

EQB Monitor

Weekly announcements and environmental review notices

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Open positions

EQB Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Data Analyst

This is a new position which provides leadership and technical expertise for the evaluation of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in Minnesota's environmental review program. This position is temporary with an anticipated end date of 6/30/2025. Application deadline is October 23rd. Find more information and apply on the State of Minnesota's [Careers website](#) (Job ID # 70019).

We are hiring!

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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

EQB Public Board Member, Congressional District 5

Applications are open for the EQB Public Board Member position representing Minnesota's 5th Congressional District. Serving on the EQB is a unique opportunity to shape environmental issues in Minnesota. Public Board Members bring the voices of Minnesotans from around the state into decision making, helping the Board think in new ways about environmental challenges and solutions. To learn more, visit the EQB's [Join the Board](#) page.

Announcements

EQB welcomes public feedback on the 2023 Obsolete Rules Report

EQB is required to submit this report to the legislature, documenting any obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative statutes or rules by December 1 of each year. EQB conducted review of its rules and presents the following draft report for your review. Please note that any rule changes necessary for aligning, clarifying, or updating content will be categorized as 'housekeeping' and therefore not listed in this report.

Please email any comments to Kayla Walsh (Kayla.Walsh@state.mn.us) by October 31, 2023. [Click here to view the draft report.](#)



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](#).

Summit Avenue Trail Project

Location: Saint Paul

Process: Petition

Step: EAW need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: EAW Not Required

Responsible governmental unit decision date: Sep 26, 2023

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of St. Paul, [Josh Williams](#), 651-266-6659

[University of St. Thomas Multipurpose Arena](#)

Location (city/township; county): Saint Paul; Ramsey

Process: EAW

Step: EIS need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (EIS not ordered)

Responsible governmental unit record of decision date: September 27, 2023

Project description: The proposed University of St. Thomas Multipurpose Arena will be a redevelopment of an approximately 6-acre site located on the University of St. Thomas South Campus in Saint Paul, Minnesota. The proposed project will include a multi-purpose competition venue for the University's hockey and basketball programs with capacity for approximately 4,000 to 5,500 spectators. The project is also expected to include practice facilities, coaching offices, locker rooms, and student athlete support services and will host other university events such as commencement ceremonies, academic convocations, speakers, career fairs, and other events for the university. The new facility will be designed to meet a LEED Silver rating. There are three existing campus buildings with adjacent surface parking lots on site that will be demolished.

Link to public documents: [University of St. Thomas Multipurpose Arena EIS need decision](#)

Location of public documents: Saint Paul City Hall, 15 W Kellogg Blvd, Saint Paul, MN 55102

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Saint Paul, [Josh Williams](#), 651-266-6659

[Wabasha Barge Facility](#)

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

Process: EIS

Step: Draft EIS

End of comment period: October 17, 2023

Project description: The City of Wabasha, in cooperation with the Wabasha Port Authority, is proposing to construct a commercial port facility on the Mississippi River in the City of Wabasha, Minnesota. The 8.2-acre Wabasha Barge Facility would facilitate the transfer of materials, to include but not limited to dredge material and other commodities, from river barges to trucks for transport to off-site facilities. The City of Wabasha would own the project site and contract out the port operations and transportation of materials.

Location of public documents: Wabasha City Hall, 900 Hiawatha Drive East, Wabasha, MN 55981

Public meeting date, time, location: October 17, 2023, 5:30 p.m., Wabasha City Hall, 900 Hiawatha Drive East, Wabasha, MN, 55981

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Wabasha Port Authority, [Caroline Gregerson](#), 651-565-4568

[Rosemount Industrial](#)

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

Process: Large AUAR

Step: Revised AUAR

Project description: The AUAR study area encompasses an area totaling approximately 235 acres on 12 parcels in the City of Rosemount, Dakota County, Minnesota. Scannell Properties, LLC is proposing to redevelop the study area from existing agriculture to business park uses. One scenario is proposed for evaluation in the AUAR and includes multiple buildings for a total of 1.92 million square feet of proposed industrial

development. The proposed development within the AUAR study area is anticipated to start Fall 2023.

Link to public documents: [Rosemount Industrial revised AUAR](#)

Location of public documents: City Hall, 2875 145th St W, Rosemount, MN 55068

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

[Xcel Energy/City of Northfield AUAR](#)

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

Process: Large AUAR

Step: Revised AUAR

Project description: Xcel Energy and the City of Northfield are partnering to conduct an Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) for an approximately 787-acre area in the northwestern portion of the City of Northfield. Portions of the AUAR area include land within Greenvale Township. Two development scenarios will be evaluated as part of the AUAR which primarily consist of technology center and industrial park uses.

Link to public documents: [Xcel Energy/City of Northfield AUAR revised AUAR](#)

Location of public documents: Northfield City Hall, 801 Washington Street, Northfield, MN 55057

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Northfield, [Mikayla Schmidt](#), 507-645-3059

[The West End AUAR Update](#)

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

Process: AUAR update

Step: Revised AUAR

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

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:

[Access the EQB monitor submission service](#)

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

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