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Environmental Quality Board is accepting public comments, hearing requests for proposed rule amendments

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(ST. PAUL) – The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) is accepting written comments and requests for a public hearing through March 15, 2006, on proposed amendments to several rules governing the environmental review process.

Most of the 39 changes are minor “housekeeping” or technical amendments intended to clarify points of ambiguity or confusion in the existing rules, or to correct minor flaws in the environmental review procedures.

The proposed rule amendments and the official notice of rulemaking are published in the Feb. 13, 2006 issue of the State Register, available online at www.minnesotasbookstore.com, and at the [EQB website](#). Copies are also available by calling the EQB office at 651/201-2476.

The EQB must receive written comments and hearing requests by 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15. Comments regarding the amendments should identify the portion of the proposed rule amendment that is addressed, the reason for the comment and any proposed change to the amendment.

In addition, if at least 25 people submit written requests meeting the requirements stated in the official notice of rulemaking, the EQB will hold a public hearing at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, March 30, at the Fort Snelling History Center Auditorium.

Comments, questions and hearing requests must be submitted to Gregg Downing, Environmental Quality Board, Room 300, Centennial Office Bldg., 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55155; telephone 651/201-2476, fax 651/296-3698, and email address: gregg.downing@state.mn.us. TTY users may call the Department of Administration at 800-627-3529.

