

EQB Monitor

Weekly announcements and environmental review notices

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Announcements

EQB seeking climate calculator tool proposals

We are seeking proposals to build a climate calculator tool that will help quantify greenhouse gas emissions for projects that typically go through environmental review. This calculator will help estimate the emissions associated with the construction, use, and end of life of a project. The tool will be made publicly available and used mainly by project proposers, environmental review practitioners, government decision-makers, and the public. The calculator will provide additional accuracy and consistency while reducing time, cost, and uncertainty. For more information or to apply, go to the climate calculator [webpage](#). Deadline to submit an application is December 1, 2023.



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](#).

[The West End AUAR Update](#)

*This project notice was previously published in the October 3, 2023 *EQB Monitor*. The comment period has been extended per the below.

Location (city/township; county): St Louis Park; Hennepin

Process: AUAR update

Step: Revised AUAR

End of comment period: November 7, 2023

Project description: The West End development is located on an approximately 49 acre site at the southwest corner of I-394 and Highway 100 in St. Louis Park, MN, with eastern portions of the site in Golden Valley, MN. The development to date includes a

combination of residential, retail, and office buildings and parking structures. The city is updating the AUAR and Mitigation Plan, originally adopted in 2007 per Minnesota Rules, part 4410.3610, subpart 7.

Link to public documents: [The West End AUAR Update revised AUAR](#)

Location of public documents: St Louis Park Planning & Zoning, 5005 Minnetonka Blvd, St. Louis Park, MN 55416

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of St Louis Park, [Sean Walther](#), 952-924-2574

Fern-Roth 40 -megawatt Solar Farm

Location (city/township; county): Alexandria; Douglas

Process: EAW

Step: EAW available

End of comment period: November 27, 2023

Project description: SolarGen of Minnesota, LLC and Allied Solar, LLC, are proposing a 40-megawatt solar electrical generation facility on 241 acres in Lake Mary Township, Douglas County. Facility construction includes site grading; installation of racking, panels, equipment and fencing; and final landscaping. Estimated facility lifespan is 25-years, after which all equipment and appurtenances will be removed and the land restored.

Link to public documents: [Fern-Roth 40 -megawatt Solar Farm EAW](#)

Location of public documents: Douglas County Land & Resource Management Department, 305 8th Ave W, Alexandria, MN 56308

Public meeting date, time, location: November 14, 2023, 6:30 p.m., Douglas County Courthouse, Conference Room C, 305 8th Ave West, Alexandria, MN 56308

Public meeting virtual link: <https://douglascountymn.gov/dc/classes-events/planning-commission-board-of-adjustment-meeting-928>

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Douglas County Land & Resource Management, [David Rush](#), 320-762-3863

[Trunk Highway \(TH\) 11: Roseau to Warroad Improvements](#)

Location (city/township; county): Roseau; Roseau

Process: EAW

Step: EAW available

Joint federal and state review: Yes

End of comment period: November 27, 2023

Project description: The preferred alternative consists of a bituminous reclamation of TH 11 from the east city limits of Roseau (17th Avenue NE) to TH 313 in Warroad, including realigning 1.3 miles of TH 11 south of the Roseau Municipal Airport and widening TH 11 from 550th Avenue to 570th Avenue, west of Warroad, to a three-lane section. The TH 11 EA/EAW was originally published on June 14, 2022 and a public hearing was held on June 29, 2022 in Roseau. The EA/EAW was rescinded on July 8, 2022 after it was determined that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) needed to be elevated to a Cooperating Agency. A second public hearing will not occur. Substantive comments will be noted and addressed.

Link to public documents: [Trunk Highway \(TH\) 11: Roseau to Warroad Improvements EAW](#)

Location of public documents: Roseau Public Library, 121 Center Street E, Suite 100, Roseau, MN 56751

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Minnesota Department of Transportation District 2, [Jim Bittman](#), 218-407-5893

[Rich Valley East Industrial Development](#)

Location (city/township; county): Rosemount; Dakota

Process: Large AUAR

Step: Draft order for review

End of comment period: November 27, 2023

Project description: The AUAR study area encompasses an area totaling approximately 333 acres on 6 parcels located at County Road 42 and Emery Avenue E in the City of Rosemount, Dakota County, Minnesota. Project Mercury, LLC is proposing to develop the study area from existing farmland to data center or industrial, business park, and commercial uses. Two scenarios are proposed for evaluation in the AUAR. Scenario 1 includes multiple buildings for a total of 2.3 million square feet of proposed data center development. Scenario 2 includes multiple buildings for a total of 1,293,333 square feet of proposed light industrial, 646,667 square feet of business park, and 560,000 square

feet of community commercial development. The proposed development within the AUAR study area is anticipated to begin in August 2024.

Link to public documents: [Rich Valley East Industrial Development draft order for review](#)

Location of public documents: Rosemount City Hall, 2875 145th Street West, Rosemount, MN 55068

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Rosemount, [Anthony Nemcek](#), 651-322-2090

Launch Park AUAR Update

Location (city/township; county): Lakeville; Dakota

Process: AUAR update

Step: Revised AUAR

End of comment period: November 7, 2023

Project description: The Launch Park Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) study area is approximately 190 acres in Lakeville, MN located on Cedar Avenue in between Lakeville Boulevard and 225th Street. The City of Lakeville adopted the Launch Park Final AUAR in September 2018. Since that time, development within the study area has occurred. Pursuant to Minnesota Rules 4410.3610 Subp. 7, an AUAR and plan for mitigation must be revised every five years until all development in the study area has received final approval. Since the study area is not yet fully developed, the purpose of this document is to provide another update to the Launch Park AUAR pursuant to Minnesota Rules.

Link to public documents: [Launch Park AUAR Update revised AUAR](#)

Location of public documents: Lakeville City Hall, 20195 Holyoke Ave, Lakeville, MN 55044

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Lakeville, [Tina Goodroad](#), 952-985-4421

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.

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