

EQB Monitor

Weekly announcements and environmental review notices

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EQB Announcements

Join us for the October Environmental Review Implementation Subcommittee meeting

Wednesday, October 19, 1 – 4 p.m.

Join EQB for our Environmental Review Implementation Subcommittee meeting. More information about the meeting can be found on the [meeting webpage](#).



EQB seeking feedback on Minnesota Rules 4410

EQB staff review Minnesota Rules 4410 and report to the Legislature annually about rules that are obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative of other federal or state statutes or rules.

EQB is holding a 30-day comment period, from September 27 to October 27, 2022, and asking for your feedback to help identify the obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative rules, and explain the need for change. Fill out this [short survey](#) to provide your feedback.

Questions? Contact [Katrina Hapka](#), 651-757-2418

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](#).

Proposed Demolition of the Justus Ramsey House

Location: St. Paul, Ramsey County

Process: Petition

Step: Responsible governmental unit assigned

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

Westwind Residential Development

Location: Woodbury, Washington County

Process: Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)

Step: EAW available

End of comment period: November 10, 2022

Project description: The Westwind residential development is proposed low density development on two properties totaling approximately 129 acres in the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota. The project includes the construction of approximately 446 units at an average density of 3.46 units per acre. It is located southwest of the intersection of Dale Road and Pioneer Drive. The project will include a roadway network, stormwater infrastructure, and the installation of municipal sewer and water systems.

Link to public documents: [Westwind Residential Development EAW](#)

Location of public documents: Woodbury City Hall, 8301 Valley Creek Rd, Woodbury, MN 55125

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Woodbury, [Jennifer McLoughlin](#), 651-714-3522

Knife River Higgins Aggregate Mine

Location: Haven Township, Sherburne County

Process: Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)

Step: EAW available

End of comment period: November 10, 2022

Project description: Knife River is proposing a 90.62-acre nonmetallic mineral mine on a 155-acre parcel located in Section 15 of Haven Township, Sherburne County. The mine will produce construction sand and gravel.

Link to public documents: [Knife River Higgins Aggregate Mine EAW](#)

Location of public documents: Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive NW, Suite 100, Elk River, MN 55330

Public meeting date, time, location: November 17, 2022, 6 p.m., Sherburne County Advisory Commission, 13880 Business Center Drive NW, Suite 100, Elk River, MN 55330

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Sherburne County, [Mitch Glines](#), 763-765-4466

Karlstad Municipal Airport

Location: City of Karlstad and Arveson Township in Kittson County and Lincoln Township in Marshall County

Process: Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)

Step: EAW available

End of comment period: November 10, 2022

Project description: The City of Karlstad, in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), proposes to relocate the Karlstad Municipal Airport to a location 2 miles southeast of Karlstad. Development of the airport will include a paved runway, ultimately planned for 4,700' x 100', and support facilities.

Link to public documents: [Karlstad Municipal Airport EAW](#)

Location of public documents: Karlstad City Hall, 104 1st St S, Karlstad, MN 56732

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Karlstad, [Dale Nelson](#), 218-436-2178

MBE Sand and Gravel Mine

Location: Buffalo, Wright 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: September 27, 2022

Link to public documents: [MBE Sand and Gravel Mine EIS need decision](#)

Location of public documents: Wright County Government Center, 3650 Braddock Ave. NE, Suite 1600, Buffalo, MN 55313

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Wright County, [Barry Rhineberger](#), 763-682-8947

Epitome Energy Soybean Processing Facility

Location: Crookston, Polk 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: September 28, 2022

Link to public documents: [Epitome Energy Soybean Processing Facility EIS need decision](#)

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

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, [Charles Peterson](#), 651-272-5937

Rush Hollow

Location: Maple Grove, Hennepin 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: May 16, 2022

Link to public documents: [Rush Hollow EIS need decision](#)

Location of public documents: Maple Grove Government Center, 12800 Arbor Lakes Parkway, Maple Grove, MN 55369

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Maple Grove, [Peter Vickerman](#), 763-494-6046

Dale Properties Lakeville Residential Development

Location: Lakeville, Dakota 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: September 19, 2022

Link to public documents: No link to documents provided. See responsible governmental unit contact information below.

