/information provided by callers. For more information regarding fish kills in Minnesota see the [Department of Natural Resources](#). Call the Minnesota Duty Officer at 651-649-5451 or 800-422-0798 to report fish kills.

No fish kill reports were received since the last publication.

Submit a notice to the *EQB Monitor*

The *EQB Monitor* is a weekly publication announcing environmental review documents, public comment periods and other actions of the Environmental Quality Board. The *EQB Monitor* is published every Tuesday at noon. Submissions to the [EQB Monitor](#) are due by 4:00 p.m. 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:

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