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EQB announcement



Board approves resolution to pilot inclusion of climate information in EAW

At the September 2021 Environmental Quality Board (EQB) meeting, the EQB passed a resolution to implement a pilot program for evaluating the revised draft Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) that includes climate change information. The draft revised EAW includes items for greenhouse gas quantification and assessment as well as adaptation and resiliency information. The resolution directs staff to report the results of the pilot program and provide a revised EAW form for Board action no later than December 2022. The full resolution, meeting packet, and recording can be found on the [September 2021 Board meeting webpage](#).

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: Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) Assigned

RGU and Contact: City of Northfield, [Ben Martig](#), 507-645-3009

Aitkin County Recycling Center and Transfer Facility

Location: Aitkin, Aitkin County

Process: Citizen Petition

Step: Petition on Hold

Notice Description: On September 14, 2021, EQB received notice from the Pollution Control Agency (the designated RGU) that no permit applications had been submitted for this project. Per the requirements in MR 4410.1100 Subp. 9, the petition will remain in effect for one year from the date on which it was filed with the EQB (August 2, 2021). During that time, a prohibition on final governmental decisions (MR 4410.3100) remains in effect for any proposed project for which the nature and location is substantially similar to the project identified in the petition.

RGU and Contact: Pollution Control Agency, [Charles Peterson](#), 651-757-2856

Livonia Sand and Gravel Mine: Tiller Corporation

Location: Livonia Township, Sherburne County

Process: Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)

Step: EAW Available

End of Comment Period: October 21, 2021

Project Description: Tiller Corporation a Minnesota corporation and Martin Marietta Materials, Inc., a North Carolina corporation, as an affiliate (herein collectively referred to as "Tiller") have prepared this mandatory EAW for a proposed sand and gravel mining operation on a footprint of approximately 155 acres located in Livonia Township, MN (Project Area). Tiller plans to seek approval for the sand and gravel mining operation in a forthcoming IUP application submittal to Sherburne County. Operations will include overburden removal, extraction, processing, recycling of concrete and asphalt, and comprehensive site reclamation.

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

Location of Public Documents: Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, MN 55330

Public Meeting Date, Time, Location: November 18, 2021, 6 p.m., Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, MN 55330

RGU and Contact: Sherburne County, [Marc Schneider](#), 763-765-4454

Spruce Valley Sehlstrom Gravel Pit Dewatering Project

Location: Spruce Township, Roseau County

Process: EAW

Step: EAW Available

End of Comment Period: October 21, 2021

Project Description: Spruce Valley Corporation (proposer) is proposing to dewater an existing 22-acre gravel pit (Sehlstrom Pit) located in Spruce Township, Minnesota. The pit will be dewatered to expose the gravel in the existing pit, where it will be mined and processed on-site.

Link to Public Documents: [Spruce Valley Sehlstrom Gravel Pit Dewatering Project EAW](#)

Location of Public Documents: Crookston Public Library, 110 North Ash Street, Crookston, MN 56716

RGU and Contact: Department of Natural Resources, [Anneka Munsell](#), 651-259-5671

Pavilion Estates Subdivision

Location: Rochester Township, Olmsted County

Process: EAW

Step: Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Need Decision

RGU Decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Record of Decision Date: September 9, 2021

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

Location of Public Documents: Rochester Township Hall, 4111 11th Ave SW, Rochester, MN 55902

RGU and Contact: Rochester Township, [Roger Ihrke](#), 507-529-0774

Brookshire Residential Development

Location: Lakeville, Dakota County

Process: EAW

Step: EIS Need Decision

RGU Decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Record of Decision Date: September 7, 2021

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

Location of Public Documents: Lakeville City Hall, 20195 Holyoke Avenue, Lakeville, MN 55044

RGU and Contact: City of Lakeville, [Daryl Morrey](#), 952-985-4422

General Notice

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LEGAL NOTICE

A contested case hearing will be held via hybrid format in-person and on Microsoft Teams or other web-based program by the Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101, In the Matter of the Order to Restore Unnamed Public Watercourse #46028a Issued to Claire Schmidt, Joanne Schmidt, and Andrew Schmidt. This action was initiated to determine whether cause exists for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to direct the restoration of Public Watercourse Number 46028a pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103G.2372 and Minn. R. 6115.0255. The hearing will begin on October 4 at 9:30 a.m., before Administrative Law Judge Eric Lipman. The hearing is scheduled to last two days. Any questions concerning

this notice may be directed to Qortney McLeod, Assistant Attorney General, at 651-757-1373 and gortney.mcleod@ag.state.mn.us.

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