

EQB Monitor

EQB announcements and Environmental review notices

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EQB announcement

Environmental Quality Board Meeting October 20, 2021 from 1-4pm

We invite you to join the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) at their next meeting on October 20, 2021 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the EQB will convene its October Board meeting virtually through the Webex platform. Instructions for participating in the meeting via Webex are available on [EQB's website](#).

[Access link to October 20, 2021 Board Meeting](#)

[October 2021, EQB Meeting Packet](#)

Accessibility: This material can be provided in different forms, like large print, braille, or on a recording. Please contact EQB staff at least one week prior to the event at info.eqb@state.mn.us to arrange an accommodation.

Environmental review 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 Kraewood Development

Location: Northfield, Rice County

Process: Citizen Petition

Step: Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) Need Decision

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) Decision: Negative (no EAW ordered)

Record of Decision Date: October 5, 2021

Link to Public Documents: No link to documents provided. See RGU contact information below.

RGU and Contact: City of Northfield, [Mitzi Baker](#), 507-645-3005

Woodall Pit Aggregate Mining Operations

Location: Roseville Township, Kandiyohi County

Process: EAW

Step: Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Need Decision

RGU Decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Record of Decision Date: October 5, 2021

Link to Public Documents: No link to documents provided. See RGU contact information below.

Location of Public Documents: Kandiyohi County Office Building, 400 Benson Ave SW Willmar, MN 56201

RGU and Contact: Kandiyohi County, [Eric Van Dyken](#), 320-231-6229

Northern Wind Project

Location: Chanarambie and Cameron Townships in Murray County, Minnesota

Process: Alternative Review

Notice Title: Notice of Public Hearings and Availability of Draft Site Permit

Notice Description: In the Matter of the Application for a Site Permit Amendment to Decommission the Existing Chanarambie and Viking Wind Facilities and Construct the 120-Megawatt Northern Wind Facility in Murray County, Minnesota. PUC Docket Number: IP-7046/WS-20-860, OAH Docket Number: 8-2500-37704

Project Description: Northern Wind is proposing to decommission the existing Chanarambie and Viking wind facilities and construct the new Northern Wind Project. The Northern Wind Project would have a nameplate capacity of 120.12 megawatts. The facility would be comprised of 45 turbines consisting of a combination of 2.5-megawatt, 2.7-megawatt, and 2.82-megawatt General Electric turbines. Decommissioning of the Chanarambie and Viking facilities would include removal of all 65 existing turbines and turbine foundations. Some existing facilities such as access roads, substation equipment, and operation and maintenance buildings may be retained. The project is located in Chanarambie and Cameron Townships in Murray County, Minnesota.

Link to Public

Documents: <https://apps.commerce.state.mn.us/eera/web/project/14173>

First Public Meeting Date, Time, Location: November 3, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Murray County Government Center Courts Building, 2848 Broadway Avenue, Slayton, Minnesota.

Second Public Meeting Date, Time, Location: November 4, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Remote-Access

Second Public Meeting Additional Details: Telephone: 1-866-609-6127, Conference ID: 6181788 Internet (Video Only – No Audio): minnesota.webex.com, Event Number: 24996735234, Password: dRQPA6J2mJ6

Written Comment Period

Written comments will be accepted through November 18, 2021, by 4:30 p.m. Please include the docket number (20-860) in all communications. Comments received after the close of the comment period may or may not be considered by the Commission.

Please focus your comments on information that will help answer the following questions:

- Should the Commission grant a site permit for the proposed large wind energy conversion system?
- If granted, what additional conditions or requirements should be included in the site permit?

Comments may be submitted:

Online: Visit mn.gov/puc, select Comment and follow the prompts.

Email: publicadvisor.puc@state.mn.us

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

Information on the application review process and documents related to the proposed project including materials from the public hearings, the site permit application, and the draft site permit are available on the Department of Commerce website at:

<https://apps.commerce.state.mn.us/eera/web/project/14173> or the Commission's website at: mn.gov/puc, select eDockets, enter the year (20) and the docket number (860), and select Search.

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

General notice

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

FONSI and Section 4(f) De Minimis Determination for the Trunk Highway 13: Dakota Avenue to Nicollet Avenue Project

Last week's *Monitor* incorrectly identified the notice for this project. The corrected notice follows.

Project Description: A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Section 4(f) De Minimis Determination for the Trunk Highway (TH) 13: Dakota Avenue to Nicollet Avenue Project is available. The proposed project extends from Dakota Avenue in Savage to Nicollet Avenue in Burnsville. This decision document provides a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)-based general location clearance for the Corridor Footprint portion of the project and NEPA clearance for physical construction of the First Construction Project. The levels of design detail, certainty of degree of Social, Economic, and Environmental (SEE) impacts, mitigation measures, and degree of NEPA clearance in the Corridor Footprint portion of the preferred alternative are like those of a Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Link to Public Documents: [Hybrid Trunk Highway 13: Dakota Avenue to Nicollet Avenue Project FONSI](#)

Contact: Department of Transportation, [Carolyn Adamson](#), 651-440-4219

Submit an environmental review notice to the *Monitor*

The *EQB Monitor* is published every Tuesday at 12:00 pm. Submissions to the [EQB Monitor](#) are due by 4:00 pm 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:

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

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