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

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Lakeville, [Daryl Morey](#), 952-985-4422

Abbott Northwestern Surgical and Critical Care Pavilion

Location: Minneapolis, Hennepin 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: September 27, 2022

Link to public documents: [Abbott Northwestern Surgical and Critical Care Pavilion EIS need decision](#)

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

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Minneapolis, [Andrew Frenz](#), 612-674-3790

Riverstone South

Location: Ramsey, Anoka 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: January 26, 2021

Link to public documents: No link to documents provided. See responsible governmental unit contact information below.

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

Byron Solar Project

Location: Canisteo and Mantorville Townships in Dodge County, and Kalmar Township in Olmsted County

Process: Alternative review

End of comment period: November 8, 2022

Notice title: Notice of Environmental Assessment Availability, Public Hearings, and Comment Period

Notice description: The Honorable Barbara Case, Administrative Law Judge with the Office of Administrative Hearings, will preside over the public hearings and after a comment period, will provide the Commission with findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a recommendation. The purpose of the public hearings is to receive public input on

the proposed project and the Environmental Assessment. Interested persons will have the opportunity to: (1) ask questions of the applicant and agency staff; (2) offer verbal and written comments on the merits of the proposed project; and (3) suggest possible conditions to be considered for inclusion in the site or route permits. Members of the public may participate without the necessity of intervening as a party. Representation by legal counsel is permitted but not required. The hearings will end when all attendees have had the opportunity to comment, or at 9:00 pm, whichever occurs first.

Project description: The proposed Project includes an up to 200-megawatt (MW) solar energy generating system and associated facilities in Dodge County. Byron Solar also proposes to construct approximately three to four and a half miles of 345 kilovolt (kV) overhead high voltage transmission line (HVTL) in Olmsted and Dodge Counties to connect the solar facility with the electric transmission grid at the Byron Substation.

Link to public documents: [Byron Solar webpage](#)

Location of public documents: Kasson Public Library, 607 First St NW, Kasson, MN 55944

First public meeting date, time, location: October 18, 2022, 6 p.m., Events Sports Bar & Event Center, 401 8th Street SE, Kasson, MN 55944

First public meeting additional details: <https://goo.gl/maps/HiL1bovbkTdGHEAfA>

Written comments are accepted until 4:30 pm November 8.

Online: mn.gov/puc/consumers/public-comments, and follow the instructions.

Email: consumer.puc@state.mn.us

U.S. Mail: Consumer Affairs Office, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul MN 55101

Second public meeting date, time, location: October 19, 2022, 6 p.m., virtual meeting

Second public meeting virtual link: [Join online meeting](#)

Second public meeting additional details: Event number (access code): 2497 435 8971, Event password: cRJunpTR327 Telephone: 1-855-282-6330, Telephone Access Code: 2497 435 8971

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, [Michael Kaluzniak](#), 651-201-2257

General notices

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

MAC Assessment of Environmental Effects of the 2023-2029 Capital Improvement Program

Notice description: Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.614 requires the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) to prepare an Assessment of Environmental Effects (AOEE) for projects in the Commission's seven-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) 2023-

2029 for airports included in its system. A copy of the AOEE may be downloaded on or after October 11, 2022, online at: <https://metroairports.org/about-us/publications-financials> A copy of the AOEE may be obtained by contacting Jenn Felger, MAC, 6040 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55450; 612-726-8189. Comments concerning the AOEE may be given at a public hearing to be held on Monday, Nov. 7, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in room 3048A, Mezzanine level, Terminal 1, MSP Airport, or in writing to Jenn Felger at the MAC address or via email to jenn.felger@mspmac.org. Comments on the AOEE must be received by the close of business on Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022.

Public meeting date, time, location: November 7, 2022, 10:30 a.m., MSP Terminal 1 Room 3048A, Mezzanine level, 4300 Glumack Drive, St. Paul, MN 55111

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

Link to additional information: [MAC Assessment of Environmental Effects of the 2023-2029 Capital Improvement Program report](#)

Contact: Metropolitan Airports Commission, [Bridget Rief](#), 612-725-8371

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