

# EQB Monitor

**Weekly announcements and environmental review notices**

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## **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](mailto:Kayla.Walsh@state.mn.us)) by October 31, 2023. [Click here to view the draft report.](#)

### **Apply now to be an EQB Board Member!**

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## 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](#).

### [CertainTeed Roofing Shakopee Expansion](#)

**Location (city/township; county):** Shakopee; Scott

**Process:** EAW

**Step:** EAW available

**End of comment period:** October 26, 2023

**Project description:** CertainTeed's Shakopee facility is proposing to install an asphalt blowing operation. This includes installation of several new lube oil storage tanks, as well as storage tanks used for the mixing and pre-heating of asphalt, including two new 1,000,000 gallon asphalt flux storage tanks with emissions controlled by a new regenerative thermal oxidizer or install new dust collection bags with Filler Silos. The project includes four rail sidetracks for unloading up to seven railcars of asphalt flux on each sidetrack. The permitted operational throughput would remain the same at 200,000 tons per year of asphalt.

**Location of public documents:** MPCA - St. Paul office, 520 Lafayette Rd N, St. Paul, MN 55155

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, [Charles Peterson](#), 651-757-2856

### **15th Street North Extension - City of Sartell**

**Location (city/township; county):** LeSauk Township/City of Sartell; Stearns

**Process:** EAW

**Step:** EIS need decision

**Responsible governmental unit decision:** Negative (EIS not ordered)

**Responsible governmental unit record of decision date:** September 13, 2023

**Project description:** The project proposes to extend 15th Street North approximately two (2) miles west from Pinecone Road North to 30th Avenue North and would include a south connection to 19th Avenue North. The proposed design is an urban two-lane road with dedicated turn lanes, curb and gutter, separate pedestrian and bicycle trail, lighting, stormwater management, and water and sewer utility extensions within a 100-foot right-of-way (ROW). The proposed street section would consist of a 36-foot-wide urban roadway, comprised of a 12-foot westbound driving lane, a 12-foot eastbound driving lane, and 6-foot-wide shoulders with curb and gutter. The project would include a new roundabout at the intersection with Pinecone Road.

**Link to public documents:** [15th Street North Extension - City of Sartell EIS need decision](#)

**Location of public documents:** Sartell City Hall, 125 Pine Cone Road North, Sartell, MN 56377

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** City of Sartell, [Anna Gruber](#), 320-253-2174

### **Otter Tail to Wilkin Carbon Dioxide Project**

**Location (city/township; county):** Fergus Falls; Otter Tail, Wilkin

**Process:** EIS

**Step:** EIS preparation notice

**Project description:** The Otter Tail to Wilkin Project consists of approximately 28.1 miles of 4-inch diameter CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline and associated facilities in portions of Wilkin and Otter Tail counties. The Project would capture CO<sub>2</sub> from the Green Plains Ethanol Plant near Fergus Falls and transport it to the North Dakota and Minnesota border south of Breckenridge. The Project would interconnect to a larger proposed CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline network, referred to as the Midwest Carbon Express Project, to transport the CO<sub>2</sub> to a sequestration area in North Dakota.

**Summary of scoping decision:** The Minnesota Department of Commerce will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Otter Tail to Wilkin Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Project in Otter Tail and Wilkin Counties, Minnesota. The project is proposed by Summit Carbon Solutions, LLC. The EIS will provide information about the project, the regulatory framework associated with the project, the affected resources and potential impacts and reasonable mitigation measures; alternative pipeline routes; alternative technologies and scale; modified designs; impacts that cannot be avoided, irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources, and cumulative potential effects. A Pipeline Rupture Analysis Study will be developed to support the assessment of environmental impacts from an accidental release of CO<sub>2</sub> from the project. A no action alternative will be studied. The EIS will consider all reasonable mitigation measures.

**Location of public documents:** Minnesota Department of Commerce, 85 7th Pl E, St. Paul, MN 55101

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** Minnesota Department of Commerce, [Andrew Levi](#), 651-539-1840

## **Grindstone Dam Removal Project**

**Location (city/township; county):** Hinckley; Pine

**Process:** EIS

**Step:** Final EIS

**End of comment period:** October 10, 2023

**Project description:** The DNR proposes to remove the dam on the Grindstone River in Hinckley and restore connectivity to the river channel. This would result in the permanent removal of the 26.6-acre Grindstone Reservoir, which is a public water basin. The removal is proposed because the dam is in poor condition, it presents a safety hazard, and it is a barrier to passage of fish and other aquatic wildlife on the river. The dam also does not allow for natural sediment transport and natural stream features or habitat diversity.

**Link to public documents:** [Grindstone Dam Removal Project final EIS](#)

**Location of public documents:** Hinckley Public Library, 106 1st St SE, Hinckley, MN 55037

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, [Becky Horton](#), 651-259-5122

## 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.**

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