

# EQB Monitor

Weekly announcements and environmental review notices

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## EQB Announcements

# We are hiring!



### EQB is hiring!

Minnesota Environmental Quality Board is hiring an Executive Support responsible for providing administrative and organization support to the EQB, Executive Director, and staff project leads.

Apply by October 10 to #Job ID 59519

More info: [EQB Executive Support - Job ID 59519](#)

## 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, explain the need for change, and provide suggested changes. Fill out this [short survey](#) to provide your feedback.

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

## 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](#).

## Cass Lake Multi-purpose Trail Project

**Location:** Cass Lake, Cass 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:** August 22, 2022

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

**Location of public documents:** Leech Lake DRM, 15756 State Hwy 371 N,  
Cass Lake, MN 56633

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, [Jeffrey Harper](#),  
218-252-2805

## Squaw Lake Connector Trail

**Location:** Squaw Lake, Itasca 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 9, 2022

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

**Location of public documents:** Leech Lake DRM, 15756 State Hwy 371 N,  
Cass Lake, MN 56633

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, [Jeffrey Harper](#),  
218-252-2805

## Blue Stem North

**Location:** Eden Prairie, 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:** February 8, 2022

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

**Location of public documents:** City of Eden Prairie, 8080 Mitchell Road,  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** City of Eden Prairie, [Julie Klima](#),  
952-949-8489

## **Additional Spent Nuclear Fuel Storage at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant**

**Location:** Monticello, Wright County

**Process:** Environmental impact statement (EIS)

**Step:** Draft EIS

**End of comment period:** November 11, 2022

**Project description:** Xcel Energy is requesting to store additional spent nuclear fuel at the Monticello nuclear generating plant (MNGP) sufficient to extend the operating life of the MNGP by 10 years – from 2030 to 2040. This additional storage requires installation of a second concrete support pad within the existing MNGP independent spent fuel storage installation. A modular concrete storage system would be placed on the new concrete pad. Xcel Energy indicates that spent fuel would be stored in steel canisters, with the canisters then being placed in the concrete storage system. Xcel Energy estimates that approximately 14 additional spent fuel storage canisters will be needed for operations through 2040.

**Link to public documents:** [Additional Spent Nuclear Fuel Storage at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant Draft EIS](#)

**Location of public documents:** Monticello Public Library, 200 West 6th St.,  
Monticello, MN 55362

**First public meeting date, time, location:** October 26, 2022, 6 p.m., Monticello  
Community Center, 505 Walnut Ave., Monticello, MN 55362

**First public meeting additional details:** Bridge Room

**Second public meeting date, time, location:** October 27, 2022, 6 p.m., virtual meeting

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

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** Department of Commerce, [Ray Kirsch](#),  
651-539-1841

## Hillcrest Golf Course Redevelopment Study Area

**Location:** St. Paul, Ramsey County

**Process:** Alternative urban areawide review (AUAR)

**Step:** AUAR adoption

**Responsible governmental unit decision:** Adequate

**Responsible governmental unit decision date:** September 20, 2022

**Link to public documents:** [Hillcrest Golf Course Redevelopment Study Area AUAR website](#)

**Location of public documents:** City of St. Paul, 25 W 4th Street, St. Paul, MN 55102

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** City of St. Paul, [Bill Dermody](#), 651-266-6617

## General notices

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

### Rotenone Treatment on Maple Marsh (82-0038-00)

**Notice description:** The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources - Section of Fisheries is planning a powdered rotenone treatment during the fall (November 2022). The project involves the boat application (2 boats utilized) of powdered rotenone (5% active ingredient) at approximately 1PPM (low-dose) concentration to eliminate invasive Green Sunfish in Maple Marsh Lake which is a DNR Section of Fisheries Walleye rearing pond, to improve rearing success of walleye fingerlings.

**Contact:** Department of Natural Resources, [TJ DeBates](#), 651-259-5770

### Minnesota Department of Agriculture--Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

**Notice description:** Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 22-NO-38. Notification is for genetically modified SOYBEAN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in the following permit identified as AUTH – 0000222885. The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-1 site with 194 acres. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Performance), FR (Fungal Resistance), HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), OO (Other), and PQ (Product Quality). For additional information contact Denise Thiede.

**Contact:** Department of Agriculture, [Denise Thiede](#), 651-402-3149

## Minnesota Department of Agriculture--Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

**Notice description:** Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 22-NO-39. Notification is for genetically modified SOYBEAN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in the following permit identified as AUTH – 0000222882. The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-1 site with 194 acres. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Performance), FR (Fungal Resistance), HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), OO (Other), and PQ (Product Quality). For additional information contact Denise Thiede.

**Contact:** Department of Agriculture, [Denise Thiede](#), 651-402-3149

## Submit an environmental review notice to the *EQB Monitor*

The *EQB Monitor* is published every Tuesday at 12:00 p.m. 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:

[Use the EQB Monitor submission form](#)

Questions? Contact EQB by phone at 651-757-2873 or email us at [EQB.Monitor@state.mn.us](mailto:EQB.Monitor@state.mn.us).

The *EQB Monitor* is a weekly publication announcing environmental review documents, public comment periods and other actions of the Environmental Quality Board. For more information on environmental review, please visit the [EQB website](#) or contact us at [env.review@state.mn.us](mailto:env.review@state.mn.us).



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