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Weekly announcements and environmental review notices

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Announcements

Environmental Quality Board meeting

Wednesday, May 15, 1 – 4:00 p.m.

Join us virtually for the May 2024 Environmental Quality Board meeting. At this meeting, the Board will hear:

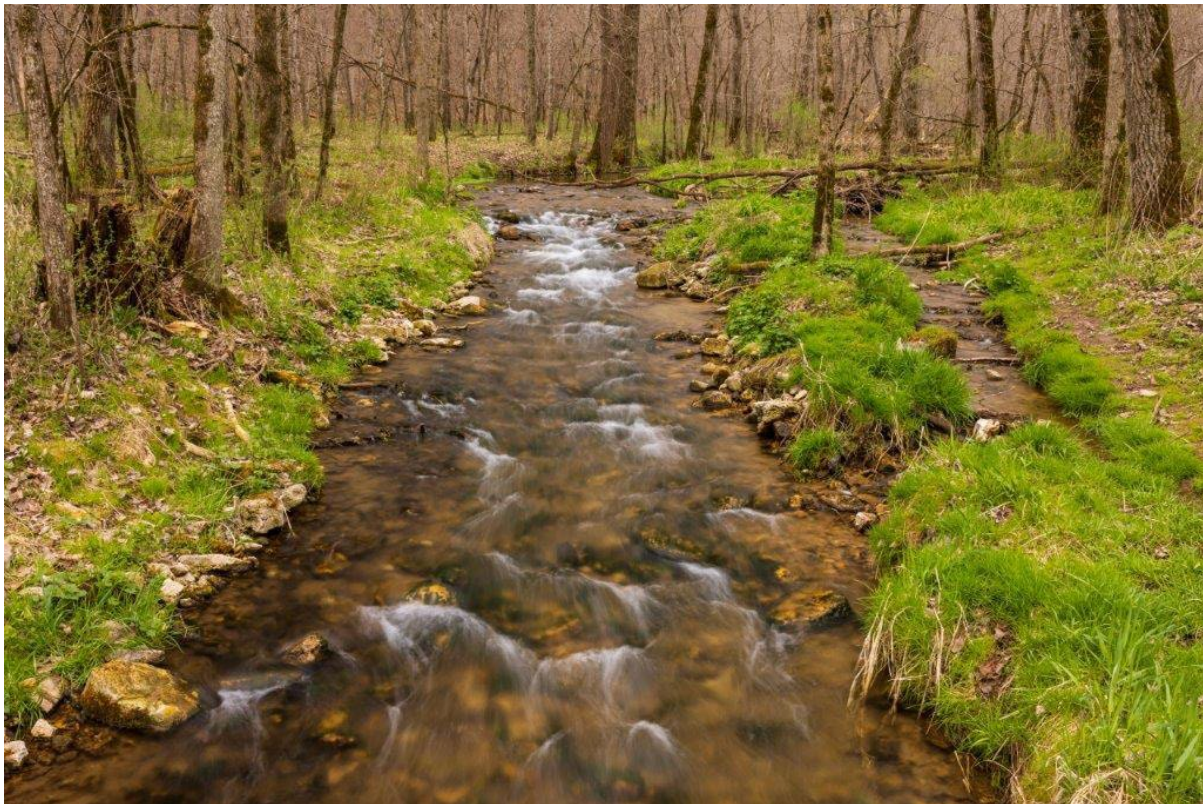
- An update on plans for the 2024 Environmental Congress events.
- A report out on the status of the State Energy Policy and Conservation Quadrennial Report.
- An overview of how the Pollinator Action Framework is being implemented.
- Feedback and next steps on the Mandatory Categories Report.

More information, including the meeting packet and virtual meeting details, can be found on the [Board meeting webpage](#).

Opportunity for public comment on fish kills protocol

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) [released a statewide, multi-agency protocol](#) that clearly shows how agencies work together when investigating fish kills in Minnesota. The new guidance includes investigation process, communications expectations, and strategies for reducing fish kills. The MPCA seeks public comment on this draft protocol. In 2023, the Minnesota Legislature passed a law mandating the development of a fish kill response protocol. A fish kill is the unexpected, sudden death of large numbers of fish in a certain area. The fish kills addressed in the new protocol include those related to the discharge or runoff of pollutants from the land through incidents like toxic spills; runoff of manure, pesticides, or fertilizers; and high-temperature wastewater or stormwater discharges.

The public comment period begins March 11 and ends May 10. Members of the public are invited to review the draft protocol and submit comments by visiting [the public comment page](#) or by U.S. mail to: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency c/o Justin Watkins, 7381 Airport View Drive, Rochester, MN 55902. Deadline for public comment, **May 10th**.



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](#).

[Rich Valley East Industrial Development](#)

Location (city/township; county): Rosemount; Dakota

Process: Large AUAR

Step: Revised AUAR

End of comment period: May 21, 2024

Project description: The AUAR study area encompasses an area totaling approximately 333 acres on 6 parcels located at County Road 42 and Emery Avenue E in the City of Rosemount, Dakota County, Minnesota. Project Mercury, LLC is proposing to develop the study area from existing farmland to data center or industrial, business park, and commercial uses. Two scenarios are proposed for evaluation in the AUAR. Scenario 1 includes multiple buildings for a total of 2.3 million square feet of proposed data center development. Scenario 2 includes multiple buildings for a total of 1,293,333 square feet of proposed light industrial, 646,667 square feet of business park, and 560,000 square feet of community commercial development. The proposed development within the AUAR study area is anticipated to begin in August 2024.

Link to public documents: [Rich Valley East Industrial Development revised AUAR](#)

Location of public documents: Rosemount City Hall, 2875 145th Street West, Rosemount, MN 55068

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Rosemount, [Anthony Nemcek](#), 651-322-2090

General notices

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

MnDOT US 52 PEL Study (SP 2506-86) - Opportunity to comment on the Final PEL Study Report

Notice description: The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) initiated a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study for US Highway 52 (US 52) in March 2022. This PEL study focused on the segment of US 52 from Hader to Zumbrota, MN; an eight-mile length of rural roadway. The purpose of this PEL study is to provide a review of access concepts for consideration in a future environmental review process. The Purpose and Need/Evaluation Criteria and Concept Analysis Technical Memorandums were developed and made available for public comment in 2023 and early 2024. A summary of the study, recommendations, and an implementation plan are now available for public review in the final documentation for this study. The Final PEL Study Report is available for public comment. See link to additional information to access the document and submit comments. Printed copies of the document will be available at the Zumbrota and the Van Horn Public Libraries.

Location of public documents:

Cannon Falls Public Library, 306 Mill St W, Cannon Falls, MN 55009

Van Horn Public Library, 115 3rd St SE, Pine Island, MN 55963

Zumbrota Public Library, 100 West Ave, Zumbrota, MN 55992

Link to additional information: [MnDOT US 52 PEL Study additional information](#)

Contact: Minnesota Department of Transportation, [Tom Austin](#), 507-316-4402

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.

Submit a notice to the *EQB Monitor*

The *EQB Monitor* is a weekly publication announcing environmental review documents, public comment periods and other actions of the Environmental Quality Board. The *EQB Monitor* is published every Tuesday at noon. 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:

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