

# EQB Monitor

Weekly announcements and environmental review notices

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## Announcements

### Environmental Quality Board meeting

**Wednesday, November 15, 1 – 4 p.m.**

Join us virtually for the November 2023 Environmental Quality Board meeting. At this meeting, the Board will participate in a facilitated discussion and workshop in support of the EQB's efforts to refresh and update the organization's strategic plan for the next five years.

More information about the meeting, including the meeting packet and virtual meeting information, can be found on the board meeting [webpage](#).



## 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](#).

### [Pine Bend Landfill Vertical Expansion](#)

\*This project notice was previously published in the October 31, 2023 *EQB Monitor*. The comment period has been extended per the below.

**Location (city/township; county):** Inver Grove Heights; Dakota

**Process:** EAW

**Step:** EAW available

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

**Project description:** BFI Waste Systems of North America, LLC. owns and operates the Pine Bend Landfill, a mixed municipal solid waste landfill in the City of Inver Grove Heights in Dakota County, Minnesota. BFI Waste Systems of North America, LLC. proposes to develop and permit an 85-foot vertical expansion over the existing Phase 5 and 6 areas of the landfill to increase the permitted design capacity by approximately 8,185,000 cubic yards.

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

**Public meeting date, time, location:** November 30, 2023, 5:30 p.m., Woodcrest Church, 525 Cliff Road, Eagan, MN 55123

**Public meeting additional details:** The meeting will start at 5:30pm with a 30 minute open-house to allow review of visual aids and printed materials. At 6pm, there will be a short presentation by the MPCA about the EAW and draft air permit, followed by a questions and answer session that will conclude at 7pm.

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, [Meghan Kabele](#), 651-757-2044

## **Haviland Fields**

**Location (city/township; county):** Ramsey; Anoka

**Process:** EAW

**Step:** EIS need decision

**Responsible governmental unit decision:** Negative (EIS not ordered)

**Responsible governmental unit record of decision date:** October 27, 2023

**Project description:** The Haviland Fields development is located on an approximately 35-acre site at 14501 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey MN. The proposed project will include 22 townhouse units and 3 multifamily residential buildings with 476 total units. The development will also include stormwater management areas and preserved green space.

**Link to public documents:** [Haviland Fields EIS need decision](#)

**Location of public documents:** Ramsey City Hall, 7550 Sunwood Dr. NW, Ramsey, MN 55303

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** City of Ramsey, [Todd Larson](#), 763-433-9821

## **Maranda Mine EAW**

**Location (city/township; county):** Belle Plaine; Scott

**Process:** EAW

**Step:** EIS need decision

**Responsible governmental unit decision:** Negative (EIS not ordered)

**Responsible governmental unit record of decision date:** October 31, 2023

**Project description:** Pentagon Materials seeks to expand the existing sand and gravel mine (Maranda Mine). Pentagon proposed to expand the existing mine limits by 62 acres, for a total mine area of 100 acres. The Maranda Mine is located on two parcels of property located in both Belle Plaine and St Lawrence Township, Scott County.

**Location of public documents:** Scott County Government Center, 200 Fourth Ave W, Shakopee, MN 55379

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** Scott County, [Kate Sedlacek](#), 952-496-8351

### **[Merriam Junction Trail Project State Project 070-090-003](#)**

**Location (city/township; county):** Shakopee; Carver, Scott

**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:** October 31, 2023

**Project description:** Scott County is proposing the Merriam Junction Trail Project (State Project (SP) 070-090-003), a multi-use bituminous trail that would utilize portions of the abandoned Union Pacific Railroad bed located between the Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail in the city of Carver (Carver County) to 145th St. W. in Scott County. The Project would include construction of one pedestrian bridge across the Minnesota River and three crossings over ravines. Other project elements include riverbank stabilization along portions of the Minnesota River. The EAW is presented on the Scott County website <https://www.scottcountymn.gov/2036/Merriam-Junction-Regional-Trail> and a paper copy is available at neighboring libraries.

**Link to public documents:** [Merriam Junction Trail Project State Project 070-090-003 EIS need decision](#)

**Location of public documents:** Scott County Government Center, 200 Fourth Ave W, Shakopee, MN 55379

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** Scott County, [Kate Sedlacek](#), 952-496-8351

## [Hwy 252/I-94 Project](#)

**Location (city/township; county):** Brooklyn Center; Hennepin

**Process:** EIS

**Step:** EIS preparation notice

**Project description:** The Hwy 252/I-94 Project consists of approximately 12 miles of Hwy 252 and I-94 in the cities of Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center, and Minneapolis in Hennepin County, Minnesota. 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. MnDOT is seeing a high number of crashes, traffic congestion, and barriers for pedestrians and bicyclists in the project study area. The project is being undertaken by MnDOT to address the transportation needs on Hwy 252 and I-94.

**Summary of scoping decision:** MnDOT is providing notice of the Final Scoping Decision Document and will prepare an EIS for the Hwy 252/I-94 Project. The EIS will describe the purpose and need for the project; describe the affected social, economic, and environmental resources and potential impacts; and identify reasonable mitigation measures. A No Build Alternative will be studied in the EIS. Build alternatives for Hwy 252 include a four-lane freeway with bus shoulders, a six-lane freeway with bus shoulders, and a six-lane freeway with managed lanes. Build alternatives for I-94 include converting lanes to managed lanes, constructing new lanes as managed lanes, and constructing a direct connection from I-94 to downtown Minneapolis. Additional build alternative features include interchange access combinations along Hwy 252; interchange configurations for Hwy 252 access locations; pedestrian and bicycle accommodations; and local and express bus service improvements.

**Link to public documents:** [Hwy 252/I-94 Project EIS preparation notice](#)

**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](#), 651-234-7563

## 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.**

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## 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:

[Access the EQB monitor submission service](#)

Questions? Contact EQB by phone at 651-757-2873 or email us at [EQB.Monitor@state.mn.us](mailto:EQB.Monitor@state.mn.us).

For more information on environmental review, please visit the EQB website or contact us at [env.review@state.mn.us](mailto:env.review@state.mn.us).



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