

EQB Monitor

Weekly announcements and environmental review notices

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EQB Announcements

Environmental Quality Board meeting

Wednesday, November 16, 2022 from 1 – 4 p.m.

We invite you to join the Environmental Quality Board for our Environmental Quality Board meeting. Please visit the [meeting webpage](#) to view the meeting packet, which including information about attending the meeting, accessibility, public comment, and meeting documents.

Just launched by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources!

The **Minnesota Conservation Explorer** is a tool to enhance the delivery of Minnesota's Natural Heritage Data and to automate the Natural Heritage Review process. This is a tool for the public to view and create maps of Natural Heritage Data for the purpose of conservation planning. Users can also submit a proposed project and request an automated assessment of potential impacts to Minnesota's rare features.



[Go to the Minnesota Conservation Explorer](#)

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](#).

Some governmental units are completing environmental review using the draft revised Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) form that includes information about greenhouse gases and climate change. These reviews are noted below with a star (*) in front of the project title.

***Dem-Con Landfill SW-290 Expansion**

Location: Louisville Township, Scott County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW)

Step: EAW available

End of comment period: December 15, 2022

Project description: The Dem-Con Landfill SW-290 is an existing Class III Demolition Landfill in Louisville Township, Scott County, Minnesota. Dem-Con Landfill, LLC is seeking a horizontal expansion onto 241 acres directly south of the existing landfill adding 36,247,942 cubic yards (cy) of airspace to the existing landfill for a total design capacity of 55,300,384 cy of airspace. The 241-acre expansion area is an active limestone quarry that is nearing completion and preparing for final reclamation activities and end use development.

Link to public documents: [Dem-Con Landfill SW-290 Expansion EAW](#)

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

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, [Charles Peterson](#), 651-757-2856

***Tenant Farmer's House Removal, Charles A. Lindbergh State Park**

Location: Little Falls, Morrison County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW)

Step: Environmental impact statement (EIS) need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Responsible governmental unit decision date: October 28, 2022

Link to public documents: [Tenant Farmer's House Removal, Charles A. Lindbergh State Park EIS need decision](#)

Location of public documents: Carnegie Library, Great River Regional Library System, 108 Northeast Third Street, Little Falls, MN 56345

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, [Kathy Metzker](#), 651-259-5694

Klein Nursery Development

Location: St. Cloud, Stearns County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW)

Step: Environmental impact statement (EIS) need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Responsible governmental unit decision date: March 28, 2022

Link to public documents: [Klein Nursery Development EIS need decision](#)

Location of public documents: Great River Regional Library, 1300 W Saint Germain Street, St. Cloud , MN 56301

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of St. Cloud, [Matt Glaesman](#), 320-255-7218

***East Gateway Redevelopment**

Location: Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Process: Alternative urban areawide review (AUAR)

Step: AUAR adoption

Responsible governmental unit decision: Adequate

Responsible governmental unit decision date: October 20, 2022

Link to public documents: [East Gateway AUAR adoption](#)

Location of public documents: Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Minneapolis, [Hilary Dvorak](#), 612-673-2639

General notices

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

Public Utilities Commission

Notice description: In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy for a Site Permit and Two Route Permits for the up to 460 Megawatt Sherco Solar Energy Generating System and Associated 345 Kilovolt Transmission Lines in Sherburne County, Minnesota – Public Utilities Commission Docket Nos. E-002/GS-21-191, E-002/TL-21-190, and E-002/TL-21-189 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in an order issued on September 22, 2022, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission: (1) found that the environmental assessment prepared by the Department of Commerce and the record created at the public hearing addressed the issues identified in the scoping decision; and (2) issued to Xcel Energy a site permit and two route permits for its 460-megawatt solar energy generating system and associated 1.7-mile and 3.2-mile 345-kilovolt transmission lines located in Sherburne County, Minnesota.

Link to additional information: The order and permits are available on the Commission's eDocket System at:

<https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/ShowFile.do?DocNumber=20229-189244-02>

<https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/ShowFile.do?DocNumber=20229-189244-11>

<https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/ShowFile.do?DocNumber=20229-189244-08>

<https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/ShowFile.do?DocNumber=20229-189244-05>

Contact: [Scott Ek](#), Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 651-201-2255

Submit an environmental review notice to the *EQB Monitor*

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To submit a notice for publication:

[Use the EQB Monitor submission form](#)

Questions? Contact EQB by phone at 651-757-2873 or email us at EQB.Monitor@state.mn.us.

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